

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Ukrainian President

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Prime Minister sends felicitations to Ukraine

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein to pay goodwill visit to Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug— At the invitation of H.E. Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, and wife Daw Khin Khin Win will pay a goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in the near future. —MNA

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 agricultural, construction tasks in Mongyai, Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, met departmental officials, local people and social organization members at Pyidaungsu Hall in Mongyai on 21 August.

Chairman of Mongyai Township PDC U

Myint Tin reported on social and economic development.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that now, local people of Mongyai enjoy fruits of social and economic development. Local people and departmental personnel are to participate in extended cultivation of paddy, groundnut, physic nut, rubber and tea. The government has built Lashio University, Technological University and University of Compu-

ter Studies in Shan State (North). Service personnel are to discharge their duties conscientiously, he said.

In Manphyat Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party presented gifts to servicemen and family members of the station. At Manpon highland farmland reclamation camp of North-East Command in Manpon Village, the commander presented the report on land reclamation tasks.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of three-storey main building for University of Computer Studies in Lashio. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce more farm machinery to boost agricultural production

The State is striving for development of other sectors of the economy based on agriculture, especially for boosting production in the agricultural sector by rendering all necessary assistance.

Encouragement is being given for extension of virgin and vacant land, supply of irrigation water and use of quality strains of crops and modern cultivation methods. At the same time, measures are being taken for the establishment of industries producing farm machinery in order to see the transition to mechanized farming.

Myanmar's farm machinery factories are located in Ingone in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, and in Ywathagyi in Yangon Division. Moreover, an farm machinery assembling workshop and the main factory have been established in Kyaiklo Farm Machinery Industrial Zone and another farm machinery factory in Mayangon Township.

These factories and workshops are producing Leya-16 power tillers, Leya-16 power tillers, other power tillers, harvesters, combined thrashers, dryers, manual pumps and other farm equipment.

At a time when the nation is in transition to mechanized farming, the agricultural sector will improve only when quality farm machinery and equipment are manufactured and most extensively put to use.

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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

Yangon North District organizes Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 23 Aug — The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2007 of Yangon North District took place at Pinma Yandayataung Hall in Insein Township today.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Competitions Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council U Thein Naing opened the competitions and explained the arrangements made for the competitions.

After the opening, the commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai presented cash and a flower basket to the artists who performed at the competitions. A total of 190 participants took part in the competitions.

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Yangon Division WAO holds educative talks



Daw Mar Mar Wai accepts membership applications of students of No 1 BEMS in Dagon Township.— MNA

YANGON, 23 Aug — Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization accepted membership applications and held educative talks at No 1 Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Township today.

Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai delivered an address and accepted 1,000 applications of students of the school for membership of WAO.

Writer Ma Sandar gave talks on "Wrong Concepts" and Dr Daw Lay Khaing on "Reproductive Health and Women". After the talks, Daw Mar Mar Wai presented gifts to the writers.

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Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Ukraine

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Ukraine, which falls on 24 August 2007.

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Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met Manager Mr Zhang Zhenhua of Chengsha Weisheng Electronics Co Ltd and party at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday.

Present also at the call were Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise, Deputy Director-General U Saw Win of Department of Electric Power and officials.

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Water supply and development tasks supervised in Kyaukse

YANGON, 23 Aug — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe together with officials heard reports on development tasks for 2007-08 fiscal year, supply of water and arrangements for prevention of flood presented by officials at the office of Kyaukse Township Development Affairs Committee on 18 August and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the deputy minister inspected Zawgyi Water Plant No-1 and left the necessary instructions.

At Zeetaw Water Purifying Factory No-2, the deputy minister called on officials to conduct chemical and biological experiments for safety of water. He also gave instructions on maintenance of water pumps.

Next, the deputy minister and party inspected building Padauk Road in Aye Mya Kyi Lin Ward and gave necessary instructions.

Later, they looked into progress of construction of bridge on Kyaukhsaungon village-to-village road and urged officials to upgrade the village-to-village road.

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Drive Safely

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Two Americans charged with 2004 Iraqi killings

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Aug—Two Americans who served as Marines in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2004 face charges of killing three men detained in the search of a home in which weapons were found, US officials said on Monday.

The charges represent the latest in a series of incidents in which members of the US Armed Forces are alleged to have committed violent crimes in Iraq, actions that have intensified international criticism over the US invasion.

Military prosecutors charged Sergeant Jermaine Nelson “for the

unlawful murder of an unknown foreign national in Fallujah in 9 November, 2004,” a statement from Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego, said.

Nelson’s squad leader, Jose Luis Nazario, also faces criminal charges, but since he has left the military he was charged with voluntary manslaughter by the US Attorney in Riverside, California.

Nazario and other Marines detained four men while searching a house from which they had earlier taken fire, according to the complaint filed with the US District Court

in Central California. They also found AK-47 rifles and ammunition.

“Nazario said that he was asked ‘Are they dead yet?’ to which Nazario responded ‘Negative,’” the complaint said, referring to a radio conversation. “Nazario said he was told to ‘Make it happen.’”

The complaint said Nazario killed one of the unarmed men who was lying on his back on the floor. “Who else wants to kill these guys, because I don’t want to do it all myself,” Nazario then said, according to the charges.—MNA/Reuters

US soldier dies in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug—An American soldier died of non-combat related cause in the Iraqi capital, the US military said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred on Sunday, a military statement said without providing further details, adding that an investigation was underway.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to more than 3,705 since the Iraq war broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—MNA/Xinhua



Paris Hilton arrives at a party celebrating the new mobile service Helio and benefiting Heal the Bay in West Hollywood, California. Diamond heiress-actress Zeta Graff took Paris Hilton to court, claiming she spread ‘vicious lies’ about her to the media in 2005.—INTERNET

Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong (R) meets with Afghan Foreign Minister Rangin Dadfar Spanta in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA



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Police say seven members of same family killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug—Gunmen killed seven members of one family on Tuesday near Latifiya, a

mostly Sunni Arab town in Iraq’s “Triangle of Death” south of Baghdad, police and an Interior

Ministry official said.

But, as is often the case in Iraq, officials were unable to give a concerted account of what happened, disagreeing on how many women were among the victims or to which religious sect they belonged. A police captain in Latifiya, who asked not to be named, said three women and a 2-year-old girl were killed and two women wounded when gunmen stormed into a house in the village of Muwelha near Latifiya, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Baghdad. Three men from the same family also died, he said. Colonel Abbas al-Jabouri, head of police in Hilla, 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of Baghdad, also said three women and a young girl were among the dead.—MNA/Reuters



A bulldozer demolishes a house destroyed by quake in Ica, south Peru, on 21 Aug, 2007. A quake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale hit south Peru on 15 Aug. The Peruvian government has planned to employ some 8,000 people to clear the rubble and reconstruct three of the worst-hit cities, namely Pisco, Ica and Chincha, Peruvian President Alan Garcia has said. —XINHUA

Iran, IAEA agree ways to defuse atom suspicions

TEHERAN, 23 Aug — Iran and the UN International Atomic Energy Agency said on Tuesday they had agreed a plan on how to help defuse Western suspicions about Teheran’s atom work, a move hailed as a “milestone” by a senior IAEA official.

