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Senior General Than Shwe sees off Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win on their departure for Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, who left here by air for Sri Lanka at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the airport were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Members

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***Senior General Than Shwe sees off Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*— MNA**

Senior General Than Shwe receives Thai Army Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Chairman of Council of National Security of Thailand and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyanaratglin and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence, here, at 2 pm today.

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***Senior General Than Shwe receives General Sonthi Boonyanaratglin, Chairman of National Security of Council of Thailand and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army at Bayintnaung Yeiktha.*— MNA**

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards development of Myanma tourism industry

Ancient cultural heritage and natural beauties of Myanmar are tourist attractions.

The Bagan archaeological region where literature, culture and belief of Bagan era flourished is one of the famous tourist destinations.

Shwedagon Pagoda of Yangon, Kanbawzathadi Palace of Bago, Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace of Mandalay and other famous pagodas, Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda of Mon State, eminent stupas of Rakhine State and beauty scenes of Inlay Lake are also famous tourist destinations.

Such seaside resorts as Ngapali, Chaungtha, Setse etc. are famous among foreign and local travelers.

As the open season is going to arrive in the very near future the relevant departments are making relentless efforts for the development of tourism industry.

In the meantime, arrangements have been made for hotel zones, resorts and other famous tourist sites to be more beautiful and pleasant, and to provide services of international level.

This being so, tour operators and departmental officials are urged to make concerted efforts for the development of Myanma tourism industry with added momentum.

Take no interest in NLD's acts
No intention to stand as NLD member
One resigns from Yamethin Township NLD

YANGON, 27 Aug — Member U Khin Maung Lay of Yamethin Township National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division resigned from the party of his own volition, sending his resignation letter to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 20 August.

In his resignation letter sent to Yamethin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, he said that he took no interest in NLD's acts and no longer wished to stand as NLD member. That was why he resigned from the party of his own volition, he said. — *MNA*

People's Desire

*** Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
*** Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
*** Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
*** Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Dagon Myothit (South) Township MCWA organizes membership applications presentation ceremony

YANGON, 26 Aug — A ceremony to designate the tobacco, rubbish and mosquito free schools for the children organized by Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at No 30 Basic Education Primary School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

First, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address.

Next, membership applications presentation ceremony followed. Chairperson of Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted 5000 membership applications presented by Chairperson Daw Tin Pa Pa Win of township MCWA.

Later, Daw Mar Mar Wai presented sanitation equipment for schools in the township and posters on dengue fever through the chairpersons of ward/village MCWAs.

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council has carried out health care activities at the townships in and around Yangon in cooperation with Yangon Division Health Department, Division/District MCWSCs and township MCWAs.

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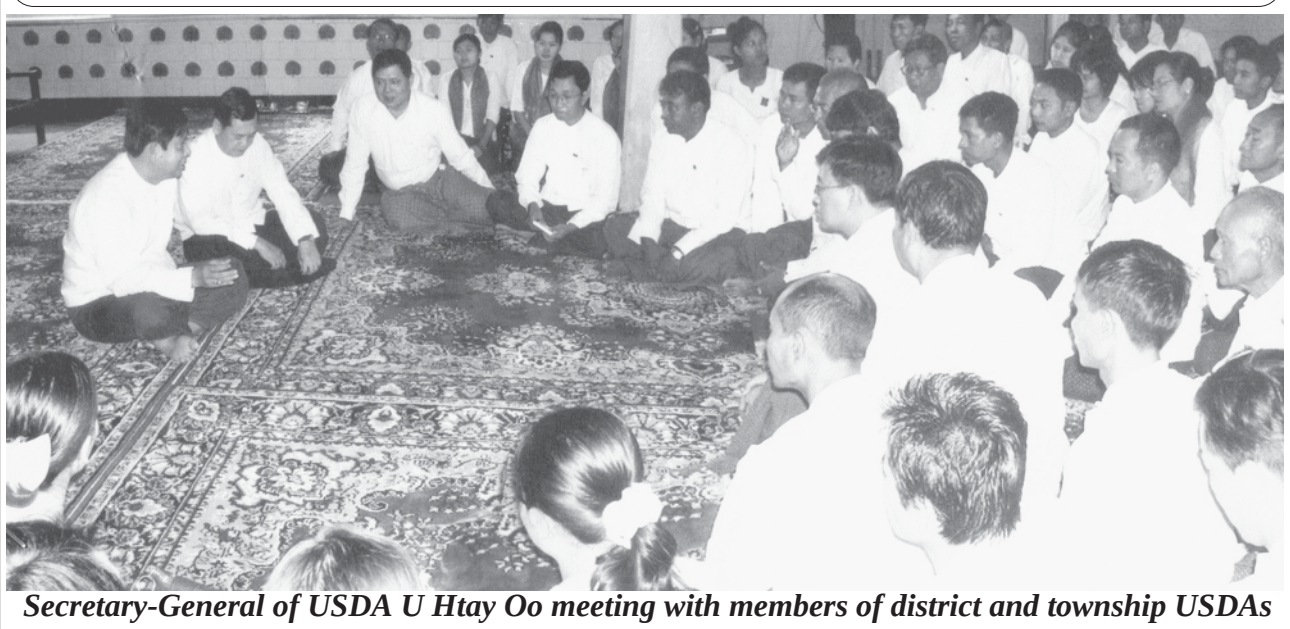
Textbooks donated to monastic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo meeting with members of district and township USDAs in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.— A & I

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — A cash donation ceremony to set up the funds for tubewell and supply of electric power to two monasteries was held at Maha Ledisan monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 25 August.

Wellwishers and employees of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation also donated textbooks to eight monastic education schools there.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo, CEC member U Thein Swe, directors-general and managing directors under the ministry, Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District USDA U Khin Maung Htay and members.

