

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects progress of Monyin Dam Project, groundnut and tea plantations in Namtu, Tangyan



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence visits tea plantation of Padamyia Uyin Co in Tangyan Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence met 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 depart-

mental heads at Shweli Yadana Hall in Lashio on 19 August.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe meets athletes of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team

YANGON, 21 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence met with athletes of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team who are going to take part in Singapore Army Half Marathon-2007 to be held

on 26 August at Yangon International Airport and saw them off this morning.

In his meeting with the athletes at the lounge of the airport, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that Myanmar

Tatmadaw Track and Field Team is to take part in the marathon for the second time. Experienced athletes have been selected to dispatch to the marathon. The athletes are to be focused on achieving success in this tournament. The stamina is very important, he said, adding the athletes are to brush up trial performance to be accustomed to the weather. The athletes will get good experiences with the participation in international competitions. The athletes are to try their best to bring honour to the State, he said.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers saw off the 7-member of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team at Yangon International Airport.

Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team led by Lt-Col Kyaw Win comprises Sgt Khin Maung Than, Sgt Myat Hsu Aung, Sgt Joseph, L/Cpl Soe Naing, Private Hsan Moe, Private San Myint and Private Kyi Min Soe. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe meeting with Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 22 August, 2007

Dams benefit arid areas

The government has built dams, sluice gates, river water pumping projects and sunk tube wells across the country to fulfil the main requirement, water, for the agricultural sector.

As the government has built large, medium and small dams in arid areas of the country, farmers who relied on only rain water for cultivation in the past can now grow crops in their irrigated fields in those areas.

Due to construction of more dams and reservoirs in Pakokku District, Magway Division, for rice sufficiency and greening of the region, over 40,000 acres of irrigated fields were extended in the dry region.

Gwaygyo Dam in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, was inaugurated on 19 August. The dam is going to irrigate 400 acres of paddy in village-tracts in Yesagyo Township.

Due to scarcity of irrigation water in the region, local farmers had to grow mainly chillies, cotton, beans and pulses and corn instead of paddy. Local farmers, gaining benefits from Gwaygyo Dam, are going to grow crops including paddy all year round.

So far, altogether 202 dams including Gwaygyo Dam have been built across the country. As farmers have carried out more mixed-cropping and double-cropping they will be able to ensure local rice sufficiency, greening and socio-economic progress.

Some brands of bottled water found unsafe

YANGON, 20 Aug — Ministry of Health is taking measures for quality control of consumer products to ensure healthy and hygienic foods for the public. In doing so, authorities concerned have found that some brands of drinking water such as Shwe Sabei, Myoma, Crown and PH7 are inconsistent with micro-organic and chemical standards.

Bottled water can be produced only with the permission of the Ministry of Health and if not, action will be taken against violators according to law. — 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

Transport Minister inspects checking of containers at jetties



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects unloading of iron rods at Sule Jetty No 5. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Aug — Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operation at Full Capacity Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and members, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Au-

thority and Director-General U San Thaung of the Customs Department oversaw checking of containers with the use of x-ray machine, systematic storage of commodities at warehouses and at the Container Yard of No 3 Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty, here,

yesterday.

The minister and party inspected unloading of 8,500 tons of iron rods from MV Huang Shan at Sule Jetty No 5. At Myanmar Industrial Port on the Strand Road in Ahlon Township, the minister and party viewed tasks of the

port authority and gave necessary instructions.

At Asia World Jetty on Kwinkyaung Road in Ahlon Township, the minister oversaw checking of containers with the use of x-ray machine and unloading of containers from MV Kota Teraju, and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Flood victims in Hinthada, Zalun Townships receive relief aids

YANGON, 21 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 flood-hit areas in Hinthada and Zalun townships yesterday and handed over relief aids to flood victims.

The minister met with members of social organizations and local people at Phaungseik Village in Hinthada Township. At

the meeting, Minister Col Thein Nyunt handed over 20 bags of rice, clothes and water purification materials to flood victims in the region through representatives of villages which were inundated during the flood.

Wellwishers also contributed 60 bags of rice and medicines to donation of relief aids to flood victims in Hinthada Township.

After the meeting, the minister went to Zalun Township and attended a ceremony to do-

nate relief aids to flood victims in the township.

At the ceremony, the chairman of Zalun Township Peace and Development Council reported on condition of the flood in the township and the secretary of Zalun Township USDA on participation of the association in providing assistance to the victims.

Afterwards, Minister Col Thein Nyunt handed over 50 bags of rice, clothes and water purification materials to flood victims through rep-

Commerce journal in circulation

YANGON, 21 Aug — Volume 7, No 24 of the Commerce Journal comes out today. The journal has covered Myanmar-Vietnam economic forum, installation of a large TV at Myaynigon to screen commercials, local news on trading and farming.

It also covers articles of Maung Susan, U Han Tun, Aung Thin, Maung Maung Yi (Economics), Kyi Khin, Maung Pasogyang and Dr Htain Lin and list of prices of import and export goods, consumer goods in Yangon. — MNA

Minister Col Thein Nyunt meeting with executives and members of Hinthada district and township Union Solidarity and Development Association in Hinthada. — PBANRDA



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Border violence extends into Texas, Arizona

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—Citizens and immigrants are victimized in Texas and Arizona as drug cartels extend their violence into the two US states, it was reported on Sunday.

“Violent crime along the US-Mexico border, which has long plagued the scrubby, often desolate stretch, is increasingly spilling northward into the cities of the American Southwest,” the *Los Angeles Times* said.

Cases of violent crimes cited by the paper included the unsolved case of 13 border crossers who were kidnapped and executed in the desert, and the deaths in Dallas of nearly

two dozen high school students in the last two years from overdoses of a two-dollar-a-hit Mexican fad drug called “cheese heroin”.

The crime surge, most acute in Texas and Arizona, is fuelled by a gritty drug war in Mexico that includes hostages being held in stash houses, daylight gun battles claiming innocent lives, and teenage hit men for the Mexican cartels, the paper said.

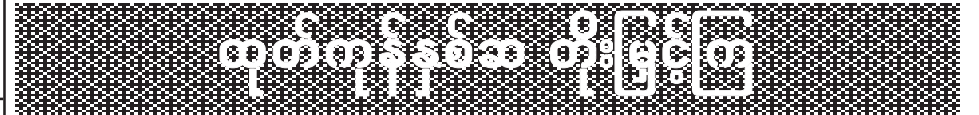
“Shipments of narcotics and vans carrying illegal workers on US highways are being hijacked by rival cartels fighting over the lucrative smuggling routes,” said the paper.

The paper claimed that drug cartels also set national forests on fire in a bid to divert police.

In Southern California, Border Patrol agents routinely encounter smugglers driving immigrant-laden cars who try to escape by driving the wrong way on busy freeways, said the paper, adding that stash houses packed with dozens of illegal immigrants have been discovered in Los Angeles.

For decades neither the United States nor Mexico has managed to halt the immigrants and narcotics pushing north, according to paper.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) meets with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the presidential palace in Jakarta on 20 Aug, 2007. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrived at Jakarta on Sunday for a three-day visit aimed at enhancing economic and political relations. — XINHUA

International Congress on “AIDS” opens in Colombo

COLOMBO, 20 Aug—The 8th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) opened Sunday in Sri

Lankan capital Colombo with the attendance of 2,500 delegates from over 70 countries and regions mostly in Asia and the Pacific.

The five-day congress from 19 August to 23 August, which brings together politicians, government officials, medical experts, academics, people living with HIV/AIDS, community workers and the media, is set to discuss

a wide range of issues with regard to the epidemic that is confronting this region.