After two days of talks in Teheran, the two sides said they had drawn up a timeline for answering outstanding questions about Iran’s nuclear programme, which the West believes is aimed at building atomic

bombs. Iran insists its plans are peaceful.

But the United States, leading efforts to isolate Iran, has said Teheran must both cooperate with the UN inspectors and halt sensitive nuclear work, a step Iranian officials have rejected, if it wants to avoid a third round of UN sanctions.

“We have in front of us an agreed work plan. We agreed on modalities on how to implement it. We have a timeline for the implementation,” IAEA deputy director Olli Heinonen said after the

negotiations, which he described as “good and constructive”.

“I think this was an important milestone,” he told a Press conference. “But this process will take its time.”

Iran agreed in June to draw up an action plan within 60 days to grant more access to its nuclear sites for inspectors of the Vienna-based IAEA and clear up longstanding agency questions about the nature and scope of the programme.

The UN body has long complained that Iran

has stonewalled its inquiries into the murky history and scope of Teheran’s nuclear activities and curbed inspector movements, preventing the agency from giving Teheran a clean bill of health.

Heinonen said work would start swiftly on implementing Tuesday’s agreement, with activities later this month as well as in September and October. Details of the deal would be included in a report for the IAEA board by early September.

MNA/Reuters



A strange-looking fish with crocodile jaws was caught in a lake in Anshan, Northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 21 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Giant Hurricane “Dean” swipes at Mexico, no dead

CHETUMAL (Mexico), 22 Aug— Hurricane Dean flooded streets and toppled trees across Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula on Tuesday but it left famous Caribbean beach resorts mostly intact before taking aim at Gulf of Mexico oil platforms.

There were no early reports of deaths or serious damage in Mexico from the storm, a potentially disastrous Category 5 hurricane which lashed beach resorts on the “Mayan Riviera” where thousands of tourists had crammed into shelters.

“We escaped. It was very light,” said Miguel Cruz, 29, a hotel receptionist in the resort of Playa del Carmen. Water surged down a main street at thigh level in Chetumal, a city of about 150,000 people near where Dean made landfall. Broken trees and street lights lay strewn around.

Dean had killed 11 people elsewhere on its rampage through the Caribbean. It passed quickly over the Yucatan and was downgraded to a Category 1 storm but forecasters warned that roaring winds and rains would likely pick up again as Dean headed toward Mexico’s offshore oil platforms in the southern Gulf of Mexico. State oil company Pemex has closed and evacuated more than 400 oil and gas wells, meaning lost production of 2.65 million barrels of crude per day.

MNA/Reuters

Fresh floods kill 80 more people in south Asia

KOLKATA (India), 22 Aug— Fresh floods in eastern India and Bangladesh have killed another 80 people, including two men on a motorbike who were electrocuted when they hit a cable in a flooded street, officials said on Tuesday.

Many victims drowned, died from diseases spread by dirty water or were killed by snakebites after the fresh rains in a region already exhausted by more than a month of flood chaos.

More than 1,700 Indians, Nepalis and Bangladeshis have been killed in the last few weeks

of monsoon flooding. Hundreds of thousands of people across the region remain marooned or homeless.

MNA/Reuters



Malaysia, Thailand ink MoU on education

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Aug— Malaysia and Thailand Tuesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on education as part of a broader effort by both countries to enhance cooperation and bilateral relations.

Malaysian Education Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and his Thai counterpart Wichit Srisa-an inked the pact at a ceremony in Putrajaya, administrative centre of Malaysia, witnessed by the prime ministers of both countries, Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Surayud Chulanont.

The MoU focused on, among others, networking between schools in Malaysia and Thailand, particularly those in the southern provinces, covering aspects such as religious education, curriculum as well as student exchange and teacher training programmes, he said.

“We’ve agreed to accept some students from southern Thailand to study in our schools and also for some teachers from the area to be placed at our teacher training institutes,” the national news agency Bernama quoted Hishammuddin as saying.

Both countries would share information and experience on the cluster school initiative and training for school heads, he said.

Hishammuddin described the MoU as meaningful to both the Malaysian and Thai leaderships.

MNA/Xinhua

A building collapsed after a suicide truck bomber targeted a police agency in Beiji, 250 kilometres (155 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 Aug, 2007. Officials say that at least 27 died and 65 were wounded in the incident. —INTERNET

S Korea orders Hyundai Motor to recall Veracruz SUVs

SEOUL, 22 Aug— South Korea’s Transportation Ministry ordered Tuesday Hyundai Motor Co to recall 6,286 Veracruz sport utility vehicles (SUV) on South Korean market due to a fault in engine pump that could cause a fire in case of a head-on collision.

The ministry, which supervises the safety of the nation’s auto industry, also fined Hyundai Motor 200 million won (212,089 US dollars) for violating safety standards with the fault, in a rare penalty for an automaker’s recall.

“The problem with the engine pump could cause the engine to catch fire when the vehicle’s front collides with an object,” said a statement of the ministry.

According to the statement, the recall applies to Veracruz models built between 13 January and 12 June this year. However, it is not clear whether the problem also affected Veracruz vehicles sold on overseas markets.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China’s official Xinhua news agency, a worker shows off the flower-shaped gold and jade, gold and silver commemorative medal in Beijing, China, on 21 Aug, 2007. The flower-shaped gold and jade, gold and silver commemorative medals, also known as ‘Olympic Moon Cakes,’ under the authorization of the Organizing Committee of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, have been issued.—XINHUA

Suspected bird flu patient dies in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 22 Aug— A 28-year-old woman died Tuesday on the Indonesian resort island of Bali after being treated for allegedly developing bird flu symptoms.

She used to work as chicken trader in Tabanan regency. If confirmed, she could become the second bird flu casualty on the island, following the death of another woman from Jembrana regency.

“She had developed clinical symptoms similar to those of a woman who died of bird flu last week,” Dr Putu Andrika with Bali’s Sanglah Hospital was quoted by leading news website Detikcom as saying.

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representatives-elect U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win, and U Tin Tun Maung suggested that the points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Therefore, in accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention and many delegates of these delegate groups, the points:

Regarding the designation of Nay Pyi Taw, the Capital of the State, as a Union territory:

5. Designation of Union territories,
- “(a)Nay Pyi Taw, the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union,**
- (b) if need arises to designate areas that have special situation in connection with national defence, security, administration and economy etc as Union territories they may be so designated as Union territories after enacting laws.” are adopted as detailed basic principles.**

Mr Chairman,

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

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

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

Presenting their opinions about the Work Committee chairman’s explanation,

- Delegate Group of peasants;
- Delegate Group of national races;
- Delegate Group of peasants;
- Delegate Group of workers;
- Delegate Group of intellectuals and intelligentsia;
- Delegate Group of State service personnel;
- Delegate Group of other invited persons;
- the parties representing the Delegate Group of political parties such as:
- National Unity Party;
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- Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization;
- Lahu National Development Party;
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- Kokang Democracy and Unity Party;
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- three independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and six independent representatives-elect from the

Delegate Group of representatives-elect U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win, and U Tin Tun Maung suggested that the points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Therefore, in accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention and many delegates of these delegate groups, a detailed basic principle is adopted to replace the term “Yangon” prescribed in para 35 and para 36 of Formation of Executive with **“Nay Pyi Taw”**, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) 6 of para 16 of Formation of Financial Commission, with the term **“Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”**, and to revoke para 37 of Formation of Executive.