First, the congregation took the Nine Precepts from Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabuddi of Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zayyon monastery.

Next, the Secretary-General presented documents of tubewell to the Sayadaw of Maha Ledisan monastery and cash to the funds for power supply to the Sayadaw of Pali Tekkatho Monastery. CEC member U Thein Swe also presented cash to the funds for supply of power to the Sayadaw of Maha Ledisan monastery.

Afterwards, departmental officials and the secretary of District USDA donated textbooks for the schools through teachers of the monastic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

After the donation ceremony, the Secretary-General and the CEC member met with members of district/township USDAs.— *MNA*

Myanmar ease through 3-1 victory over Zimbabwe

YANGON, 27 Aug — The 39th Merdeka Football Tournament 2007 continued in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at 6.30 pm Malaysian Standard Time today.

Defending Champion Myanmar Team moved up to the final by beating Zimbabwe 3-1 in the first semifinal match.

The goals for Myanmar National Team came through two goals from Yan Paing at the 33rd in the first half and 11th minutes in the second half and a third from Yazar Win Thein at the 44th minute in the second half.

On 29 August, Myanmar will play against the winning team from the second semifinal match between Singapore and Malaysia. — *MNA*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

General says new US armoured trucks are symbolic targets

ABERDEEN (Maryland), 26 Aug— New armoured vehicles that give extra protection to US troops in Iraq are becoming symbolic targets for insurgents, the top military officer in charge of acquiring the vehicles said on Friday.

The Pentagon says the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, which have V-shaped hulls to disperse the impact of bomb blasts, will save the lives of many US troops and is rushing them to Iraq.

But Marine Corps Brigadier-General Michael Brogan suggested the hype surrounding the vehicles was putting them at greater risk, pushing insurgents to see them as a challenge to be defeated.

"As we field these things, because of what all you are doing and how much you are touting the fact that they protect our troops ... these are becoming symbolic targets," he told reporters at an MRAP demonstration organized by the US military.

"That in and of itself is not a good thing," he said.

The boxy, truck-like MRAPs, which come in various sizes and were originally developed in South Africa, give much greater protection than the Humvee vehicles used by many US troops in Iraq against bombs planted on or beside roads.

The Pentagon says 6,415 MRAPs have been ordered and more than 225 have been fielded.

MNA/Reuters

A worker in a bio-hazard suit poses as he disinfects a hygienic sluice at the entry of a poultry farm in Wachenroth, southern Germany on 26 Aug , 2007. The H5N1 bird flu virus has been found in several ducks at a poultry farm in the southern German state of Bavaria, local authorities said on Saturday. All 160,000 birds in the farm would be culled, a ministry spokeswoman said. The farm has been sealed off.—XINHUA

Participants take part in the Katinting boat race, held in August every year, at the Losari beach in Makassar, South Sulawesi on 26 Aug , 2007. — INTERNET

Bird-flu find results in Germany's biggest bird cull ever

BAVARIA, 26 Aug—A team of eight vets and poultry workers at the farm in Wachenroth, Bavaria, started what officials called the biggest ever culling operation in Germany late on Saturday. The birds were placed in three large containers where they were either gassed or electrocuted, officials said after the operation ended on Sunday afternoon. Tests by the Friedrich Loeffler Institute of Veterinary Medicine had found the lethal strain of the virus in five of the birds.

A three-kilometre exclusion zone was set up around the farm, near the city of Erlangen which is about 200 kilometres (120 miles) north of Munich, as officials began tracking down the cause of the infection. Initial reports said the infected animals came from another poultry farm in the northern state of Lower Saxony, but this was later denied.

"We have not been able to pinpoint the source of outbreak," said Bavarian Health Secretary Otmar Bernhard. Experts are expected to keep trying to determine how the virus entered the farm.

The H5N1 strain of avian influenza has killed nearly 200 people in recent years, mainly through direct contact with poultry. Most of the victims have been in Asia. There have been no human deaths from bird flu in Europe, where outbreaks were reported recently in several countries, including Germany and the Czech Republic.

Internet

Lightning kills two, injures three in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 27 Aug—Two people were killed and three injured in a lightning strike in Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria District, 80 kilometres east of capital Dhaka, Saturday morning.

Witnesses were quoted by private news agency *UNB* as saying Ripon, 25, and Alal, 19, died instantly as thunderbolts struck them while they were working on a cropland.

Three people were also injured in the lightning. One of them was admitted to local hospital.

Bangladesh is experiencing monsoon season which starts mid of June and ends mid of October. Heavy rain and thunderstorm are common in this season which usually cause loss of life and property in the South Asian country every year.

MNA/Xinhua

Single winner in $314 million Powerball lottery

INDIANA, 26 Aug— Powerball lottery officials say one winning ticket was sold for Saturday night's $314 million jackpot.

It was purchased in Indiana.

The pot had grown so huge because there had not been a big winner in any of the drawings since late June. Saturday night's six Powerball numbers are: 2, 8, 23, 29 and 35, with a Powerball of 19.

The jackpot for the multi-state lottery starts over at 15 million dollars for Wednesday night's drawing. And for people out of luck on Powerball, there is another giant lottery jackpot out there. The Mega Millions prize will be worth about $250 million for Tuesday's drawing. —*Internet*

40-year-old killed by artillery explosion in Vietnam

HANOI, 27 Aug—A 40-year-old man was killed and another injured when an artillery shell exploded in Vietnam's central Quang Ngai Province, according to local newspaper *Young People* on Monday. The explosion occurred in Duc Pho District on Sunday morning when the man named Do Tien Tuan was sawing the shell for explosive and metal.