With seven regional congresses held so far from the inaugural summit in Canberra, Australia (1990) to Kobe, Japan (2005), the current congress is the first occasion where a high-level summit on this topic is taking place in a low HIV prevalence country.—MNA/Xinhua

APEC to back “aspirational” climate targets

SYDNEY, 20 Aug—Asia-Pacific leaders meeting in Sydney in September will be asked to support long-term “aspirational” goals to cut greenhouse gases, rather than firm targets, the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper

reported. The paper published on its website what it said was the draft outline of a declaration due to be announced by the 21 leaders at the close of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, where climate change and energy efficiency will be key areas of discussion.

The draft declaration includes agreement that “a long-term aspirational global emissions reduction goal will be a key component of the post-2012 framework” for climate negotiations.

It also welcomes an initiative by the United States to convene a dialogue among major economies as an important contribution to the post-Kyoto era.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Mainland actress Vicky Zhao is in Shanghai on 17 Aug, 2007 to meet a wax figure of her likeness produced by the Madame Tussauds.—INTERNET

Flood death toll reaches 564 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 20 Aug—With 10 more deaths reported from different parts of Bangladesh, the current flood in the country has claimed 564 lives till Sunday morning, according to official statistics.

Meanwhile, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) said Sunday the flood situation in some districts of the country, especially the central part, is likely to deteriorate slightly due to active monsoon. Some 10.5 million people of 39 out of the country’s 64 districts have been affected by the floods. Nearly 80,000 people are still taking shelter in 555 relief camps.—MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills Iraqi governor

BAGHDAD, 20 Aug—The governor of the Shiite southern Iraqi province of al-Muthana was killed in a roadside bombing that targeted his convoy on Monday, officials in the province said.

Governor Mohammed Ali al-Hassani was on his way from Rumaitha to Samawa, the provincial capital, when his convoy was attacked, they said. At least five of his bodyguards were wounded.

Hassani is the second Shiite governor killed this month in what appears to be a Shi’ite infighting.

He was a member of the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council (SIIC), the biggest Shiite party in Iraq, whose armed wing, the Badr organization, has been in conflict with the Mehdi Army militia of the Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr. Diwaniya governor Khalil Jalil Hamza, who was also a member of SIIC, was killed along with the province’s police chief earlier this month.—MNA/Reuters



South Korean protesters stage a rally denouncing a South Korea-US military exercise, ‘Ulchi Focus Lens,’ in front of South Korean and United States War Command Centre TANGO, Theatre Air, Navy, Ground Operation, in Seongnam, south of Seoul, on 20 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

The 15 points the Work Committee has explained should be transferred to relevant chapters

YANGON, 21 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races on suggestions made by the 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, “When basic principles were laid down for the chapter “State Fundamental Principles” of the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution, an exception was prescribed under the 104 basic principles as follows:

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

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

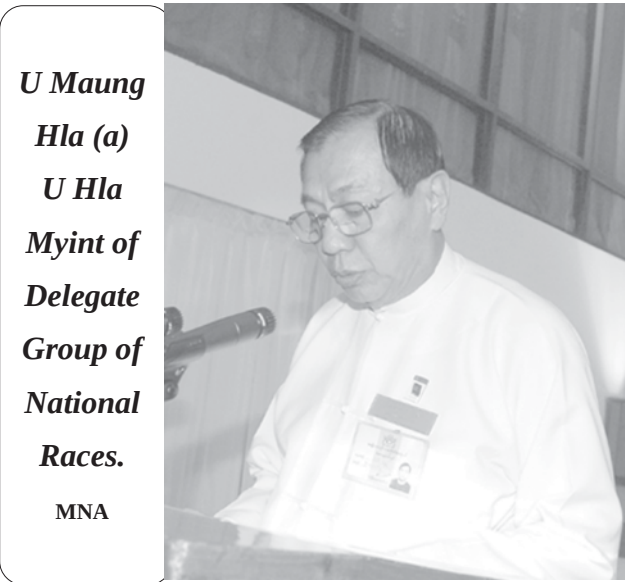
principles that are no longer prescribed because they do not need to be prescribed as detailed basic principles. They are:

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

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

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

3. All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar. All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar. Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force. Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law.
4. Every citizen is under a duty to uphold Non-disintegration of the Union; Non-disintegration of national solidarity; and Perpetuation of sovereignty.
5. Every citizen is under a duty to abide by the provisions of the Constitution.
6. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.
7. The above right shall not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice
8. The freedom so guaranteed shall not prohibit the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform.
9. The State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State.
10. The State also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as religions existing in the



Union on the date of the coming into force of the State Constitution.

11. The State shall render assistance and protect as far as it can the religions it recognizes.
 12. The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden. And any act which is intended or is likely to promote feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects is contrary to the State Constitution. A law may be adopted to punish such actions.
 13. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.
- The principles transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions”—**
14. Myanmar language is the official language.
 15. The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws”.

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matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township” should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

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, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”** should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

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 sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”** should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of National Races said, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”** should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

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Delegate Group of Peasants said, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”** should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

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Delegate Group of Workers said, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”**

should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “After designating Capital Nay Pyi Taw as a Union territory and revoking the designation of Yangon and Cocogyun Township as Union territories, it is appropriate to amend the said detailed basic principle as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”** should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **“With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township”** should be amended as **“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.**

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Para 15, sub-para 5 in sharing of legislative power no longer needs to be prescribed, and it should be revoked

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Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said, “The plenary session of the National Convention held on 3 March 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power. In this regard, para 15, sub-para 5 says, “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”.

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

unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”.

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

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

Esteemed delegates,

National Unity Party said that para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power and para 5 in “Transitory Provisions” were exactly the same, in word and in essence. So, it would be more appropriate if they were prescribed in the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. Therefore, they also agreed that the detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power no longer needed to be prescribed, and it should be revoked.

Union Pa-O National Organization said that of the basic principles and detailed basic principles, the Work

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Committee chairman explained eight points for addition, five points for amendment, one point for repeal, and one point for transfer totalling 15 points; and that these 15
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I consider that these detailed basic principles have been transferred to respective chapters, and they no longer need to be mentioned in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Therefore, they are not prescribed, he said.

Esteemed delegates,

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

Union Pa-O National Organization said that 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; and that these 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or transferred.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “We support the transferring of two of some points prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” from the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said that of the basic principles the Work Committee chairman that had been transferring to relevant chapters, it supported the transferring of points Nos from 1 and 2 to Chapter “The Head of State”, from 3 to 13 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and 14 and 15 to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Lahu National Development Party said that it was in support of the two points transferred to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 points to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two points to Chapter “General Provisions” which were contained in para 14 of the Work Committee chairman’s presentation.

Union Kayin League said that it supported the transferring of two of some points prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” from the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said that it was in support of the Work Committee chairman’s explanation about amendment, addition, repeal and transfer of some basic principles and detailed basic principles.

Wa National Development Party said that the 15 points the Work Committee had explained should transferred to relevant chapters.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties 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 (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect said that they supported the transferring of the 15 points the Work Committee had explained should be transferred to relevant chapters.

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 expressed its support for the transferring of the 15 points the Work Committee had explained should transferred to relevant chapters.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races said that the 15 points the Work Committee explained were already transferred to relevant chapters, so they should no longer be prescribed in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants suggested that the 15 points the Work Committee had explained should be transferred to relevant chapters.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said, “It is assumed that of the detailed basic principles transferred to respective chapters, some principles should continue to be prescribed in the Chapter ‘State Fundamental Principles’. We also consider that some of detailed basic principles have been transferred to respective chapters, and they no longer need to be mentioned in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Therefore, they should not be prescribed any longer.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said that the 15 detailed basic principles the Work Committee explained were already transferred to relevant chapters. Thus, they considered that they should no longer be prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”, and supported the fact that they were not prescribed any longer.

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said that when basic principles were laid down for the chapter “State Fundamental Principles” of the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution, an exception was prescribed under the 104 basic principles. It was appropriate that the points were trasnsferred to relevant chapters.

So, the explanation that these ponts were no longer stated in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” was appropriate.