Mr Chairman,

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”.

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

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

Presenting their opinions about the Work Committee chairman’s explanation,

- Delegate Group of national races;
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“With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw” is adopted as detailed basic principle sub-para 4 (a) of para 6.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said, “When detailed basic

principles were laid down according to the chapter headings, the principles relevant to respective chapters were transferred as the 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” but some should not be done so.

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

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

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

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

3. All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar. All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar. Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force. Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law.
4. Every citizen is under a duty to uphold Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty.
5. Every citizen is under a duty to abide by the provisions of the Constitution.
6. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.
7. The above right shall not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice.
8. The freedom so guaranteed shall not prohibit the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform.
9. The State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State.
10. The State also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as religions existing in the Union on the date of the coming into force of the State Constitution.
11. The State shall render assistance and protect as far as it can the religions it recognizes.
12. The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden. And any act which is intended or is likely to promote feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects is contrary to the State Constitution. A law may be adopted to punish such actions.
13. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.

The principles transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions”:

14. Myanmar language is the official language.
15. The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.

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

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Therefore, in accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention and many delegates of these delegate groups, the points:

- “1. The Head of State is the President of the Union.
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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.
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“ have been transferred to relevant chapters. So, these points are no longer contained in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Mr Chairman,

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, Section 226, sub-section 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”.

Presenting their opinions about the Work Committee chairman’s explanation,

- Delegate Group of national races;
- Delegate Group of peasants;
- Delegate Group of workers;
- Delegate Group of intellectuals and intelligentsia;
- Delegate Group of State service personnel;
- Delegate Group of other invited persons;
- the parties representing the Delegate Group of political parties such as:
- National Unity Party;
- Union Pa-O National Organization ;
- Shan State Kokang Democratic Party;
- Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization;
- Lahu National Development Party;
- Union Kayin League;
- Kokang Democracy and Unity Party;
- Wa National Development Party, and
- three independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and six independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of representatives-elect U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win, and U Tin Tun Maung suggested that the points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Therefore, in accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention and many delegates of these delegate groups, the point:

“Detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power” is revoked.

Mr Chairman,

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 accord with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention”.

In drafting the State Constitution in accord 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”.

Presenting their opinions about the Work Committee chairman’s explanation,

- Delegate Group of national races;
- Delegate Group of peasants;
- Delegate Group of workers;
- Delegate Group of intellectuals and intelligentsia;
- Delegate Group of State service personnel;
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- National Unity Party;
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- Wa National Development Party, and
- three independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and six independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of representatives-elect U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win, and U Tin Tun Maung expressed their support.

Furthermore, the panel of alternate chairmen of the National Convention plenary session citing the collection of the panel of chairmen presented that the Work Committee will have to carry on as approved by the National Convention.

Therefore, in accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention and many delegates of these delegate groups, the expression the National Convention said:

“as approved by the National Convention, we will have 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” is put on record.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman explained the basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added or repealed. In that regard, the Delegate Group of National Races made a separate suggestion.

The group said, “Sub-para (a) para 19 of General Provisions states as follows:

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- (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 **“inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law”** should be added as detailed basic principle 5 after detailed basic principle 4 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 **“inefficient discharge of duties”** should be substituted with the expression **“inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law”**.

The expressions are prescribed in accord with the suggestion, all detailed basic principles on impeachment will be same and more specific in meaning. Similarly, the expression **“inefficient discharge of duties”** prescribed in para 6, sub-para 5 in Chapter “Election” should also be amended as mentioned above. Only when will there be contextual uniformity in the State Constitution.

The suggestion conforms with the already-adopted principles, so it deserves serious consideration. As to whether the suggestion should be adopted as a detailed basic principle or not, the National Convention Convening Work Committee consulted with the members of the panel of chairmen. Then, the members

of the panel of chairmen held discussions with respective delegates, and submitted the opinions of the delegate groups to the Work Committee by letter. All delegate groups suggested that the expressions should be amended in accord with the suggestion.

So, according to the suggestions of many delegates, **“impeachment of the President or the Vice-President prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 16,**
— impeachment of a Union minister prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 4,
—impeachment of the Union Chief Justice prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 8,
—impeachment of Union Auditor-General prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 14,
—impeachment of the Chief Minister of Region or State prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 23,
—impeachment of Union Chief Justice or a justice of Union Supreme Court prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 4, and sub-para (a) 5 of para 5,
—impeachment of the chief justice or a judge of Region or State High Court prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 12, and sub-para (a) 5 of para 13,
—impeachment of the chairman or a member of the Constitutional Tribunal prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 19,
—impeachment of the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission prescribed in sub-para (a) 5 of para 10, and
—recalling the duties of a Hluttaw member prescribed in sub-para 5 of para 6 are amended as:

“inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law”.

Mr Chairman,

To ensure that the adopted detailed basic principles are clearer and more comprehensible, and the State Constitution is drafted more precisely and clearly, the Work Committee evaluated the adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles. In that regard, para 18 on formation of courts at different levels under Region or State High Court prescribed in the formation of judiciary and sub-para (a) of para 19 on appointment of justices, giving them judicial powers, and prescribing duties, rights and privileges state the expression **“under the High Court of the Region or State”**.

Legally, the scope of the term **“under supervision”** is wider than that of the term **“under”** in terms of meaning. Therefore, in meeting with the members of the panel of chairmen, the Work Committee presented that the word **“under”** should be replaced with the expression **“under supervision”**. Then, the members of the panel of chairmen held discussions with respective delegates, and submitted the opinions of the delegate groups to the Work Committee by letter. All delegate groups suggested that the expression should be amended in accord with the suggestion.

Thus, according to the suggestions of the delegate groups and many delegates:

Para 18 is amended as **“In connection with formation of various levels of courts under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State:**

“Under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State, there are the following levels of

courts”, and

Sub-para (a) of para 19 as: **“appointing judges at various levels of courts under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State, giving them judicial powers and prescribing their duties, rights and privileges shall be in accord with law”.**

Mr Chairman,

The National Convention adopted detailed basic principles for prescribing self-administered areas. In that regard, one of the detailed basic principle says, **“to group together Hopang, Mongmao, Panwaing, Narphan, Manphant and Panyang Townships— six townships in Shan State into two districts and prescribe it Pa-O Self-Administered Zone”.**

Under the Notification dated 30-7-2002, the Ministry of Home Affairs renamed two townships in Wa Self-Administered Division: Manphant Township as Panhsan (Pankham) Township, and Pangyan Township, as Metman Township.

So, I will use new names to mention such townships in presenting the basic principles and detailed basic principles as a whole.

Mr Chairman,

Now, I have presented the basic principles and detailed basic principles the Work Committee has adopted. The State Constitution will be drafted based on these principles.

Binding methods and follow-up methods are stated as exceptions for the convenience of the National Convention in adopting the basic principles and detailed basic principles. Moreover, the matters to be carried out forthwith by the National Convention are prescribed.

The National Convention has carried out these matters, so they no longer need to be mentioned.