According to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund of the United States, during the Vietnam War from 1965-1975, the US Armed Forces deployed more than 15 million tons of bombs, mines, artillery shells and other ordnance in the country, in which 10 per cent did not detonate as designed.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Afghan soldiers keep watch next to a burning truck after it was set on fire by the Taleban on the Kabul-Ghazni highway on 25 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Myanmar Naing-Ngan is a sovereign, independent nation

YANGON, 27 Aug— *The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention presented Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. The following is the 'State Fundamental Principles' read out by Member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of the National Convention Convening Work Committee.*

Chapter (I)
State Fundamental Principles

(1) In connection with the State, it is laid down that -
(a) Myanmar Naing-Ngan is a sovereign, independent nation;
(b) the State shall be known as Pyidaungsu Thamada Myanmar Naing-Ngan Daw;
(c) The State is a nation wherein various national races make their homes together.
(d) sovereign power of the State is derived from the citizens and is in force in the whole country;
(e) the territorial boundary of the State is as it is on the day this State Constitution comes into force.

(2) In connection with the aims and objectives of the State, it is laid down that- the State is consistently aimed at -
(a) non-disintegration of the Union,
(b) non-disintegration of national solidarity,
(c) perpetuation of sovereignty,
(d) flourishing of a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy
(e) further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values namely justice, liberty and equality in the State,
(f) for the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the State.

(3) In connection with multiparty democracy, it is stipulated that--
- the State practises discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.

(4) In connection with State structure, it is laid down that-
(a) the Union is constituted by Pyidaungsu (Union) systems;
(b) the existing seven divisions are designated seven regions and the existing seven states are designated seven states. Those seven regions and seven states are of equal status and authority;
(c) the names of those seven regions and seven states are retained as they are at present;
(d) if it is desired to change the name of a region or a state, it shall be done so with enactment of law after ascertaining the wishes of citizens residing in the region or state concerned;
(e) in regions or states, self- administered areas are to be prescribed for national races who reside together in communities on the same common stretches of land in appropriate sizes of population, other than national races who have already got regions or states;

(5) In connection with separation and distribution of sovereign State power, it is laid down that-
(a) the three branches of State power, namely legislative power, executive power and judicial power are separated as much as possible and exert reciprocal control, check and balance among themselves;
(b) the three branches of State power, so separated are distributed among Pyidaungsu (Union), regions, states and self- administered areas.

(6) In connection with legislature, it is laid down that-
(a) the legislative power of the State is distributed among Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaws and State Hluttaws. legislative power stipulated by the State Constitution shall be distributed to self- administered areas;

U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of the National Convention Convening Work Committee.
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(b) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw consists of two Hluttaws- one Hluttaw elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population and the other one with equal number of representatives elected from regions and states;
(c) there will be a Region Hluttaw in each of the seven regions and a State Hluttaw in each of the seven states;
(d) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaws and State Hluttaws include Tatmadaw servicemen Hluttaw representatives nominated as such by the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief in numbers stipulated by the State Constitution;
(e) for national races with appropriate sizes of population, national race representatives are to be permitted to participate in legislatures of regions, states or self-administered areas concerned.

(7) In connection with executive branch, it is laid down that-
(a) the head of executive of the State is the President of the State;
(b) the executive power of the State is distributed among the administrative organs of Pyidaungsu, regions and states; self- administrative power shall be distributed to self-administered areas as stipulated by the State Constitution;
(c) Pyidaungsu, regions, states, self-administered areas and district' executive organs include Tatmadaw servicemen nominated by Deform Services Commander-in-Chief to undertake responsibilities of the defence, security, border administration etc.
(d) for national races of which representatives are so permitted to participate in legislatures of regions, states or self-administered areas in accord with above paragraph (6) sub-paragraph (e), representatives are to be permitted to participate, mainly to undertake their national race affairs, in administration of respective region, state or self-administered area:

(8) In connection with the judiciary It is laid down that-
(a) the judicial power of the State is distributed among Supreme Court of the Union (Supreme Court), Region Taya Hluttaw (Region High Court), State Taya Hluttaw (State High Court) and law courts of different levels including law courts of self-administered areas:
(b) in the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Supreme Court of the Union. Supreme Court of the Union is the supreme law court of the State;
(c) Supreme Court of the Union has powers to issue writs;
(d) a Region Taya Hluttaw is constituted in each of the regions and a State Taya Hluttaw is constituted in each of the states;
(e) the following are stipulated as judicial principles-
- independent administration of justice in accord with law;
- administration of justice in public except where restricted by law;
- giving of right of defence and right of appeal by law in cases.

(9) In connection with the Tatmadaw, it is laid down that-
(a) the Tatmadaw is strong, modern and must be the sole existing Tatmadaw;
(b) the Tatmadaw has the right to independently administer all affairs concerning the forces;
(c) the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief is the Supreme Commander of all armed forces;
(d) the Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in State security and defence;
(e) the Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty;
(f) the Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution.

(10) In connection with citizens and citizens' fundamental rights and responsibilities, it is laid down that -
(a) every citizen shall enjoy rights of equality, rights of liberty and rights of justice etc. as prescribed in the State Constitution;
(b) there shall be no right to hold a citizen in detention for more than 24 hours without the permission of a law court;
(c) public peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order is the responsibility of every citizen;
(d) necessary law shall be enacted to make citizens' freedoms, rights, benefits, responsibilities and restrictions effective, firm and complete.

(11) In connection with the national races, it is laid down that-
(a) the State shall help develop language, literature, fine arts and culture of the national races;
(b) the State shall help promote solidarity, mutual amity, and respect and mutual help among the national races;
(c) the State shall help promote socio-economic development including education, health, economy, transport and communications of less developed national races.