Esteemed delegates,

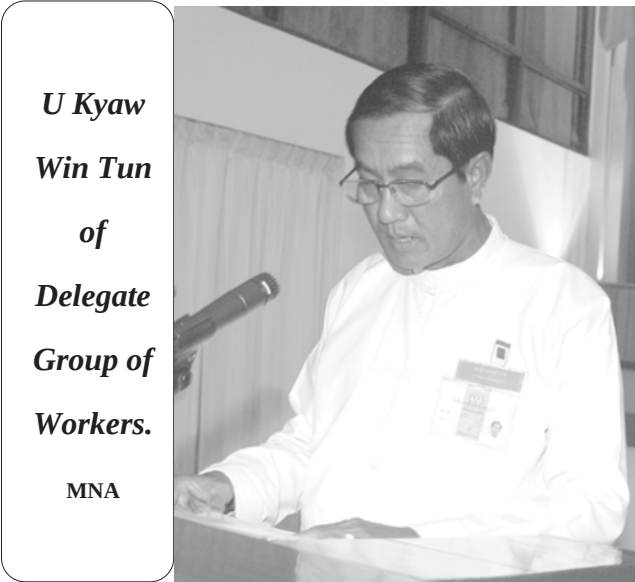
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Delegate groups and many delegates expressed their support of amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some basic principles and detailed basic principles explained by Work Committee Chairman

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Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said, “If the National Convention approves and adopts the detailed basic principles I have presented, it will successfully complete the adopting of basic principles and detailed basic principles of the 15 chapters to be included in the State Constitution. When the National Convention completes successfully, it will need to implement the second step and third step of the State’s seven-step Road Map “After the successful holding of the National Convention, step by step implementation of the process necessary for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system” and “Drafting of a new



constitution in accordance with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention”.

In drafting the State Constitution in accordance with the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, necessary

amendments should be made to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles”.

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

Esteemed delegates,

Regarding the explanation, National Unity Party said, “It is appropriate that the NC to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution”.

Union Pa-O National Organization said, “I would say that we are in support of the fact that the 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or transferred among the basic principles and detailed basic principles (See page 7)

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points should be added, amended, repealed or revoked.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “We are also in support of the fact that the plenary session of the National Convention held on 3 March 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power. In this regard, para 15, sub-para 5 says, “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”. The plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 August 2007 said that in adopting detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”, the same expression in sub-para 5 is the same as that prescribed in Article 226, Clause 1, for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. We think it is appropriate that detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 no longer needs to be prescribed, and it is to be revoked”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization expressed its support of the fact that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Lahu National Development Party said that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power was no longer needed, and it should be revoked.

Kayin National League supported the proposal that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party expressed its support for amendment, addition and repeal of some of the detailed basic principles the Work Committee chairman has explained.

Wa National Development Party said that sub-para 5 of para 15 the Work Committee chairman had explained for the sharing of legislative power should be revoked.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the

Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties 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 (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect said that sub-para 5 of para 15 the Work Committee chairman had explained for the sharing of legislative power should be revoked.

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 sub-para 5 of para 15 the Work Committee chairman had explained for the sharing of legislative power should be revoked.

Esteemed delegates,

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

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

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants suggested that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said that sub-para

5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “At the plenary session held on 3 March 2005, detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power were adopted. In this regard, the expression in sub-para 5 of para 15 is the same as that in para 5 of the Chapter “General Provisions” adopted on 2 August 2007. It says “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”. The two detailed basic principles are exactly the same in word and in essence. I would say that it is appropriate that sub-para 5 of para 5 is no longer prescribed”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “We also agree to the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, “The plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 August 2007 adopted detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. In this regard, para 5 says, “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the Constitution”. The two detailed basic principles are exactly the same, in word and in essence. I consider that it is more appropriate that the detailed basic principle should be prescribed in the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. Therefore, I would say detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power no longer needs to be prescribed, and it will be revoked” as it is appropriate”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said that the expression prescribed in sub-para 5 of para 15 for the sharing of legislative power and the expression prescribed in para 5 of Chapter “Transitory Provisions” were exactly the same in word and in essence. “Therefore, I would say detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power no longer needs to be prescribed, and it should be revoked” the group said.

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Delegate groups and many delegates expressed...

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the Work Committee has explained. And we would like to suggest that the tasks to draft the State Constitution should be assigned to the present Work Committee”.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “The National Convention has successfully completed the adopting of basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution. It is also found capable of implementing the steps one after another for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system. So, we express our support for seeking the approval of the National Convention to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization suggested to seek the approval of the National Convention to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles in drafting the State Constitution.

Lahu National Development Party said that it was in support of the drafting of the State Constitution making necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

Kayin National League expressed its support of the drafting of the State Constitution making necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party suggested that the National Convention approve of making necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution.

Wa National Development Party said, “It is appropriate to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution”.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties 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 (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect said, “we would say we find appropriate the Work Committee chairman’s proposal to seek the approval of the National Convention to draft as necessary the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC”.

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 suggested to seek the approval of the National Convention in drafting as necessary the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races suggested to seek the approval of the National Convention in drafting as necessary the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

As a separate suggestion, the group said, “Based on our study, we are going to present a separate suggestion concerning the impeachment or the act of laying blame.

Sub-para (a) para 19 of Chapter “General Provisions” states as follows:

- (a) A member of the Constitutional Tribunal can be blamed or impeached under any of the following reasons:
 - “(1) treason;
 - (2) violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution;
 - (3) misbehaviour;
 - (4) incapability of discharging duties prescribed in the State Constitution for a member of the Constitutional Tribunal;
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties;

There are similar detailed basic principles to impeach the Chairman of the Union Election Commission or one of the members in accord with the above-mentioned five points.

Only the first to fourth detailed principles are stipulated for the impeachment of the President, or the Vice-President, a Union Minister, the Attorney-General of the Union, the Auditor-General of the Union, Region or State Chief Minister or any of the ministers, the Chief Justice of the Union or any of the judges of the Supreme

Court or a Chief Justice or any of the judges of the Region or State High Court State.

To have a contextual uniformity and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the detailed basic principles concerning the impeachment should always be five points for every matter.

It can be assumed that the expression “**inefficient discharge of duties**” is so general that there is no specification of the person concerned or the duty. It will be more appropriate if the said expression should be substituted with the expression “**inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law**”.

In our view, the point 5 “**inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law**” should be added to the four detailed basic principles concerning the impeachment. Concerning the impeachment of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal or Chairman of the Union Election Commission or one of the members, the expression of the point 5 “**being unable to perform the duties assigned to him efficiently**” should be substituted with the expression “**inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law**”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants said that the National Convention should be vested with the power to draft the State Constitution without infringing the

aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said, “When detailed basic principles were laid down according to the chapter headings, the principles relevant to respective chapters were transferred as detailed basic principles. It is assumed that of the detailed basic principles transferred to respective chapters, some principles should continue to be prescribed in the Chapter ‘State Fundamental Principles’. We also consider that some of detailed basic principles have been transferred to respective chapters, and they no longer need to be mentioned in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Therefore, they are not prescribed. We unanimously agree to the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, “I would like to seek the approval of the NC to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “We members of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia support the point that in drafting the State Constitution in accordance with the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, necessary amendments should be made to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel made a suggestion that the National Convention approve to draft the State Constitution with having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said that the National Convention should approve to draft the State Constitution with having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution.

Esteemed delegates,

I have presented a collection of the panel of alternate chairmen’s findings of suggestions of the delegate groups and the delegate groups from the political parties on the Work Committee chairman’s explanation about the basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added or repealed.

According to the proposal papers, it is found that the delegate groups and many delegates expressed their support of amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some basic principles and detailed basic principles as explained by the Work Committee chairman. Some delegates not only expressed their support but also made separate suggestions.