Now, the National Convention has successfully adopted the basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution, so I consider that there is no need to mention the points I have presented.

To ensure that the basic principles and detailed basic principles are clear and simple and the matters are notable, the exceptions and the matters to be carried out forthwith by the National Convention are no longer prescribed. They are:

1. Sub-para 5 of para (h) of Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” and explanations prescribed at the end of that chapter,

2. Detailed Basic Principles from 1 to 5 of Chapter “The State” have been transferred to the basic principles related to the State in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Paras from 1 to 5 and explanations,

3. Explanations in the Chapter “The State Structure”,

4. Explanations in the Chapter “The Head of State”,

5. Sub-paras 5 and 6 of para (d) in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”,

6. In accord with the methods to be implemented forthwith by the National Convention to delineate self-administered divisions and zones, the National Convention has delineated one self-administered division and five self-administered zones. paras from (a) to (d) on methods to delineate self-administered zones,

7. Para 34 (n) of Formation of Executive.

Mr Chairman and delegates,

Now, the National Convention has successfully adopted the Basic Principles and Detailed Basic Principles to be included in the State Constitution. In conclusion, I have to express my sincere thanks to the delegates for holding discussions actively and making positive suggestions throughout the National Convention being held for emergence of an enduring State Constitution. And I recognize and am proud of their collective efforts to complete the National Convention successfully.—MNA

Legally, the scope of the term “under supervision” is wider than that of the term “under” in terms of meaning. Therefore, in meeting with the members of the panel of chairmen, the Work Committee presented that the word “under” should be replaced with the expression “under supervision”. Then, the members of the panel of chairmen held discussions with respective delegates, and submitted the opinions of the delegate groups to the Work Committee by letter. All delegate groups suggested that the expression should be amended in accord with the suggestion.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects ...

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At the camp, 85 acres of land has been reclaimed as farmland and 14 acres as crop land. The plan is under way to reclaim 53 acres of land as farmland in 2007.

At Mongyai Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met servicemen and family members and attended to their needs. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected the groundnut model farm in Hoya Village of the township and fulfilled the requirements of cultivation task.

At Nampaung Station, they met servicemen and family members and gave gifts to them.

At the construction site of University of Computer Studies in Lashio, Acting Rector Dr Daw Nan Nan Soe and officials reported on construction of the three-storey main building. The commander gave a supplementary report. Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected progress of construction task.

At Lashio University, they met faculty members. Pro-Rector Dr Khin Maung Oo and Rector U Pe Thaung submitted reports on academic and management matters and construction tasks. After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win cordially greeted the faculty members. — MNA



Reclamation for high land cultivation of North-East Command. — MNA



Managing Director of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd Maj-Gen Win Than and party attend 23rd Gems and Jade Sales for 2007. (News on Page 16)— MNA

Seminar on earthquake warning system organized

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA jointly organized the seminar on earthquake warning system at the Ministry of Transport, here, this morning.

Director-General U Tun Lwin of the department explained implementation of the seismograph network system in Myanmar and tsunami

system.

Earthquake experts Dr Hiroshi Inoue and Dr Ken Sudo explained measurement of earthquake and assessment on Richter Scales.

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology is joining hands with JICA to establish a seismograph network, upgrading of seismographic task and setting up of the seismographic record centre. —MNA



Seminar on earthquake warning system in progress. — MNA

NLD's acts are disagreeable No confidence in NLD party and leaders

43 members of Labutta Township NLD quit

YANGON, 23 Aug — A total of 43 members including U Maung Aye, U Chan Aye, U Hla Hsan, U Phoe Aung Tin, U Robert, U Tun Nyein, U Saw Kyar Htoo, U Saw Tin Shwe, U Naw Shwe Yin, U Maung Kan Aye, Daw Ma Ngwe, U Shwe Lay and U Ma Haw of Labutta Township National League for Democracy resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 13 August.

In their resignation letters sent to Labutta Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they were disagreeable to NLD's acts and lost confidence in the party and its leaders. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said. — MNA

Top US commander in Iraq to testify before Congress

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — The top US commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus, and US Ambassador Ryan Crocker will testify before Congress in September on the situation in Iraq, the White House said Monday.

Their testimonies

would come before the White House is required by Congress to submit a second assessment report on President George W Bush's troop-increase strategy by 15 September, national security spokesman Gordon Johndroe said

aboard *Air Force One*, US media reported.

The report is to be prepared by Petraeus and Crocker.

Johndroe said Petraeus and Crocker might testify on 11 and 12 September in open hearings.

MNA/Xinhua

A&I Minister receives Thai delegation



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Thai delegation in Nay Pyi Taw. — A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received 14-member Thai delegation including Dr Nantawan Sarobol, Leader of Soybean Research Project

between Myanmar and Thailand, and Research Director Professor Dr Santhad Rojanasoonthon led by Professor Dr Sarun Wattanutchariya, Chairman of Agricultural and Biotechnological

Committee of National Research Council of Thailand at the minister's office here on 21 August.

Present also at the call were the directors-general and the managing directors of the ministry. — MNA

Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee holds 125th meeting

YANGON, 23 Aug — Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held its 125th meeting at Wireless and Traffic Police Force Office in Pazundaung Township this afternoon.

The meeting was opened with an address by

Chairman of the Committee Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

At the meeting, Joint Secretary of the committee Police Lt-Col Aung Naing reported on undertakings for resolutions of the previous meeting and

traffic rules enforcement activities in July and August. Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to traffic rules enforcement.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun. — MNA



Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun delivers an address at 125th meeting of Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee. — MNA

Ministry of Sports stands third in 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue played against the Ministry of Sports for the third place of the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament for 2007, jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation this evening.

The match was held at

the Paunglaung Sport ground in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana.

The Ministry of Sports beat the Ministry of Finance and Revenue 5-2.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, heads of department,

officials of Myanmar Olympic Committee and MFF, service personnel and sports fans.

On 24 August, the final match between the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and the Ministry of Commerce will be held at No 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground.

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Mon State PDC Chairman's Shield Men's and Women's Sepak Takraw Tournament concludes

YANGON, 23 Aug — The final events of Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Shield Men's and Women's Sepak Takraw Tournament was held in conjunction with the prize awarding ceremony at the sports hall

of Mon State on 15 August.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Secretary U Aung Win and members, departmental officials, members of social

organizations and fans.

Mudon Township grabbed up titles in the women's Double Regu and Regu events. Mawlamyine sealed titles in the men's Double Regu and Regu events. The chairman presented prizes to winning teams. — MNA

Prizes presented to outstanding students of Rail Transportation Ministry



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents award to a six-distinction winner.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students of staff for 2006-07 academic year was held at the Ministry of Rail Transportation, here, this morning.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to three six-distinction winning students.

Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than gave prizes to other outstanding students.

A total of 578 students of the staff of the ministry passed the matriculation examination for 2007.

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Medical Superintendent of Yangon Children's Hospital U Aung Kyi Win accepts K 1.7 million donated by Family Business Group Thursday.