(12) In connection with the peasantry, it is laid down that-
(a) the Stale shall enact necessary law to protect the rights of the peasantry:
(b) the State shall help the peasantry get equitable value for their agricultural produce.

(13) In connection with workers, it is laid down that -
- the Slate shall enact necessary laws to protect the rights of workers.

(14) In connection with Intellectuals and intelligentsia, it is laid down that -
- the stale shall help promote the interests of the intellectuals and intelligentsia.

(15) In connection with the State service personnel, it is laid down that-
(a) Stale service personnel shall be free from party politics;
(b) the State shall enact necessary laws far State service personnel to have due security in service and sufficiency of food. clothing and shelter, tot married women in service to get maternity benefits, and for welfare to ease livelihood of persons who have retired from service.

(16) In connection with national culture, it is laid down that-
- the State shall help for development, consolidation and preservation of national culture.

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Chapter (II)
The State Structure

(1) The State is constituted by Pyidaungsu (Union) system.

(2) The State is delineated and constituted with the seven regions and seven states as follows:
- Kachin State
- Kayah State
- Kayin State
- Chin State
- Sagaing Region
- Taninthayi Region
- Bago Region
- Magway Region
- Mandalay Region
- Mon State
- Rakhine State
- Yangon Region
- Shan State
- Ayeyawady Region
- Union territories.

(3) Regions and States are of equal status and authority.

(4) If it is desired to change the name of a region or a state, it shall be done so with enactment of law after ascertaining wishes of the citizens who have the right to vote and are residing in the region or state concerned.

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(17) In connection with education and health, it is laid down that -
(a) The State shall earnestly strive to improve education and health of the people;
(b) the State shall enact necessary law to enable the national people to participate in matters of education and health of the people;
(c) the State shall implement free compulsory primary education system,
(d) the State shall implement a modern education system that will promote all- around correct thoughts and good morals and contribute towards building of the nation.

(18) In connection with agriculture, it is laid down that -
- the State shall provide inputs such as technology investments, machinery, raw materials etc. as much as it can for changeover from manual to mechanize agriculture.

(19) In connection with industry, it is laid down that-
- the State shall provide inputs such as technology investments, machinery, raw materials etc. as much as it can for development of industries.

(20) In connection with employment, it is laid down that -
- the State shall, as much as it can, help reduce unemployment among the people.

(21) In connection with mothers, children, the old and the infirm, it is laid down that-
(a) the State shall care for mothers and children, orphans, fallen Tatmadaw servicemen's children, the old an the infirm, and the disabled;
(b) the State shall arrange for disabled Tatmadaw servicemen to be able to make a respectable livelihood and get free vocational training.

(22) In connection with the youths, it is laid down that-
- the State shall strive to imbue youths with strong and dynamic patriotic spirit, correct way of thinking and the five noble strengths.

(23) In connection with religion, it is laid down that-
(a) every citizen is equally entitled to freedom of con-science and the right freely to profess and practise religion subject to public order, morality or health and to the other provisions of the State Constitution.

(24) In connection with the economy, it is laid down that-
(a) the State economic system shall be market economic system;
(b) the State permits all economic forces such as the State itself, regional organizations, cooperative organizations, joint-venture organizations and private concerns etc. to take part in economic activities for the development of national economy;
(c) the State shall prevent acts that harm public interests through monopolization or manipulation of prices by an individual or group with intent to jeopardize fair competition in economic activities;
(d) the State shall strive towards uplift of living standard of the people and development of general investments;
(e) the State will not nationalize economic enterprises;
(f) the State will not demonetize the currency that is legally put into circulation.

(25) In connection with the land, the waters, the atmosphere and natural resources, it is laid down that.
(a) the State is the ultimate owner of all the land, and natural resources above and below the ground, above and beneath the water and in the atmosphere within its territorial boundary;
(b) the State shall enact necessary law to supervise economic forces' extraction and utilization of State owned natural resources;
(c) the State shall permit citizens right of private property, right of inheritance, right of private enterprise, right of initiative and right of patent in accord with law.

(26) In connection with elections, it is laid down that-
(a) ever citizen shall have the right to vote and to stand for election according to law;
(b) voters concerned shall have the right, in accord wit,' provisions of the State Constitution, to recall elected people's representatives.

(27) In connection with political parties, it is laid down that-
- the State shall enact necessary law for systematic formation of political parties for flourishing discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.

(28) In connection with state of emergency, it is laid down that-
(a) when there arises a state of emergency characterized by inability to perform executive functions in accord with provisions of the State Constitution in a region or a state or a self-administered area, the President of the State is empowered to exercise executive power in that region, state or self- administered area and if necessary in doing so, the President of the State is empowered to exercise legislative powers concerning that region, state or self- administered area in accord with provisions of the State Constitution;
(b) when there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a region, a state or a self- administered area, the Tatmadaw has the right, in accord with provisions of the State Constitution, to prompt that danger and provide protection;
(c) when there arises a state of emergency that could cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and loss of national sovereignty, due to take over of sovereign State power or attempts therefor by wrongful forcible means such as insurgency or violence, the Defence Services Commander- in-Chief has the right to take over and exercise State power in accord With provisions of the State Constitution.

(29) In connection with foreign affairs, it is laid down that-
(a) the State practises independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy, aims at world peace and friendly relations with nations, and upholds the principles of peaceful co- existence among nations:
(b) the Stale *never* starts aggression against ant nation;
(c) no forcing troops are permitted to be deployed within the borders of the Union.

(30) In connection with punishments, it is laid down that-
(a) there is no right for any penal law to provide for retrospective effect;
(b) there is no right to prescribe punishments that violate human dignity.

(31) In connection with the natural environment, It is laid down that-
- the slate shall protect the natural environment.