All the delegates and delegate groups suggested that the National Convention approve of drafting the State Constitution making necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC. In conclusion, I would say that the delegates and many delegates and all delegate groups held discussions in support of the explanation. So, the Work Committee will have to carry out follow-up plans as necessary.

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Seven delegate groups of National Convention organize group meetings

YANGON, 21 Aug — The Delegate Groups of Representatives-elect, National Races, Peasants, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, State Service Personnel and Other Invited Persons held group meetings at the designated places of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National Convention.

After seeking approval from the representatives-elect, the Alternate Chairman approved the proposal of the delegate

the National Convention. The Alternate Chairman sought the approval from the delegates for the compilation of suggestions to be submitted to the NCCWC.

Delegate Group of Peasants

At the hall-4, the group meeting of the Delegate Group of Peasants was presided over by Alternate



Meeting of the delegate group of national races at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnnapin Camp. — MNA



Alternate Chairman U San Tha Aung delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of representatives-elect. — MNA

Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

The group meeting of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect was held at the hall-2 this morning. Alternate Chairman U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League and U Kya Ha She of Lahu National Development Party.

The alternate chairman delivered an address.

Independent Representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency read the compilation of suggestions of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect concerning the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on the

group.

Delegate Group of National Races

U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division presided over the meeting of the Delegate Group of National Races together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State, U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Yei of Kayah State, Duwa Zok Dong of Shan State (North) and U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State at Pyidaungsu Hall this morning.

First, the Alternate Chairman gave a speech.

UNay Win of Sagaing Division read the compilation of suggestions of the delegate group concerning the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by

Chairman U Mya Aye of Yangon Division together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Sai Tint Aung of Shan State (North) and U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division.



Alternate Chairman U Mya Aye delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of peasants. — MNA

The Alternate Chairman made a speech. Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Kyi Tint of the Delegate Group of Peasants read the clarification of the NCCWC on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and

detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National Convention, and U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division read the proposal of the delegate group.

The Alternate Chairman approved the proposal of the delegate group after seeking the approval from the delegates.

Delegate Group of Workers

The group meeting of

of Chairmen Daw Yin Yin Htay of Patheingyi Township read the proposal of the Delegate Group of Workers concerning the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National

above-mentioned delegate group held the meeting. It was presided over by Alternate Chairman Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw together with members of the Panel of Chairmen Dr Maung Maung Wint and U Hla Myint.

The Alternate Chairman read the proposal of the delegate group concerning the clarification of the

the Delegate Group of Workers took place at the hall-5 this morning. Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division presided over the meeting together with U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State (East).

The Alternate Chairman gave a speech. Next, member of the Panel

Convention.

The Alternate Chairman approved the proposal of the delegate group to be submitted the NCCWC by seeking approval from the delegates.

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia

At the hall-6, the

National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National Convention.

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Next, the Alternate Chairman sought the approval from the delegates for the proposal to be submitted to the NCCWC and approved it.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel

Alternate Chairman Maj-Gen Win Than flanked by members of the Panel of Chairmen U Arnt Maung and U Hla Tin presided over the meeting

of the delegate group at the hall-7.

First, the Alternate Chairman delivered an address. Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin read the clarification of the NCCWC Chairman on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National

Convention, and Dr Daw Swe Swe Aye read the proposal of the delegate group.

The delegates took part in the discussions on the proposal. The Alternate Chairman approved the proposal after seeking the consent of the delegates.

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons

At the hall-8, the Other Invited Persons group meeting was presided over by Alternate Chairman Dr Manan Tu



Alternate Chairman Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

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Alternate Chairman Maj-Gen Win Than delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of state service personnel. — MNA



additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National Convention.

The Alternate Chairman sought the consent of the delegate on the proposal of the delegate group and approved it.

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Alternate Chairman Dr Manan Tu Ja delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of other invited persons. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects ...

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on progress in construction of Monyin Dam Project near Monyin Village of Namtu Township presented by the commander and officials.

The dam is an earth embankment type and it will be 100 feet high and 1,700 feet long. The dam will irrigate 2,601 acres of farmland. The construction of the dam started in 2006-07 and now the dam was completed by 40 per cent. On completion, the dam can generate 2.5 kilowatt for the region.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected thriving kitchen crops and physic nut plantations of North-East Command. They viewed physic nut, maize and paddy plantations along the road from Lashio to Tangyan. In Tangyan, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected 20 acres of groundnut plantation in Ponhaung Village and gave necessary instructions. While in Tangyan Township, they viewed production process of the Tea Factory and tea plantation of Padamya Uyin Co and tea plantations of Shwechanlon Co.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Tangyan.

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Ja together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Tun Aung Chein and U Paw Laik Kham.

The meeting was opened with an address delivered by the Alternate Chairman.

Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Tun Aung Chein read the clarification of the NCCWC Chairman on the amendments, the



Alternate Chairman Dr Myo Thant Tin delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of workers. — MNA

23th Gem and Jade Sales for 2007 commence

YANGON, 21 Aug— Union of Myanmar Holdings Limited commenced its 23th Gem and Jade Sales for 2007 at Myanmar Gem Mart on Kaba Aye Pogoda Road this morning.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than of UMHL, members of the board of directors and officials visited the sales. A total of 315 gem lots and 1121 jade lots will be sold under bargain and auction system. Gem merchants can study gem and jade lots to be displayed at the gem mart from 9 am to 5 pm till 23 August. Gem and jade lots will be sold on 24 and 25 August. A total of 577 local merchants and 144 foreign merchants will visit the gem mart.—MNA

Teak, logs and sawn timber to be sold through tender

YANGON, 21 Aug — Myanma Timber Enterprise of the Ministry of Forestry is selling teak, logs and sawn timber to local and foreign markets through tender, sealed tender and auction. Myanma Timber Enterprise will sell teak, logs and sawn timber through tender, sealed tender and auction on 24 and 27 August. Anyone can enlist at MTE (Headquarters) with registered fees and insurance premium not later than 24 August.

The sale will be held through sealed tender on 24 August and through tender on 27 August at MTE (Headquarters). Local entrepreneurs will

deposit Euro 5,000 for insurance premium in the local market and Euro 15,000 in the foreign markets.

Sawn timber will be sold to the local markets through auction at Yinma Hall of MTE on 28 August. Anyone can deposit K 2 million for registered fees at Myanmar Economic Bank (Kyimyindine) not later than 27 August.

Further information is available at MTE (Headquarters) (Ph-220658), Deputy General Manager (Enterprise) (Ph-222388 and 210654).

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Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko visits a classroom at No 1 Basic Education High School in Bago. — MNA

Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung viewed thriving 800 acres of tapioca plantation at DaikU Tapioca Flour Factory in DaikU and gave necessary instructions.

The minister heard reports on progress of the factory, cultivation of

tapioca and use of heavy machinery presented by officials. Next, he inspected the warehouses.

At Zeyawady Sugar Mill, the minister

inspected machinery of the mill and instructed officials to draw a plan for operating the machines and purchase of sugarcane.

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Minister U Aung Thaung inspects tapioca at DaikU Tapioca Flour Factory in DaikU.

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Minister for Education inspects universities, colleges, basic education schools

YANGON, 21 Aug — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met educational staff at No 1 Basic Education High School in Maubin this morning.

The minister explained national education promotion matters and inspected the laboratories. At Maubin University, the minister

met with faculty members and inspected the computer room, lecture halls and the fish hatching camp.

Yesterday, the minister visited Yangon East University and National Management College and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister inspected

Botahtaung BEHS No 6 and No 4, Yankin Education College and Thingangyun Education College. — MNA

Lewe Station wins Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander's Shield

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — The final football match and prize presentation of Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander's Shield took place at the sports ground of Nay Pyi Taw Command yesterday.

Also present were Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers and regiments and units of local battalion.