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Iran’s President heads for Azerbaijan for 2-day visit

TEHERAN, 22 Aug— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad left here Tuesday morning for Baku on a two-day visit to neighbouring Azerbaijan. Before his departure, Ahmadinejad told reporters that during the visit the two sides will discuss bilateral cooperation, especially the economic cooperation in the fields of gas and energy, Customs and investments. He described the Teheran-Baku relations as

“deep, cordial and lasting,” saying that the two countries “share common culture, religion and history.” Promotion of bilateral ties with neighbouring countries is one of Iran’s top priorities, stressed the President. While in Baku, President Ahmadinejad is scheduled to meet and hold talks with his Azerbaijani counterpart Ilham Aliyev on bilateral ties and regional issues,

said the official IRNA news agency. The two presidents are also expected to sign agreements for bilateral cooperation and then hold a joint Press conference, IRNA added. Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and Ahmadinejad’s top adviser Mojtaba Samareh Hashemi are among senior officials accompanying the President in the two-day visit. — MNA/Xinhua



Two women look at the destruction caused by Hurricane Dean in their house in the town of Mahahual, 80 km from Chetumal, after authorities allowed residents to go back for their belongings. —INTERNET



A man collects water at a flooded street after Tropical Storm Sepat hits Yongxing county, central China’s Hunan Province, on 22 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Pakistan culls chickens after H5N1 bird flu found

ISLAMABAD, 22 Aug— Pakistani authorities have detected an outbreak of the H5N1 strain of bird flu at a poultry farm in a northwestern town and have culled more than 35,000 birds, a government official said on Tuesday. Several outbreaks of H5N1 strain of avian influenza have been found in birds this year in Pakistan, where the virus first appeared in early 2006. Pakistan has had no human cases. The new outbreak was found in late July at a big farm in Mansehra Town, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of the capital, Islamabad. “Samples were tested after reports of the death of about 14,000 chickens,” said Food and Agriculture Ministry official, Rafiq-ul-Hassan Usmani. “The remaining 35,000 birds were culled after the samples tested positive,” he said.

MNA/Reuters

Space shuttle “Endeavour” lands safely in Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL, 22 Aug— The US space shuttle Endeavour ended a 13-day spaceflight on Tuesday, apparently unscathed during its supersonic descent through the atmosphere despite a small tear in its heatshield. The shuttle, with a gouge in its protective belly tiles caused by a piece of foam insulation that broke off during launch, returned to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida a day earlier than planned because of the threat that Hurricane Dean could force the evacuation

of its Houston control centre. The damaged tile proved no problem during the return to Earth and the storm ended up veering south, striking Mexico. Having already departed from the International Space Station, where Endeavour and its crew had spent nine days installing new components and delivering supplies, NASA decided to proceed with the landing, pending good weather in Florida. The skies were partly cloudy but calm as shuttle

commander Scott Kelly took control of the 100-tonnespace ship during the final approach to the shuttle’s home port. He gently nosed Endeavour onto a three-mile (4.8-kilometre), canal-lined runway at 12:32 pm EDT/1632 GMT just a short distance from the seaside launch pad where the shuttle’s journey began on 8 August. “It’s just a beautiful sight to see an orbiter come home to Florida,” said

shuttle launch director Mike Leinbach. About an hour after touchdown, five of Endeavour’s six astronauts walked out of a specially equipped van on the runway where they had gone for initial medical checks. Teacher-turned-astronaut Barbara Morgan, who trained as the backup to teacher Christa McAuliffe for the ill-fated Challenger shuttle mission in 1986, stayed aboard. — MNA/Reuters



A model shows off a dog in a designer outfit during the 2007 Pet Fashion Week NY dog runway fashion show on 19 Aug. —INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills two, injures four in Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug— At least two people were killed and four others injured in a roadside bomb explosion near minibus in eastern Baghdad on Tuesday, while mortar rounds struck the US-controlled Green Zone, an Interior Ministry source said. “A roadside bomb went off at noon near a minibus carrying passengers in Baghdad’s al-Jadida neighbourhood, killing at least two people and wounding four others,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Earlier in the day, several mortar rounds landed on the heavily fortified Green Zone, which houses the Iraqi Government offices and foreign embassies, including the US Embassy, the source added. It was not known whether there was any casualty or where exactly the rounds landed, he said. The US-controlled Green Zone is a vast area in central Baghdad on the west bank of the Tigris River that bisect the Iraqi capital. In addition, a roadside bomb detonated near a US patrol in Baghdad’s northern district of Kadhimiyah, according to the source. There was no word on casualties among the US soldiers as the troops immediately cordoned off the scene, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Japanese PM visits India, eyeing trade

NEW DELHI, 22 Aug—Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrived in India on Tuesday for a high-profile visit to India with around 200 business executives in a trip designed to boost trade with a booming economy and counterbalance China.

Trade between Asia's largest and third-largest economies has failed to fulfil its potential as Japan focused on China and Southeast Asia, but Indian government officials predict it could double to

around 14 billion US dollars by 2012.

The two countries are also seeking to act as a counterweight to China's growing economic and diplomatic might in Asia by building closer economic ties. India, growing at around 9 per cent a year, also desperately needs new infrastructure investments.

"Neither Japan nor India has a desire to contain China," C Raja Mohan, professor at Nanyang Technological University

in Singapore, wrote in the *Indian Express*.

"Yet a much larger challenge confronts Tokyo and New Delhi.

Will they accept a subordinate status in a Sino-centric order that has begun to emerge in Asia? Or will Tokyo and New Delhi persist with the construction of a multi-polar Asia?"

India's Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon warned on Monday against a "zero sum game" with China — a country heading towards being India's biggest trade partner. He added that relations with Japan could not come at the cost of China, and vice-versa.

MNA/Reuters



Russian President Vladimir Putin (R Front) looks at the model of a Ukrainian plane during the 8th Russian International Aviation and Space Exhibition in Zhukovsky on the outskirts of Moscow, on 21 Aug, 2007. The exhibition kicked off in Zhukovsky on Tuesday. —XINHUA

No new British N-power plants likely before 2020

LONDON, 22 Aug—No nuclear power plants are likely to be built in Britain before 2020, if they are built at all, which will be too late to fill the country's

looming power generation gap, according to a report published on Monday.

The British Government wants the private sector to build new nuclear power

plants to replace the country's ageing reactors and plug a generation shortfall left by the closure of coal-fired power plants under European environment laws.

But the report by Poyry Energy Consulting says the commercial case for building new nuclear plants is shaky and that none will be built without a higher long-term carbon price than that set by the current European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).

"Despite the rhetoric, it is difficult to see much new nuclear capacity coming into the market before 2020," Poyry director Andrew Nind said. —MNA/Reuters



A photographer takes a photo of a Sharp LCD TV at a news conference in Tokyo on 22 Aug, 2007. Sharp said it has developed the world's thinnest and lightest LCD TVs with enhanced picture quality, in a pre-emptive move before the release of organic light-emitting diode TVs, known for their thin displays and crisp images. —INTERNET

Denmark cuts income taxes as election looms

COPENHAGEN, 22 Aug—Denmark's Government unveiled 10 billion crowns

(1.81 billion US dollars) of tax cuts for the employed on Tuesday to capitalize on a strong economy and help set the stage for a possible early election later this year.

The cuts will largely be financed by inflation-indexed environmental taxes on energy, Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen told a news conference.

The centre-right government hopes that the package will entice more Danes to join the workforce that is strained by jobless levels at more-than-30-year lows.