(32) In connection with general provisions, it is laid down that-
- a Constitutional Tribunal shall be sat up to interpret provisions of the Stale Constitution; to scrutinize whether or not laws enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaws and State Hluttaws and functions of executive authorities of Pyidaungsu, regions, stated and self- administered areas are in conformity with the State Constitution to decide on disputes in connection with the State Constitution between Pyidaungsu and regions, between Pyidaungsu and states, between regions and states, among regions and states and between regions or states and sell-administered areas and among self-administered areas themselves to perform other duties prescribed in the State Constitution.— *MNA*

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(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 the 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.

(6) Constituting the Union

- Villages are organized into village -tract,
- wards are organized into town or township,
- village-tracts and wards or towns are organized into township,
- townships are organized into district,
- districts are organized into region or state,
- in a self-administered zone townships therein are organized into the self-administered zone,
- in a self-administered division townships therein are organized into district and districts are organized into the self-administered division,
- if there be self- administered division or self-administered zone in a region or a state, the sell administered division, self- administered zone an. districts are organized into region or state,
- regions, states and Union territories are organized as the Union.

(7) No part of the territory of the Union, namely regions, states and self- administered areas etc. shall ever secede from the Union.

(8) **Re-delineation of the territorial boundary of the Union**

(a) If the need arises to re-delineate the territorial boundary of the Union, the President of the Union shall first inform the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and ask him to seek the opinion of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,

(b) The leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, after receiving the intimation of the President of the Union on re-delineation of the territorial boundary of the Union, shall seek the opinions of the Hluttaw representatives as follows:

(1) assenting votes of more than half the total number of representatives included in the Hluttaw with equal numbers of representatives elected from regions and states,

(2) assenting votes of more than half the total number of representatives included in the Hluttaw elected on the basis of population,

(3) assenting votes of more than half the number of representatives from the region or state involving the boundary concerned in the two Hluttaws,

(c) the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, after obtaining the assenting votes as mentioned above, shall inform the President of the Union for re-delineate the territorial boundary of the Union,

(d) If any Hluttaw or representatives from the region state involving the boundary concerned in the two Hluttaws, following the methods mentioned above, dissent in connection with the re-delineation of the territorial boundary of the Union, action shall be taken after obtaining the opinion of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. If three-fourths and upwards of the tot number of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representative assent, the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall inform the President of the Union for the re-delineation of the territorial boundary of the Union as necessary,

(e) the President of the Union shall take necessary measures for re-delineation of the territorial boundary of the Union after obtaining the opinions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(9) Re-delineation of the territorial boundaries of a region or a state

(a) If there arises cause to re-delineate the boundary of a region or a state, first of all the wishes of persons with voting rights residing in the township involved in. the re-delineation of the boundary shall be sough,

(b) re-delineation of the territorial boundary shall not be effected at all without supporting vote of more than half the total number of eligible voters residing in the township involved in the re-delineation of the boundary.

(c) It more than hall the total number of eligible voters in the township concerned vote m support at the re-delineation of the boundary, the wishes of the involved region or stale Hluttaw representatives stall be sought.

(d) the President of the Union. with the or the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall redelineate the territorial boundary of a region or a stale. abet getting the supporting vole of three-fourths and upwards of the total number of involved region or state Hluttaw representatives,

(e) the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall be sought it an invoked region or stale Hluttaw passes a decision against re-delineation of the boundary.

(f) the President of the Union shall re-delineate the boundary of the region or state as necessary if it supported by three-fourths and upwards of the total number of representatives in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(10) **Re-delineation of the boundary, organization and change of name of a village, village-tract, ward, town, township and district in a region, state, all-administered division or self-administered zone**

- If occasion arises to hake changes in the boundary, organisation or name of a village, village-tract, ward, town, township or district in a region. state, self-administered division or self-administered zone, the region or slate executive authority concerned shall submit recommendations to the President of the Union and the President of the Union shall then act accordingly.

(11) Change of name of a self-administered division or self-administered zone

- If it is desired to change the name of a self-administered division or self-administered zone, the same method shall be applied with the case of a change of the name of the region or state.

(12) In connection with prescribing of self-administered division or self-administered zone in accord with these basic principles, the following detailed basic principles are laid down:

(a) to group together Leshi, Lahe and Namyun Townships in Sagaing Division and prescribe it Naga Self-Administered Zone;

(b) to group together Ywangan and Pindaya Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Danu Self-Administered Zone;

(c) to group together Hopong, Hsihseng and Pinlaung Town-ships in Shan State and prescribe it Pa-O Self-Administered Zone;

(d) to group together Namhsan and Manton Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Palaung Self-Administered Zone;

(e) to group together Konkyan and Laukkai Townships in Shan State and prescribe it Kokang Self- Administered Zone;

(f) to group together Hopang, Mongmao, Panwai, Nahpam, Pangsang (Pankham) and Metman townships in Shan State and prescribe it Wa Self- Administered Division;

Chapter (III)
The Head of State

(1) The Head of State is the President of the Union,

(2) The President of the Union represents the nation,

(3) The President of the Union occupies a position of the highest honour in the whole of the Union of Myanmar,

(4) Qualifications of the President and Vice-Presidents-

(a) The President of the Union shall be loyal to the Union and the citizenry,

(b) The President of the Union must be a citizen of Myanmar who was, and both of whose parents were, born in the territory under the jurisdiction of the State, belonging to the nationality of Myanmar,

(c) The elected President of the Union shall be a person who has fully attained the age of 45.