At the tournament, Lewe Station team defeated Pyinmana Station team 3:1. Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin awarded cash and shield to the winner team. — MNA

234 NLD members quit

YANGON, 21 Aug— A total of 234 members including U Paw, U Sein Kyaw, Daw Mar Mar Htay, U Myint Hlaing, U Tun Kyaing, U Myint Than, U Than Tun, U Nay Lin, U Kyaw Moe of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division, resigned from the party of their own accord by sending their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 11 August.

In the letter sent to Ayadaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said they quit the NLD of their own volition on the grounds that they were fed up with party's activities and that it had been committing subversive acts in league with internal and external destructive elements. —MNA

Commander attends ceremony to mark School Health Week activities in Bago

YANGON, 21 Aug — The prize presentation for outstanding schools in the School Health Week activities in 2007-08 academic year in Bago Division took place at the city hall in Bago on 16 August.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko presented first, second and third prizes

to outstanding basic education schools. The commander inspected school health activities at Bago BEHS No 3 and No 1.

School health activities we being carried out at basic education schools in Bago Division from 13 to 18 August. The commander inspected construction of Highway Bus Terminal (Kyunthaya) in Bago and

gave necessary instructions.

At Bago Bridge Project, the commander instructed officials to implement the project in time and supervise worksite safety. Bago Bridge is under construction on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. It is 360 feet long and 72 feet wide flanked by six feet wide pedestrian ways. The bridge will withstand 60-ton loads. — MNA



Commander inspects use of paddy dryer

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended demonstration of paddy dryer at the Agricultural Educative Farm in Alyinlo Model Village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana yesterday.

General Secretary Dr Myo Aung Kyaw of Myanmar Paddy and Rice Merchants Association reported on advantages of the paddy dryer and General Manager U Hla Myo of Myanma Agriculture Service on paddy harvesting system.

After viewing the use of paddy dryer, the commander gave necessary instructions.

The paddy dryer can dry 250 baskets of paddy once, and it can dry 2,000 baskets of paddy per day.

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One person loses right foot in insurgent-planted mine blast in Kyaukkyi

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Insurgent destructionists are undermining stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. They are also committing destructive acts with the intention of killing and injuring innocent people using various ways and means.

Twenty-year-old Ma Win Win Khet, daughter of U Kyi Win of Nyaungpintha village of Kyaukkyi Township, lost her right foot and was wounded in left leg on her way back home after stepping on a mine planted by insurgents on 17 August.

Injured Ma Win Win Khet was rushed to Toungoo Township People's Hospital and she was receiving medical treatment. Necessary assistance was provided to the mine victim. Officials and local people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents. — MNA

Anyone may create with positive attitude free and wide range of literary works in national interest

Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing meets

YANGON, 21 Aug — The Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing held the second coordination meeting at Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said that he would like to point out two points in the the second coordination of the Central Supervisory Committee. The first point was to present accomplishments of the CSC to the committee members, and the second was to review the success, strong and weak points of the committee and to make greater efforts for gaining more success and remedying weak points. The State Peace and Development Council formed the Central



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at 2nd meeting of Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing. — MNA

Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny under the notification No 22/2005 on 25 February 2005. During the period of two years and six months, the committee has been supervising the tasks of registration and press scrutiny.

The minister said that the Central Supervisory Committee set the aims in undertaking the tasks of

press scrutiny for development of the literary world in accord with the policies and directives adopted by the government. These aims are to organize the persons of the literary world to enable them to serve the interests of the nation and the people; to ensure harmony between the persons of the literary world and the press scrutiny; to provide necessary assistance for

development of the literary world; and to supervise tasks of the literary world in accord with the policies of the government and Myanmar

opportunities to secure permits for publishing and press registration. Anyone may create with the positive attitude free and wide range of literary

minutes of the meeting 1/2005 and submitted the accomplishments.

Those present took part in the discussions, and the minister attended to

At present, permits are being issued to publishers in accord with the policies. Anyone may have the opportunities to secure permits for publishing and press registration.

Minister visits wood-based factory, Saw Mill in Bago Division (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visited Wood-based Factory (Swa) of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Bago

Division (East) yesterday. During the visit, the minister called for practising thrifty and avoiding bribery at the factory.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung went to Saw Mill No 20 (Thagara) and also inspected the process of the mill. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Wood-based Factory in Swa, Bago Division (East). — MNA

cultural heritage.

The minister stressed the need to perform the tasks in line with the policies of press scrutiny and disciplines and to join hands in bringing about development of the literary world. At present, permits are being issued to publishers in accord with the policies. Anyone may have the

works in the national interest. And, the committee and the persons of the literary world are to cooperate in creating and publishing their works in national interest.

Joint-Secretary-1 of the Central Supervisory Committee Director of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division U Tint Swe read out the

the needs.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

Also present at the meeting were departmental heads, advisers to the Ministry of Information, the secretary of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and guests.

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Eye specialists bring sights to patients in Kungyangon

YANGON, 21 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi today attended a ceremony to mark a successful completion of providing free treatment to eyes patients in Kungyangon Township.

A 36-member eye specialist team provide medical check up to 6,963

eye patients and performed surgery for 449 patients from 18 to 21 August in Kungyangon Township.

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Energy and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation worked together to give free treatment to those with eyes complaints of

Kungyangon Township and village-tracts in the township.

At the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi accepted cash donations from well-wishers organized by the Energy Ministry and provided eye glasses, medicines and cash for the patients. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects issuing of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards at Thakayta Township Immigration and National Registration Department. — MNA

Minister meets service personnel in Yangon Div

YANGON, 21 August— Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe met with officials of departments under the Ministry of Immigration and Population at the meeting hall of Population Department this morning.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion. Next, Director Daw Soe Soe Aung of

Population Department briefed the minister on censuses and Director U Hla Daung of Immigration and National Registration Department on accomplishment of tasks for issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and future tasks.

After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs and made concluding remarks. Next, the minister

inspected issuing of CSCs in Thakayta and South Okkalapa Townships and fulfilled the requirements.

A total of 210 CSCs were issued in Thakayta Township and 200 in South Okkalapa Township. Over 2,280,000 CSCs have been issued up to 20 August throughout the country. — MNA

Agitators taken into custody for undermining stability...

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Likewise, at 11 am today, a group of people led by Nyan Lin, a so-called ‘88’ generation student, staged a protest by walking along the route from Tamway Plaza in Tamway Township to Shwegondine Road.

All in all, their agitation to cause civil unrest was aimed at undermining peace and security of the State and disrupting the ongoing National Convention. And it also amounted to breaking the law guarding against acts undermining the efforts to successfully carry out peaceful transfer of State power and facilitate the proceedings of the National Convention.

Tonight, authorities concerned have taken into custody and are interrogating the so-called ‘88’ generation students Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho (a) Htay Win Aung, Min Zeya, Mya Aye (a) Thura, Kyaw Min Yu (a) Jimmy, Zeya (a) Kalama, Kyaw Kyaw Htwe (a) Markee, Arnt Bwe Kyaw, Panneik Tun, Zaw Zaw Min, Thet Zaw and Nyan Lin Tun for their acts may undermine the efforts for ensuring peace and security of the State, the success of the National Convention and the seven-step Road Map and peaceful transfer of the State power.

MNA

Minister inspects power supply tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint today visited the office of Yangon North District power supply board in Insein Township and Ahlon Power Supply

Station in Ahlon Township today.

On his visit to the office, the minister urged employees to carry out tasks of the ministry dutifully and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint went to Ahlon Power Supply Station and inspected a natural gas-powered turbine which has broken down.

According to the report of an official, Ahlon station which was equipped with three turbines has received over 10 millions cubic feet of natural gas and has generated 40 MW despite the breakdown of a turbine.

After hearing reports, the minister urged officials concerned to work together with experts to repair the turbine. —MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha left here for the Philippines yesterday to participate in the 39th meeting of economic ministers of ASEAN and other related ASEAN plus three meetings.

The meetings will be held from 23 to 27 August in Manila, the Philippines.

MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu delivers an address at an annual meeting of Myanmar Hoteliers Association at Yuzana Hotel on 21 August 2007.

NLM

Plane explodes at Japanese airport

TOKYO, 21 Aug — China Airlines plane was engulfed in flames yesterday after one of its engines exploded upon landing on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa. At least one person was injured.

The left engine of Flight CI-120 belonging to the Taiwan airline caught fire at Naha air port, but all of its 157 passengers, including two infants, and eight crew members were able to evacuate the plane on emergency chutes, authorities said.

There were conflicting reports about injuries, with the Japanese side saying one of the plane’s crew was hurt, and Taiwan airline officials denying the statement.

A member of the ground crew was injured.

None of the passengers was hurt, but two passengers of Chinese nationality, ages 7 and 57, were taken to hospital after becoming ill following the evacuation from the Boeing 737-800, which had flown from Taipei.



The charred remains of a China Airlines plane lies on the tarmac on Japan’s southern island of Okinawa on 20 Aug, 2007.

INTERNET

The jet was taxiing on the tarmac when ground personnel alerted the pilot that the engine had caught fire, authorities said.

The plane’s occupants were evacuated before the left engine exploded minutes after the plane was parked, a Japanese transport ministry official added.

Fire and black smoke engulfed the plane, which broke into three parts, before the blaze was extinguished an hour later.

Taiwan’s ERA cable TV channel quoted some passengers as saying they heard an explosion in the engine before the fire.

Among the 165 people on board, 114 were Taiwanese, most of them tourists; 19 were Japanese and 24 were of other nationalities, China Airlines said.

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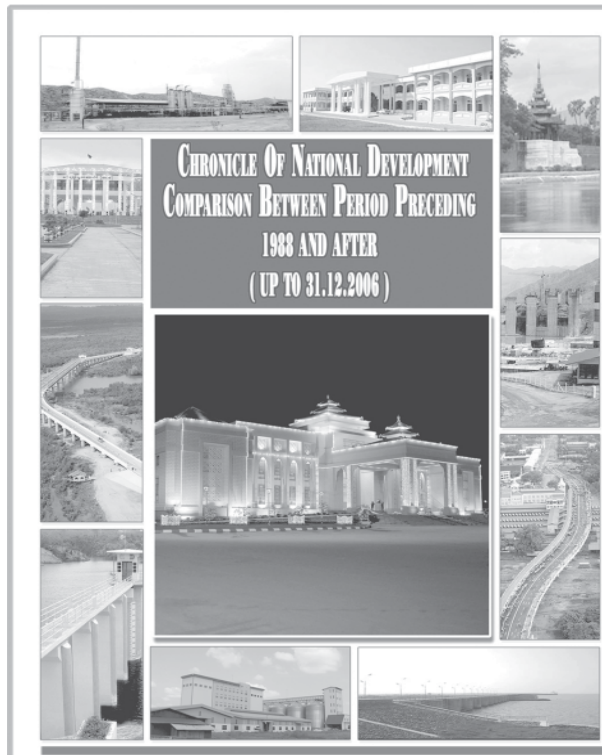
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Photo taken on 19 Aug, 2007 shows the exterior view of Tijian Olympic Centre Stadium in Tianjin, north China. Officially inaugurated on Sunday, the stadium will host 12 soccer preliminary games during the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. —XINHUA

European experts to probe Georgia missile drop

Tbilisi, 20 Aug—European military experts have arrived in Georgia to investigate the dropping of a missile that the former Soviet country has blamed on Russia, officials said on Saturday.

Russia denies any involvement in the incident. The missile landed on 6 August in a field about 65 kilometres (40 miles) from the Georgian capital Tbilisi. It did not explode.

Britain's Ambassador to Georgia, Denis Keefe, said a team of military experts from Britain, France, Poland and Estonia would investigate the incident.

An Interior Ministry

official said later that the delegation had already arrived in Tbilisi.

The incident has worsened relations between Tbilisi and Moscow which were already in crisis since Georgia began pulling out of Moscow's orbit and seeking membership of NATO and the European Union.

Last week, eight defence analysts from the United States, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden said a plane flying from Russia had entered Georgian air space three times and had dropped a Russian-made missile on Georgia.

MNA/Reuters

Climate protesters march at London's Heathrow Airport

LONDON, 20 Aug—Hundreds of climate change protesters marched near London's Heathrow Airport on Sunday and pledged civil disobedience to draw attention to the impact of aviation on global warming.

Protest organizers say they plan to form a human chain at the site of a proposed third runway at the world's busiest international airport and to picket the headquarters of Heathrow's operator BAA <FER.MC> through the night.

The protesters want Heathrow's expansion plans dropped and the

growth of air travel halted. Their action comes at the height of the holiday season at an airport that handles nearly 70 million passengers a year.

Marchers with carnival-style floats and speakers adorned with flowers blaring music left a tented camp chanting "No third runway" and carrying a banner saying: "We are armed ... only with peer-reviewed science".

A smaller group of protesters scuffled briefly with police blocking their path as they marched down a road near the

camp.

Scientists say air transport contributes to global warming, and the carbon dioxide gas and water vapour emitted by aircraft are four times more potent at high altitude than at sea level.

The British Government says it is committed to tackling climate change and plans to set legally binding targets for cutting CO2 emissions — but it also backs an expansion of air travel, which is set to double in the next 25 years.

MNA/Reuters

Food shortages loom in Nepal due to floods

KATHMANDU, 20 Aug—Food shortages loom in Nepal and other nations hit by torrential rains, floods and landslides affecting more than 28

million people in the South Asian Region, the United Nations has said.

According to the *Himalayan Times* Sunday's report, the food

situation gives "serious cause for concern" due to loss of animals and unfavourable crop prospects following damage to recently planted crops, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said on its website Saturday. "Opportunities for replanting once the water has fully receded are limited as the sowing period of the main cereal season normally ends by mid-August in Nepal," it said. According to the daily, southern Nepal's Terai Region which serves as the country's grain basket, accounting for over 70 per cent of rice production, has been hard hit.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bombing kills four guards in S Afghanistan

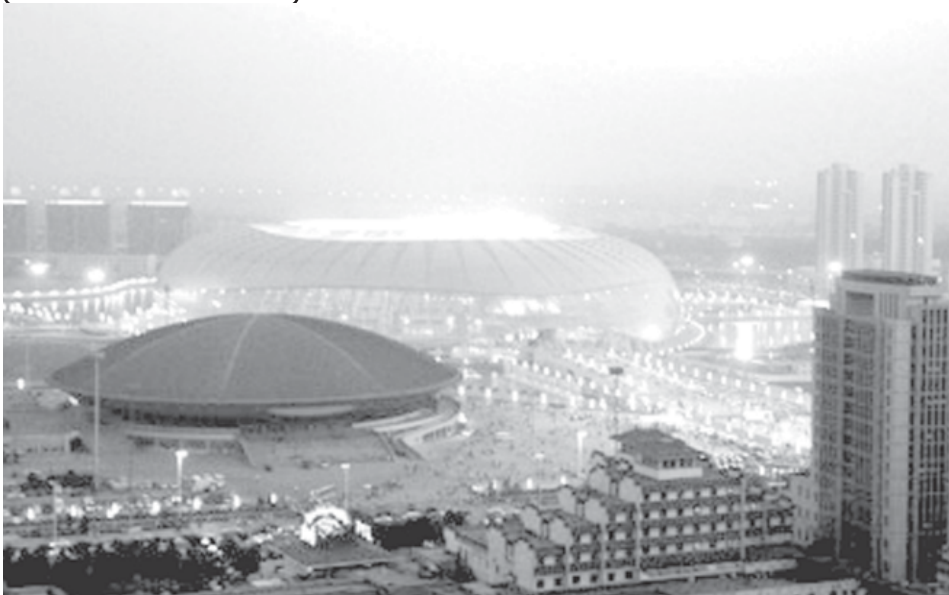
KABUL, 20 Aug—A suicide car bombing killed four Afghan guards in southern Helmand Province, the police said on Sunday.