Rasmussen and his finance and economic affairs ministers also presented a plan for 50 billion crowns of increased public spending over 10 years to improve the quality of welfare, saying Denmark had the necessary financial muscle.

"We are one of the world's richest societies and should also have a welfare system of the highest quality," Rasmussen said.

Business daily *Borsen* wrote before the official announcement that 600,000 working Danes

or about 11 per cent of the population, will benefit from the cuts which will raise the marginal tax rate thresholds and boost deductions for both high- and low-income workers in 2008 and 2009.

Denmark is one of the world's most highly-taxed countries as a percentage of the total economy, according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, but the country's cradle-to-grave welfare system offers free health care and schooling.

MNA/Reuters

GCC to launch pan-Gulf mail transportation company

ABU DHABI, 22 Aug—The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will launch a pan-Gulf mail transportation company to carry postal mails and couriers across the GCC region, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Tuesday.

"GCC postal managements drew closer to establishing a pan-GCC mail transportation company following a second meeting of a special committee of representatives from GCC postal administrations," the report quoted a statement by *Emirates Post* of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as saying.

The committee took stock of the progress made so far and agreed on the framework of the financial and operations model for the proposed company at a workshop held in Dubai on Monday.

The committee also completed the documentation for the second phase of the project and agreed on the model to be adopted.

"The meeting helped tie loose ends and move ahead for implementing the ambitious new project that will streamline and speed up mail transportation within the region," *Emirates Post's* director-general Abdullah Al Daboos said.

MNA/Xinhua



The 1 millionth Chery car rolls off the production line at the company's headquarters yesterday in Wuhu, East China's Anhui Province. —XINHUA

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIN TONG YU 108 VOY NO (712) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.8.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of Asia World Port Terminal where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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EU gives \$2.7m to relieve Sudan floods

KHARTOUM, 22 Aug—The European Union donated two million euros (2.7 million US dollars) for flood relief efforts in Sudan on Monday as heavy rains turned Khartoum's roads into rivers and brought traffic to a standstill in the capital.

Officials have described this year's floods as the worst in living memory in Sudan with unexpectedly early rains destroying more than 70,000 houses and killing more than 70 people in just one month.

"ECHO (The European Commission's humanitarian aid wing) has given two million euros to address the immediate impact of the month-long floods," The EU mission in Khartoum said in a statement on Monday.

Alvaro Ortega, an ECHO official in Sudan, told reporters: "Many have lost all their belongings and will need assistance to restart their lives and resume some economic activity. "Cases of malaria, the number one killer in Africa and common in Sudan, are on the rise and expected to reach epidemic levels in flooded areas."—MNA/Reuters

China national tourist office opens in India

NEW DELHI, 22 Aug—In line with the action plan "China-India year of friendship through tourism-2007", China National Tourism Administration (CNTA) and Indian Tourism and Culture Ministry jointly hosted the inauguration of the China National Tourist Office opening in New Delhi Monday night.

It is the official Chinese tourist office affiliated to CNTA with a responsibility to promote China as a tourist destination in the growing Indian outbound travel market. Mr Shao Qiwei, Chairman of the CNTA said that the opening of Tourist Office in India will further promote bilateral relations and Sino-India friendship.

"China and India have been warming up tourism exchange this year," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Indian Tourism and Culture Minister Ambika Soni said the opening of the CNTA office is in conformity with the action plan adopted by the two countries in February this year.

She said it is also an indication of the importance that the government of China attaches to expanding people to people links with India through tourism.

MNA/Xinhua

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Bolivia's Morales donates pay to Peru quake victims

LA PAZ, 22 Aug—Bolivian President Evo Morales said on Monday he and his Cabinet will donate part of their pay to families left homeless by the devastating earthquake that rocked neighbouring Peru last week killing over 500 people.

"Peru has always shown solidarity toward us, and the first contribution I'd like to announce is that the President and Vice-President will donate 50 per cent of their salaries," Morales told a news conference in La Paz.

Leftist leader Morales, the Andean country's first Indian president, said all ministers and deputy ministers will donate 25 per cent of this month's salaries and invited all Bolivians to contribute to emergency funds.

Wednesday's 8.0 magnitude quake devastated several cities on Peru's central-Pacific coast, and getting emergency supplies to tens of thousands of people left homeless has become a logistical nightmare for the Peruvian Government.

Argentina and other Latin American countries have sent aircraft full of medicines, food, water, tents, clothes and blankets to Peru.—MNA/Reuters

French researchers discover new knowledge on HIV's persistence

PARIS, 22 Aug—The HIV virus modifies the pH of cellular compartments where it accumulates itself in the macrophages, thus preventing the activation of enzymes charged with degrading it, according to a study conducted by French researchers published on Monday.

HIV attacks the cells of the immune system, where it multiplies itself. It forms stocks in some cells which are difficult to access by anti-viral treatments.

In order to understand this multiplication of the virus in the white blood cells, a team of researchers from the French national centre for scientific research (CNRS), Pasteur institute and the French national institute for health and medical research (INSERM) studied the proliferation of HIV in macrophages, and discovered that viral particles accumulates themselves in certain compartments of infected macrophages.

But, these compartments normally possess pH acid where HIV is not supposed to survive. But pH measures carried out by the French researchers revealed an acidification defect in these compartments: HIV manages to modify this hostile milieu to create a favourable environment for its survival and storage.

MNA/Xinhua

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Tourists walk on snow at the foot of the Tianshan Mountains in Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 22 Aug, 2007. Snow and rain hit the north part of the Tianshan Mountains on Wednesday.—XINHUA

SADC telecom firms advised to commercialize operations

LUSAKA, 22 Aug—State-owned telecom companies in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) members have been advised to commercialize operations in order to survive, Zambia Times reported on Tuesday, citing Labour Deputy Minister Austin Liato.

Liato said that to remain viable, public telecommunications

operators had to embrace technology and learn to do business in a commercially sustainable manner.

“Our competitors in the public sector are always innovating new ways of selling their products, carrying out market research, evaluating customer complaints and seeking new markets through product development,” he said, “If they are succeeding, we have no option but to change the way we do business and succeed too.”

“In today’s economic trend, quality service

delivery to the customers is important in view of the competition that service organizations such as telecommunications companies are facing,” Liato said.

Union Network International (UNI) Africa regional secretary Fackson Shamenda said the opening up of national economies to foreign competition through privatization and liberalization as a way of boosting stagnant economies had brought about unintended consequences on national economies and workers.

MNA/Xinhua

Study: it's not caffeine that makes coffee bitter

BEIJING, 22 Aug.—Chemical analyses and taste tests by humans have revealed — contrary to popular belief — that only 15 percent of the bitter taste in dark-roasted coffees comes from caffeine.

“Everybody thinks that caffeine is the main bitter compound in coffee, but that’s definitely not the case,” said study leader Thomas Hofmann, a professor of food chemistry and molecular sensory science at the Technical University of Munich in Germany, who presented his findings Tuesday at a meeting of the American Chemical Society in Boston.

Hofmann and his colleagues found two classes of compounds give coffee the bulk of its bitterness. Both are antioxidants found in roasted coffee beans, not in the green (raw) beans.