(d) The President of the Union shall be well acquainted with affairs of State such as political, administrative, economic and military affairs,

(e) The President of the Union shall be a person who has been residing continuously in the country for at least 20 years up to the time of the election,

(f) The President of the Union himself, parents, spouse, children and their spouses shall not owe allegiance to a foreign power, shall not be subject of a foreign power or citizen of a foreign country. They shall not be persons entitled to the rights and privileges of a subject or citizen of a foreign country,

(g) The President of the Union shall possess specific qualifications required of the President in addition to qualifications required to stand for election to the Hluttaw.

(h) The Vice-Presidents shall possess qualifications required of the President.

(5) Election of the President and Vice-Presidents-

(a) The president of the Union shall be elected by the presidential electoral college.

(b) The presidential electoral college shall be organizes with three groups of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives as follows :

(1) Group formed with elected Hluttaw represents live in the Hluttaw with equal numbers of representatives elected from regions and states.

(2) Group formed with elected Hluttaw represents Lives in the Hluttaw elected on the basis of population and tawnship.

(3) Group formed with Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated as such by the Commander- in- Chief of the Defence Services for the said two Hluttaws.

(c) Each group shall elect a Vice-President from among Hluttaw representatives or from among persons who . are not Hluttaw representatives,

(d) A body comprising trio leaders and deputy leaders of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the two Hluttaws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall scrutinize whether Or not the Vice-Presidents possess the qualification prescribed for the President,

(e) The presidential electoral college made up of all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives shall elect by vote one of the three Vice-Presidents who are presidential candidates, as the President of the Union;

(f) Law shall be enacted as required for presidential election.

(6) **Term of office of the President or the Vice-Presidents -**

(a) The term of office of the president or the Vice - Presidents is five years,

(b) After expiry of incumbent term, the President and the Vice- Presidents shall carry on in office till the time the new President and Vice-Presidents are duly elected,

(c) The President and the Vice-Presidents shall not serve more than two terms,

(d) An interim period to serve as the President or the Vice- President shall not be counted as one term of office,

(e) If a vacancy is filled for the presidency or Vice-Presidency for any reason, the term of office of the President or the Vice-President shall be up to the end of the original term of office.

(7) The President or the Vice-Presidents shall not be representatives of any Hluttaw.

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(8) If a Hluttaw representative be elected President or Vice-President, this person shall be deemed to have resigned from his seat in the Hluttaw, and if a service personnel be elected President or Vice- President, the person shall be deemed to have resigned or retired from the date of such election.

(9) If a person elected President or Vice-President happens to be member of a political party, this person shall not participate in party activities of that party organization, from the date of such election, during the term of office.

(10) **In taking oath of office by the President and the Vice-Presidents, the following points are to be included:**

- to be loyal to the Union of Myanmar and the citizenry,
- to hold always in esteem non-disintegration of the Union. non-disintegration of national solidarity aril perpetuation at sovereignty,
- to uphold and abide by the State Constitution and to abide by laws of the State.
- to carry out the responsibilities uprightly to the best of ones ability.
- to strive for further flourishing of worldly values such as justice. liberty and equality,
- to solemnly declare and pledge dedication of life and poison to the service of the Union of Myanmar

(11) The President or the Vice-Presidents shall exercise responsibilities and rights assigned and vested by the constitution and other laws.

(12) The President and the Vice-Presidents shall not accept any other office or position of emolument.

(13) The President and the Vice-Presidents shall furnish lists of assets namely family owned land, houses, buildings, businesses savings and other valuables slating then values belonging to the respective families led by theft and send them to the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(14) The President and the Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to enjoy the emolument and facilities of office in accord with law. Each shall also be entitled to have a suitable residence.

(15) Except in the case of removal from office following impeachment, the President and the Vice- Presidents shall enjoy pension and appropriate allowances on retirement after expiry of the term of office.

(16) Impeachment of the President or the Vice-President

(a) The President or any Vice-President shall be impeached for one of the following reasons:
  (1) treason,
  (2) violation atlas provisions in the Constitution.
  (3) misconduct,
  (4) being disqualified for the Presidency or Vice-Presidency under the Constitution,
  (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.

(b) If it is desired to impeach the President or any Vice-President, not less than one fourth of the total membership of any of the two Hluttaws included in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is to sign a charge and submit it to the leader of the Hluttaw concerned,

(c) Further action shall be taken it not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Hluttaw concerned support the charge,

(d) If one Hluttaw supports to take action in connection with the charge, the other Hluttaw shall investigate the charge or form a body to investigate the charge,

(e) The President or the Vice-President shall have the right to refute the charge personally or through a representative when it is investigated,

(f) If not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Hluttaw by which the charge was investigated or caused to be investigated declares after the investigation that the charge has been sustained and than decides that the offence, the subject of the charge, is such as to render the President or the Vice-President unfit to continue in office, that Hluttaw shall submit it to the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to remove the President or Vice-President from office,

(g) The leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall proclaim removal of the President or Vice-President immediately after the receipt of the intimation.

(17) The President or Vice-President shall be allowed to resign from office of his own volition before the expiry of the term of office.

(18) In connection with the methods to be applied If the post of the President or Vice-President falls vacant-

(a) one of the Vice-Presidents who has won the second highest votes in the presidential election shall serve as Acting President if the post of the President falls vacant due to his resignation, death, permanent disability or any other cause.

(b) a vacancy of the President comes about while the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in session, the Acting President shall promptly inform the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for filling it within seven days.