The blast was targeting a vehicle of some local guards protecting a private construction company on Saturday afternoon in Durahi Lashkargah area in Helmand, provincial police chief Mohammad Hussein Andiwai told *Xinhua*.

Three other guards were also injured in the explosion, he added. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attack, saying a suicide bomber named Hafiz carried it out. Helmand Province, a hotbed of Taliban militants, has often suffered from suicide bombings over the past years.

Due to rising Taliban violence, over 3,900 persons have been killed in Afghanistan this year.

MNA/Xinhua



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SPORTS

Indonesia beats Brunei in ASEAN U-17 football C'ship opener

PHNOM PENH, 21 Aug — Indonesia defeated Brunei 3-0 in the opening match of the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Under-17 football championship here on Sunday. At the very end of the first half of the match, Indonesia's Sahlan Sodik opened scoring with a long-range shot. During the second half, Indonesia scored two more goals from Yericho Cristiantoko and Salim Ohorella.

Except the Philippines, all ASEAN countries sent teams to the tournament, which is aimed at helping ASEAN youth players gain experience, said Vice-President of the Football Federation of Cambodia (FFC) Kek Ravy. The first ASEAN U-17 Football Championship was held in 2005 in Thailand, with Myanmar being the winner, and the second in 2006 in Vietnam, with Vietnam the winner. —MNA/Xinhua



Cambodia's Ek Vannak (L) fights for the ball with Thailand's Narakorn Kana (R) during their match in the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U17 Youth Championship 2007 in Phnom Penh on 20 Aug, 2007.— INTERNET

Rookie delight for Snedeker in Greensboro

RALEIGH (North Carolina), 21 Aug — Rookie Brandt Snedeker, playing aggressively in sapping conditions, won his first PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory at the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro on Sunday.

The 26-year-old from Tennessee, five strokes off the pace at the start of the day, birdied four of the last six holes to hold off fellow American Tim Petrovic in a thrilling duel over the back nine.

Snedeker, who earned his PGA Tour card by finishing ninth on last year's Nationwide Tour money list, fired a sparkling nine-under-par 63 -- the best score of the week -- for a 22-under 266 at Forest Oak Country Club. Petrovic, one ahead with five holes to play in the final event of the Tour's regular season, bogeyed the last for a 67 to share second place with compatriots Jeff Overton (70) and Billy Mayfair (67).—MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland holds the winner's trophy after defeating James Blake of the US in the championship match of the 2007 Cincinnati Masters tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 19 Aug, 2007. Federer won, 6-1, 6-4. —XINHUA

Schnyder upset in New Haven, Young breaks ATP tour duck

NEW YORK, 21 Aug — Fifth seed Patty Schnyder lost on the opening day of the WTA event in New Haven on Sunday, beaten 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 by Italian Francesca Schiavone.

The Swiss looked set for victory when she recovered from the loss of the first set to level the match but Schiavone, the world number 26, hit back to reach round two.

She will play Emilie Loit of France or lucky loser Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia in the second round.

In the day's other women's match, American Vania King beat another Italian, Tathiana Garbin, 6-4, 6-4 to set up a clash with Russian fourth seed Dinara Safina.

In the men's event, American wildcard Donald Young earned his first win on the ATP Tour by beating compatriot Amer Delic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round.—MNA/Reuters



Elena Dementieva, from Russia, hits a forehand during her 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 victory over Italy's Mara Santangelo during the first round of the Pilot Pen Tennis tournament in New Haven, Conn, on 20 Aug, 2007. —INTERENT

Super Dan defends world title

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Aug — China's Lin Dan defended his title at the world badminton championships, beating Sony Dwi Kuncoro of Indonesia 21-11, 22-20 here on Sunday.

World number one Lin retained the title following a 50-minute duel.

Zhu Lin, China's Olympic badminton hopeful, overcame Wang Chen of Hong Kong, 21-8, 21-12 in the women's singles final to win her first world championship here on Sunday.

They had met four times, all won by Wang

Sao Paulo's winning run ends, Cruzeiro go second

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Aug —Brazilian championship titleholders and leaders Sao Paulo were held to a goalless draw at Goias on Sunday, ending a run of seven wins in a row.

Goias defender Fabio Bahia headed against the crossbar in the first half but Sao Paulo took control after the break, creating a flurry of chances which they were unable to convert. Sao Paulo, who have 41 points from 20 games, had their lead cut to six points by Cruzeiro, who beat Fluminense 4-2 with

a hat-trick by striker Alecsandro to go second.

Alecsandro fired Cruzeiro ahead early in the match before close-range goals from Arouca and Thiago Neves turned the game around for Fluminense.

However, Cruzeiro, who have a game in hand over Sao Paulo, hit back with three goals in the last 15 minutes.

Alecsandro headed them level, then pounced on a defensive blunder to put the Foxes 3-2 ahead before Marcelo Moreno added a fourth with another header.

MNA/Reuters

Al Hilal stun holders AlAhli

KHARTOUM, 21 Aug — Sudan's Al Hilal routed holders Al Ahli 3-0 and climbed to the top of the African Champions League Group B standings on Sunday.

Al Hilal handed the Egyptians their heaviest defeat in the competition for 30 years to throw the race for semifinal places wide open. Both sides have nine points from five matches with one more round of games to play.

The Ivory Coast's ASEC Abidjan stayed in contention for a last four berth by beating Tunisia's Esperance 2-0.

Following the win in Abidjan, ASEC have seven points while Esperance were eliminated as they only have four points.

MNA/Reuters

Pavlyuchenko hat-trick helps Spartak rout Kuban 4-0

MOSCOW, 21 Aug — Roman Pavlyuchenko notched a hat-trick to power Russian Premier League leaders Spartak Moscow to a 4-0 rout of Kuban Krasnodar on Sunday.

Pavlyuchenko, the club's leading scorer this season, struck in the second, 38th and 51st minutes before fellow Russian international Vladimir Bystrov added the fourth to extend Spartak's unbeaten league run to eight games.

The Muscovites, who have not lost since Stanislav Cherchesov replaced Vladimir Fedotov as coach two months ago, have 42 points from 21 games.

The win helped maintain Spartak's five-point lead over Zenit St Petersburg, who overcame lowly Tom Tomsk 2-1 thanks to two first-half goals from South Korean international Kim Dong-jin.

Third-placed FK Moscow, however, failed to keep pace with the two leaders, going down 2-1 to city rivals Lokomotiv.

Malistriker Draman Traore and Russia forward Dmitry Sychev scored eight minutes apart either side of the interval to give the railway side 30 points.—MNA/Reuters

Belgium's Justine Henin smiles after defeating Serbia's Jelena Jankovic during their final match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto on 19 Aug, 2007. XINHUA



Army commanders tell Brown to withdraw from Iraq

LONDON, 21 Aug — Senior military commanders have told Prime Minister Gordon Brown that Britain can achieve “nothing more” in south-east Iraq and 5,500 British troops still deployed there should be withdrawn without any delay, media reported here on Sunday.

Last month, Gordon Brown said after meeting American President George Bush at Camp David that the decision to hand over security in Basra Province — the last of the four held by the British — “will be made on the military advice of our commanders on the ground”.

“Whatever happens,

we will make a full statement to Parliament when it returns (in October),” the PM had said.

Two British Generals told *The Independent* here on Sunday that the military advice given to Gordon Brown last week states: “We’ve done what we can in the south [of Iraq]”.

In fact, commanders want to hand over Basra

Palace — where 500 British troops are subjected to up to 60 rocket and mortar strikes a day — by the end of this month. Britain has already announced the withdrawal of 500 soldiers.

The Army is drawing up plans to “reposture” the 5,000 that will be left at Basra Airport, and aims to bring the bulk of them home in the next few months.