One class, called chlorogenic acid lactones, is present at high levels in light- to medium-roast brews. Dark roasts, such as espresso, showed high levels of phenylindanes, which form when the chlorogenic acid lactones break down and give a more lingering, harsh taste than their precursors, Hofmann said. “Roasting is the key factor driving bitter taste in coffee beans. So the stronger you roast the coffee, the more harsh it tends to get,” Hofmann explained.—Internet



Community residents view cold dishes prepared by themselves at a cuisine show held by Shilu Street Community in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 21 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

China Southern Airlines orders 55 “Boeing 737s”

BEIJING, 22 Aug—China Southern Airlines said on Tuesday that it has signed a deal with Boeing to buy 55 Boeing 737s to meet rising market demand and renew its fleet.

The aircraft, including the 737-700 and 737-800 models, would be delivered between May 2011 and October 2013, said a statement from China Southern, the country’s largest carrier in terms of fleet size.

China Southern would pay for the aircraft at a discount with its own funds and loans from commercial banks, said the statement. But the company did not disclose the value of the deal or the number of each model.

At catalogue prices, a 737-700 costs 57 million to 67.5 million US dollars, while a 737-800 costs 70.5 million to 79 million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Flood death toll reaches 146 in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 23 Aug—The death toll in the monsoon floods and landslides that began from 10 July has been put at 146 by Nepal Red Cross Society (NRCS), local newspaper The Rising Nepal reported Thursday.

The preliminary assessment carried out by district chapters of NRCS showed that 467,742 people of 78,606 families have been affected. Similarly, 70,605 houses have been damaged completely or partially and 22,257 families displaced.

47 districts out all 75

districts of Nepal have been affected by the monsoon floods and landslides.

Districts in the whole Teraibelt in southern Nepal have been affected the worst.

The assessment report states that fertile lands are covered with sand and the newly planted crops, mainly paddy, have been damaged. Infrastructure such as roads, bridges, schools and services are partly or completely damaged in the worst affected districts.

People who are taking

shelter in community buildings, schools and temples, are still waiting for the water to recede and to return to their places.

The Red Cross, Nepali government, UN agencies and other humanitarian organizations are planning for renovation of houses, providing basic household items, restoring public infrastructure, addressing livelihood options and providing food, promotion of health promotion activities and renovation and repair of water resources.

Internet



Australia's Bronte Barratt takes part in the women's 200m freestyle final during the Japan International Swim Meet 2007 in Narashino, east of Tokyo, on 23 Aug, 2007. Barratt won the gold medal in the event. — INTERNET

SPORTS



Netherlands' Debby Stam, right, and China's Ma Yunwen, left, vie for the ball during the first day of the final round of the 2007 World Grand Prix women's volleyball tournament at Ningbo Beilun Gymnasium, Ningbo, China, on Wednesday, 22 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Germany maintain Wembley hoodoo to beat England

LONDON, 23 Aug — Germany maintained their Wembley hoodoo over England on Wednesday, coming from behind to win 2-1 in an entertaining friendly.

The visitors became the first team to beat England in the new-look 750-million-pound (1.49-billion-US-dollar) stadium after first-half goals from Kevin Kuranyi and debutant Christian Pander cancelled out Frank Lampard's early opener. Germany, who also won the last match played in the old stadium in October 2000, recorded their sixth victory over England since 1972 including the penalty shootout win at Wembley in Euro 96.

Germany coach Joachim Loew was without most of his first choice team, captain Michael Ballack heading a long injury list that also contained Bastian Schweinsteiger, Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski.

England, also missing several players including Steven Gerrard, Wayne Rooney and Owen Hargreaves, opened the scoring after good work by teenage right-back Micah Richards after nine minutes.

Richards beat Pander to set up Lampard and the Chelsea midfielder lashed the ball past Lehmann for his 13th international goal on his 56th appearance.

Germany levelled af-

ter 26 minutes when keeper Paul Robinson parried a cross by captain Bernd Schneider and Kuranyi tapped the ball in for his fifth goal in six matches since returning to the team after being dropped for last year's World Cup.

MNA/Reuters

Carew double sparks Norway upset over Argentina

OSLO, 23 Aug — Striker John Carew's double fired Norway to a surprise 2-1 win over Argentina in a friendly on Wednesday.

Carew netted the opener on 12 minutes from the penalty spot after defender John Arne Riise had been fouled.

The big frontman caused the South Americans plenty of problems and he almost struck again when he dribbled past

three defenders into Argentina's penalty area only to have his shot blocked.

Argentina pressed after the break but, against the run of play, Carew added a second in the 58th minute when he deftly headed in a free-kick taken by Riise.

Argentina, playing their first match since a traumatic 3-0 defeat by arch-rivals Brazil in the Copa America final last month, were without playmaker Juan Roman

who said they were too tired to play at the Copa, both started on the bench after being told by coach Dunga they would have to win back their places in the side. The pair were brought on at halftime as Dunga made seven substitutions.

Brazil managed only two first half chances, with Algeria goalkeeper Lounes Gouaoui parrying away shots from Robinho and Julio Baptista.

Algeria, with most of

the crowd behind them, enjoyed plenty of possession and played with confidence.

Rafik Saifi wasted their best first-half chance when he was sent clear by Karim Ziani but showed too much of the ball to Doni and allowed the Brazil goalkeeper, diving at his feet, to get a hand to the ball.

Ronaldinho had a chance to score when Brazil won a free kick but his shot went into Gouaoui's arms from 25 metres.

Algeria were close in the 55th minute when Karim Matmour disposed Fernando in midfield and produced a curling shot from the edge of the area which substitute goalkeeper Julio Cesar did well to save.

As Brazil turned the screws, Kaka's volley hit a defender with Gouaoui beaten, then Fernando was close with a long-range shot which bounced off the North African keeper.

MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Omar Esparza (L) fights for the ball with Colombia's Carmelo Valencia during their international friendly soccer match in Denver on 22 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

Sloppy Italy stunned 3-1 by Hungary in friendly

BUDAPEST, 23 Aug — World champions Italy produced a lacklustre performance and slumped to an embarrassing 3-1 defeat by Hungary in a friendly on Wednesday.

The stunning win over Italy gave Hungary their greatest win for a number of years as they have struggled to do well in their Euro 2008 qualifiers, losing to smaller nations such as Malta recently.

An impressive display by West Bromwich Albion midfielder Zoltan Gera, who scored a penalty and set up the other two goals, allowed Hungary to come from behind and cap a memorable night.

Italian coach Roberto Donadoni, however, can expect a rough ride when he returns home after his side failed to win their final match before facing World Cup finalists France in a Euro 2008 Group B qualifier on 8 September.

Donadoni, however, tried to play down the significance of the result.

MNA/Reuters



China's Tsung Min Tsai, left, followed by his rivals, competes during the men's 10,000 meters points at the World Speed Skating tournament in Cali, Colombia, on Wednesday, 22 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Hantuchova upset by teenager Szavay

NEW HAVEN (Connecticut), 23 Aug — Second seed Daniela Hantuchova suffered a setback before next week's US Open when she was beaten by a Hungarian qualifier in the second round of the WTA event in New Haven on Wednesday.

The Slovakian was broken five times as Agnes Szavay, ranked 41, clinched a 7-5, 6-3 victory in one hour, 53 minutes to set up a clash with Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine.