(c) on receipt of the intimation, the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall move for electing of a Vice-President by the representatives group which had elected the Vice-President who later got elected President but now vacated the presidency,

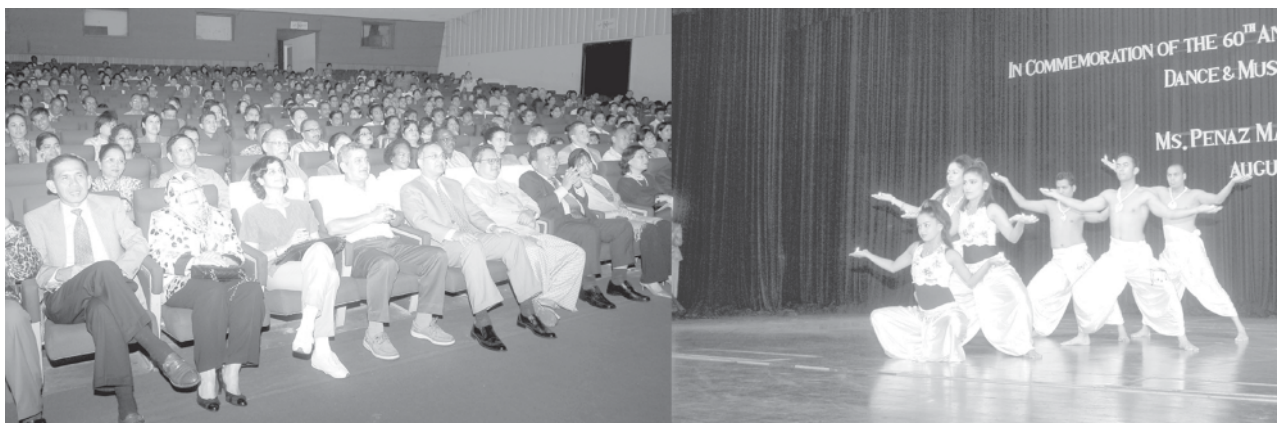
(d) after the representatives group concerned has elected a Vice- President, the electoral college made up of all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives shall elect the President of the Union out of three Vice-Presidents,

(e) if the vacancy comes about when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session, the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall summon a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session within 21 days from the date of receipt of the intimation from the Acting President and carry on for filing the vacant presidency in the way stated above.

(f) if the post of a Vice-President falls vacant due to resignation. death, permanent disability or any other cause while the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in session, the President shall promptly inform the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to enable the Hluttaw representatives group which has elected the just vacated Vice-President to elect a new Vice-President within seven days.

(g) if the vacancy comes about when the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session the leader of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall summon the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session within 21 days, and carry on for filling the Vice-Presidency by the Hluttaw representatives group in the prescribed method.— *MNA*

Indian artistes perform songs, dances to mark 60th Anniversary Independence Day



***The audience enjoy a performance of cultural music troupe of India to mark the 60th Anniversary Independence Day of India.*— MNA**

YANGON, 27 Aug —Under Myanmar-India cultural exchange programme, Indian cultural music troupe staged a performance at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street here this evening to mark the 60th Anniversary of Independence Day of India.

Rector of University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe and Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra lit lamps to open the performance.

Afterwards, the India performance troupe led by Ms Penaz Masani of India entertained the audience with famous classical songs and dances of India.

Diplomats, officials of Indian Embassy and guests were also present at the performance. — *MNA*

Directors-General of MRTV, IPRD receive Thai delegation

YANGON, 27 Aug — A Thai delegation led by Director-General Mr Pramoj Rathavinij of Public Relation Department (PRD) of Thailand called on U Khin Maung Htay, Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television, and Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relation Department at MRTV here today.

At the meeting, they discussed matters related to the information sector between the two countries. Also present were officials concerned of MRTV.

After the meeting, the delegation members visited the studios of MRTV.

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***Director-General Mr Pramoj Rathavinij and delegation members visit the studio of MRTV.*— MNA**

Senior General Than Shwe sees off…

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of the SPDC Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint and their wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and Charge d'Affaires ai of the Sri Lankan Embassy Mrs HMG RRK Wijeratne Mendis.

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win were accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental officials. — *MNA*

Senior General Than Shwe receives…

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Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

The Thai delegation was accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Bonsarn Bunnag and Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat. — *MNA*

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin at Bayintnaung Yeiktha. **MNA**

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes…

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of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Brig-Gen Hlaing Myint of the Ministry of Defence and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party welcomed Council of National Security of Thailand and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and party who arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by special aircraft at 10.30 am.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Sonthi Boonyaratglin of Thailand took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais at the airport, and they inspected the Guard of Honour.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted members of the Thai goodwill delegation. General Sonthi Boonyaratglin also cordially greeted Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.

Next, the Thai General and party left for Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone in a motorcade. —*MNA*

***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army, inspect the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*— MNA**

***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army, take the salute of the Guard of Honour.*— MNA**

National Convention…

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and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) Breakaway (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who have returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nai Saik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

***Members of Panel of Chairmen and NC delegates at Planery Session of National Convention.*— MNA**

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, members of the National Convention Convening Commission, members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers, delegates of service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At the plenary session, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants presided over the meeting together with U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCC Work Committee, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons as members of the panel of chairmen.

Director U Than Aung of the NCC Work Committee Office acted as MC and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as 1054 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 98.41 per cent. First, Chairman of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants made a speech.

Next, the Panel of Chairmen presented the Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by National Convention. First, Member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of the National Convention Convening Work Committee read out the 'State Fundamental Principles'.

(The presentation is reported separately.)

Next, Member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of the Delegate Group of Political Parties read out 'The State Structure' and 'The Head of State'. The Plenary Session of the National Convention took a break at 9.55 am.

(The presentation is reported separately.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 10.10 am, Members of the Panel of Chairmen U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representative-elect read out Formation of Legislature of the Chapter 'Legislature' and U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint read out Formation of Legislature of the Chapter 'Legislature' and Sharing of Legislative Power and the Plenary Session of the National Convention was adjourned at 11.10 am.

(The presentation will be reported.)