Before the invasion in 2003, officers were told that the Army’s war aims were to bring stability and democracy to Iraq and to the Middle East as a whole.

Those ambitions have been drastically revised, the newspaper said. The priorities now are an orderly withdrawal, with the reputation and capability of the Army “reasonably intact”, and for Britain to remain a “credible ally”.

A senior British commander countered, “That’s to miss the point. It was never that kind of battle,

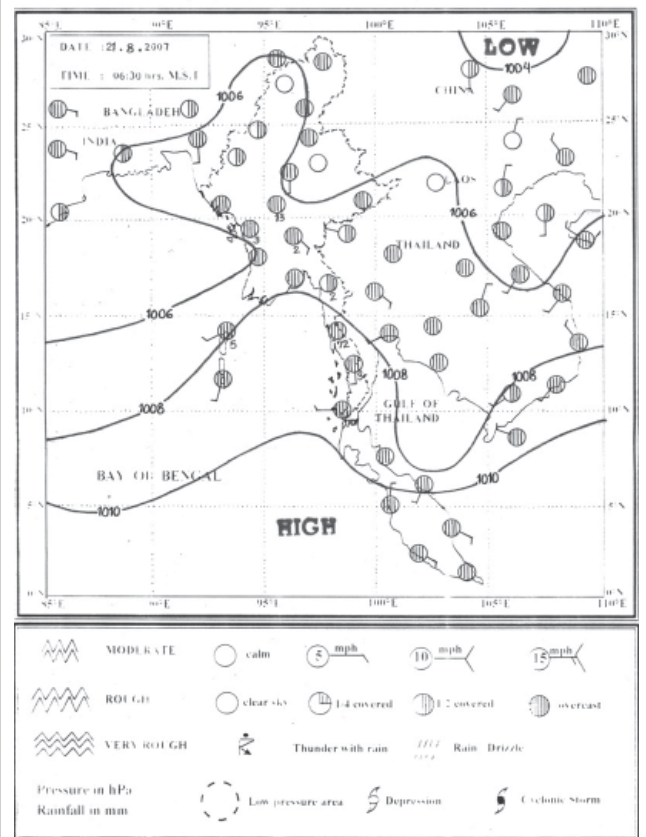
in which we set out to defeat an enemy.” Other officers said the British force was never configured to “clear and hold” Basra in the way the Americans were seeking to do in Baghdad.

Further ahead, the US is concerned over the security of its vital supply line from Kuwait, with some American commanders saying that if the British withdrew, American troops would have to be sent south to replace them.

They are understood to believe it was never the role of occupation troops to intervene in a “turf war” among factions from the same community, all of which have links to the government coalition in Baghdad.

MNA/PTI

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 21 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.45) inches, Kawthoung (2.99) inches, Dawei (2.88) inches, Ye (2.44) inches, Pyapon (1.73) inches and Mindat (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-8-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 21-8-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-8-2007 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 20-8-2007 was (1.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 21-8-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (92.09) inches at Mingaladon, (94.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.33) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 20-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-8-2007: Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayin States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Myanma Port Authority Warning of hightide

The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.1 feet to 21.5 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 28th August to 3rd September 2007.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 21-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (764) cm is exceeded (14) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (750) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.



Residents gather near a burnt vehicle at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad's Sadr City on 20 Aug, 2007. At least five people were killed and 20 wounded when a parked car bomb exploded in the Shi'ite Sadr City district of northeastern Baghdad, police said. — INTERNET



Wednesday, 22 August

View on today

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. မြေးမြေးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. သစ်လွင်နံ့ညား ဓားတစ်ရှဉ်းတံတား

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)

4:45 pm

4. Song of national races

5:00 pm

5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:10 pm

6. Classical song

5:25 pm

7. “ချောင်းကမ်းဘေးက ရွာကလေး”(နွဲ့နွဲ့စန်း၊ မြင့်မြင့်နိုင်၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ သဇင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သ ရန်ကုန်)

5:30 pm

8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

9. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရင်

7:00 pm

13. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ အဆိုဘာသာရပ် (မဟာဂီတဆွေးနွေးခန်း)

7:10 pm

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7:25 pm

15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

7:35 pm

16. “စပါးကရွှေ၊ ငါးကငွေ” (ညီကျော်၊ မိုးဒီ၊ သက်ဦးကို၊ ဆုတံဆိပ်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-နိုင်)

7:45 pm

17. ကြံတောင်သူတွေဝင်ငွေသုံးဆ တိုးဖို့ဆင်းရွှေလီကြိတ်ကြိတ် (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
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22. The next day's programme

With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 21 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 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, "The plenary session of the National Convention held on 12 December 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of judicial power. In this regard, sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 says, "With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township".

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

Esteemed delegates,

As regards the matter, National Unity Party said, "The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **"With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the**



U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect.—MNA

high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township" should be amended as "With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw".

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

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, "The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **"With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and**

Cocogyun Township" should be amended as "With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw".

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, "The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **"With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township" should be amended as "With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw".**

Lahu National Development Party said, "We agree to amend the sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 "With regard to the judicial matter in accord with the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman."

Union Kayin League said, "The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **"With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township" should be amended as "With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw".**

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, "The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 **"With regard to the judicial** (See page 4)

Agitators taken into custody for undermining stability and security of the nation, attempting to disrupt National Convention

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — The government is striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and proper evaluation of the market-oriented economic system desired by the entire people.

The National Convention, the first and foremost important for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State, will be complete soon as it has been drawing fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. At a time when the NC is nearing completion with success, a constitution (draft) will be drawn and then a referendum held so as to successfully realize the seven-step Road Map.

Furthermore, all-round development tasks are being carried out in education, health, economic and transport sectors of the nation that are basic needs in building the peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At present, progress can be witnessed in these sectors.

Information was received in advance that

with the ill-intention of grabbing power, internal and external destructive elements who do not wish to see the endeavours of the government are plotting to oust the government by resorting to three strategies — to disrupt the National Convention, to cause civil unrest similar to the '88' disturbances and to commit various acts within the framework of law.

Taking advantage of the increase in fuel prices, internal and external destructive elements have provoked the people since 15 August to ensure their three strategies meet with success.

In an interview on Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) on 17 and 18 August, Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin of Myanmar Development Committee (MDC), which had already been abolished as it was formed illegally, said protests would be held across the country as from 22 August citing fuel price hike and provoked the people into unrest.

Similarly, so-called '88' generation students Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Mya Aye, Arnt Bwe Kyaw,

Jimmy and Kyaw Kyaw Htway held talks at the house of Ko Ko Gyi in Thingangyun Township from 6.30 am to 7.40 am on 19 August and they discussed cooperation of political groups to stage political movement, to create confrontation with the government by so-called '88' generation students, organizing university students to participate in the movement and cooperation of members of National League for Democracy (NLD), members of Students' Union and '88' generation old students.

Afterwards, they attended the 3rd memorial anniversary of late U Kyi Maung, former Vice-Chairman of the NLD, at his house on Shwetaunggya-1 Street in Bahan Township from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Afterwards, some people led by Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho, Jimmy, Htay Kywe, Mya Aye, Panneik Tun and Kyaw Kyaw Htway went on a protest walk from the house of U Kyi Maung to Tamway Market on Thmainbayan Road in Tamway Township moving along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and through Shwegondine traffic lights citing an increase in fuel prices. They held the protest to undermine the stability and security of the State, to disrupt and hinder the process of the National Convention.

Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi and their group members on 19 August issued a declaration saying a mass movement would be launched in front of Yangon City Hall at 1 pm on 23 August. The declaration also urged the people to participate in the movement by wearing white shirts.

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The agitation to cause civil unrest was aimed at undermining peace and security of the State and disrupting the ongoing National Convention. And it also amounted to breaking the law guarding against acts undermining the efforts to successfully carry out peaceful transfer of State power and facilitate the proceedings of the National Convention.