After dropping the first set, world number 10 Hantuchova looked back on track when she recovered from an early break down in the second set. But the 18-year-old Szavay then broke again and held on for victory. — MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Gustavo Alfonso Ayon Aguirre shoots versus Puerto Rico during their FIBA Americas Championship basketball game at the Thomas & Mack Centre in Las Vegas on Wednesday, 22 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Davenport loses comeback doubles match at New Haven

NEW HAVEN (Connecticut), 23 Aug — Lindsay Davenport made her much-anticipated return to competitive tennis at the WTA event in New Haven on Wednesday, just 10 weeks after the birth of her first child.

But the former world number one was beaten in her comeback match as she and fellow American Lisa Raymond lost 6-7, 6-3, 10-4 (champions tiebreak) to the world's top-ranked pair, Cara Black and Liezel Huber.

The 31-year-old Davenport was playing her first competitive match since September 2006.

The American is planning to make her singles return in Bali next month, with a view to playing a full schedule in 2008. — MNA/Reuters

New York State names 27 persistently dangerous schools

NEW YORK, 23 Aug — New York State Education Commissioner Richard Mills announced Tuesday that 27 schools have been identified as “persistently dangerous” in the state, up from 18 last year.

As required by federal law, the list of schools was announced so that parents can exercise their right of school choice.

“We know school officials work hard to ensure that children in their care are safe and learn to the best of their ability,” Mills said. “Nonetheless, some schools report incidents that raise serious concerns about children’s welfare. It’s critically important that school leaders intervene quickly to keep children safe.”

Schools are considered persistently dangerous if they have had six serious incidents for 100 students enrolled for at least two consecutive school years.

Serious incidents include homicide, forcible and other sexual offences, robbery, assault resulting in serious physical injury, arson, kidnapping, reckless endangerment, and

possession, use or threatened use of a weapon.

Seventeen of the 27 “persistently dangerous” schools are newly named this year, while 10 remain from last year.

All schools designated as “persistently dangerous” must provide school choice to students where transfer options exist. Each school also receives a 100,000-dollar grant to help improve school safety.

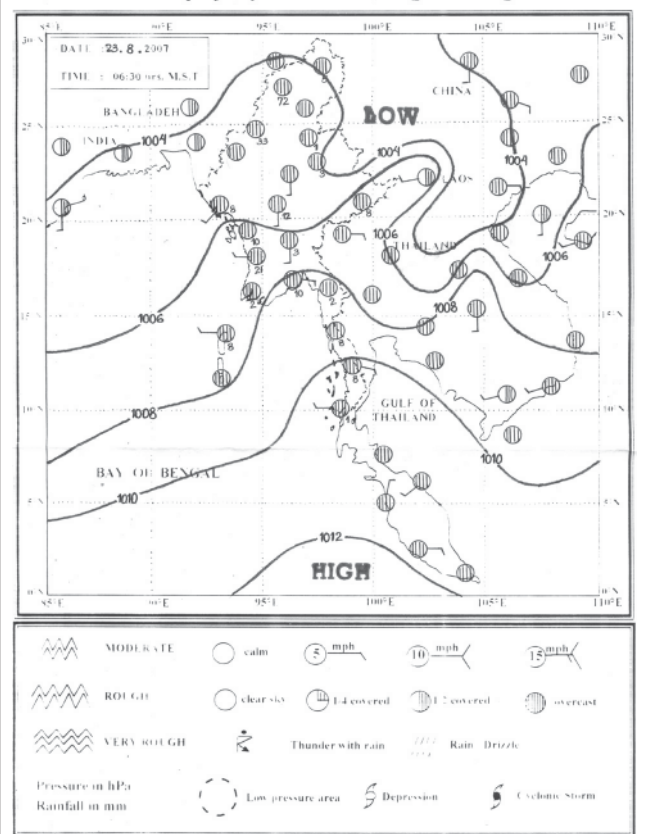
Commissioner Mills said this is the first of two announcements to be made. Later this year, a “Watch List” of schools, which is expected to be larger, will be identified. These schools must improve to avoid being designated as “persistently dangerous”.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman and a child look out at floodwaters approaching their door on Wednesday, 22 Aug, 2007, following heavy rains that caused flooding in Findlay, Ohio. Flooding remained a problem on Wednesday in parts of northern Ohio, keeping streets closed, schools shut down and residents waiting things out in shelters. — INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 23 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (2.83) inches, Myingyan (2.28) inches, Mindat (2.20) inches, Pinlaung (1.97) inches, Yamethin and Mingin (1.46) inches each and Myinmu (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-8-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 23-8-2007 was 92°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 23-8-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 22-8-2007 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 23-8-2007 was (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.39) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (92.87) inches at Mingaladon, (95.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.84) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 22-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Mon and Kayin States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 24-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 24-8-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 24-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 23-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1113) cm is exceeded (43) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Radio Myanmar

Friday, 24 August
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Holiday
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-We can do it
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-The model
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Who do you think you are
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-Yes you do
-How do I live
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
-Love fool
-Everytime you go
-It's all coming
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Friday, 24 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
- 7:55 am
5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:05 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:25 am
8. မြေခဲတောင်ရေလျောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 4:45 pm
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:10 pm
6. Song of yesteryears
- 5:20 pm
7. “ရှင်သန်ခြင်း” (မင်းဟိန်း၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးဝိုင်း၊ ကြည်စိုး (I.C.)၊ သန်းသန်းစိုး) ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်စိုး(ပဲရစ်)

- 5:45 pm
8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာ နိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
12. စက်မှုထုတ်ကုန်မှန်စက်မှုမှန်
- 7:15 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ချစ်မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 18. The next day's programme

Nay Pyi Taw, the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union

YANGON, 23 Aug— The following is the clarification of Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe yesterday on matters regarding the amendments, the additions and the repeals out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said that regarding the designation of Union territories, the National Convention plenary session held on 9 April 1994 laid down detailed basic principles. They are:

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



Secretary of National Convention Convening Work Committee U Thaung Nyunt. — MNA



Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA

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

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

remain as Yangon Region.

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

5. Designation of Union territories

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

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

Presenting their opinions about the Work Committee chairman’s explanation;

- Delegate Group of national races;
- Delegate Group of peasants;
- Delegate Group of workers;
- Delegate Group of intellectuals and intelligentsia;
- Delegate Group of State service personnel;
- Delegate Group of other invited persons;
- the parties representing the Delegate Group of political parties such as:
- National Unity Party;
- Union Pa-O National Organization ;
- Shan State Kokang Democratic Party;
- Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization;
- Lahu National Development Party;
- Union Kayin League;
- Kokang Democracy and Unity Party;
- Wa National Development Party, and
- three independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and six independent representatives-elect from the Delegate Group of

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UMEHL organizes 23rd Gems and Jade Sales



YANGON, 23 Aug — A total of 1,081 local and foreign gem merchants arrived at the 23rd Gems and Jade Sales 2007 of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and observed the gem and jade lots at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than of UMEHL, members of the BOD and officials attended it.

The opening ceremony of the sales will be held tomorrow morning. The gem merchants are to put proposals into the boxes not later than 7 am tomorrow morning. — MNA

Gem merchants observe jade lots at 23rd Gems and Jade Sales of UMEHL 2007. — MNA