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

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F & R Minister receives Deputy Division Chief of IMF and WB delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received Deputy Division Chief Mr Leslie Teo of International Monetary Fund and World Bank delegation and party at his office this afternoon.

They discussed financial and monetary matters. Also present at the call were Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar and officials.— *MNA*

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives Deputy Division Chief Mr Leslie Teo of IMF and WB.*— *MNA

Today's world and the problem of fuel prices

Kyaw Swar Myo Htet

If fuel trading is put into the hands of the private sector, fuel prices will go up more sharply than now according to the global market, for private entrepreneurs cannot bear selling their products at a loss. Knowing the fact, the government sold its fuel at a loss for many years for the convenience of the public consumers.

Production of petroleum products cannot fulfill the needs of the present local consumption. Therefore, the government imports petroleum and its products at great expense. The government is also making efforts for boosting production of fuel oil to meet local consumption.

Here, I would like to say that wrong economic sanctions imposed by some western big nations on our country affected oil production. So the government imported more fuel.

These days, commodity prices in our country have increased more than ever because of some unscrupulous businessmen taking advantage of fuel price hike. Again, by making a political profit from the situation, some anti-government groups are resorting to various ways to tarnish the image of the government.

Authorities in the nation had to inevitably increase prices of petrol, diesel and natural gas beginning 15-8-2007. Actually, the government already knows that prices of general commodities including basic food would rise if fuel prices necessary for goods transportation, road transportation and industrial production were to be increased. Unbearable to sell fuel at a loss in the long run, the State had to unavoidably increase the prices.

If one knows in detail the economic system our country is practising and the situation of global oil market, one can assess the issue in a fair and just way.

It is common knowledge that our country has transformed the socialist economic system into the open market economic system as desired by the people. Naturally, it is not easy to control commodity prices in market economic system. It is businesslike and in anticipation of making profits. But here, prices cannot be raised as much as one likes in order to make great profit. Any person or organization cannot control the prices so as to make profit. It is because commodity prices are associated with supply and demand.

Generally speaking, prices usually go up if demand outstrips supply. And prices go down if supply outstrips demand. World nations' oil markets are interrelated as a product like fuel is internationally traded. Likewise, fuel prices of a nation are related with those of the global market.

That means if fuel trading is put into the hands of the private sector, fuel prices will go up more sharply than now according to the global market, for private entrepreneurs cannot bear selling their products at a loss. Knowing the fact, the government sold its fuel at a loss for many years for the convenience of the public consumers. Not only that, the government had to spend a huge amount of money derived from the State budgets on social, health, education, transport and agricultural sectors for many years.

In the world today the problem of oil prices has come to a head. Almost all the nations have to try their best to ensure oil prices are not to increase more.

If we thoroughly assess the world's economic recession in the late 20th Century, the issue is found to be associated with global oil crisis. We have seen five global oil crises — the first in 1973, the second in 1979, the third in 1900, the fourth in April 2003 before and after American invasion of Iraq and the fifth from April 2003 to date. As demand outstrips supply very much, global oil prices are skyrocketing.

In 1972 in the world market a barrel of crude oil was less than 20 US dollars. It rose to 20.83 dollars in 1973 and 31 dollars in 2003. It gradually rose to 40, 50 and 60 dollars in May 2004. At the end of August 2005 it reached 70 dollars. Now the present price of a barrel of crude oil is over 71 dollars.

The first reason of oil price hike was that demand increased sharply in late 2003. The second reason was that supply was unable to fulfill the increasing demand completely. Now oil production in the world has reached its peak. Experts have estimated that oil production will gradually fall in the coming five or ten years.

The volume of world oil was 1,189 billion barrels at the end of 2004. If we continue to use oil reserve at the present rate, it can be produced only for another 40 years. If we use average 44 billion barrels of crude oil a year, the oil will be sufficient for next 25 years only.

This is why the nations of the world are exploring petroleum plus natural gas and coal. Petroleum, natural gas and coal are not energy resources that can be used in an unlimited way. All fossil fuels are finite. The present energy has existed in the world from the fossils of animals and trees for millions of years. If such resources are used up, new resources will not emerge soon.

This is why the nations of the world are exploring and using hydro-electric, wind-powered electricity, solar energy, tidal energy, hydrogen energy and bio-energy obtained from physic nut, sugarcane, maize, soya bean

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and tapioca after conducting research. These are renewable energy. The volume of unexplored deposit of oil is 1,429 million barrels and potential deposit of oil in Myanmar is 1,771 million barrels. The experts estimate that there will be about 3,200 million barrels in on-shore and off-shore regions in Myanmar.

Annual consumption of oil in Myanmar is about 7.5 million barrels. It is estimated that this volume can be used for over 190 years. Oil refineries in Myanmar produce over 170 million gallons of petrol and diesel yearly and petrol and diesel are sold in the country.

Production of petroleum products cannot fulfill the needs of the present local consumption. Therefore, the government imports petroleum and its products at great expense. The government is also making efforts for boosting production of fuel oil to meet local consumption. In order to do so, the government needs a great deal of investment and is also conducting joint venture oil exploration in cooperation with foreign oil companies.

Here, I would like to say that wrong economic sanctions imposed by some western big nations on our country affected oil production. So the government imported more fuel.

Most of the countries increased local fuel prices as oil prices are high in various parts of the world. It is said that the fuel prices have been increased twelve times in four years since 2003 in China, our neighbouring country.

In Thailand, our neighbouring country, a gallon of petrol was 136 baht (3.5 dollars) and a gallon of diesel was 118 baht (3.1 dollars) in July this year.

The price of one gallon of petrol in England on 15-8-2007 was 4.3 pounds (8.3 dollars), and that of one gallon of diesel was 4.4 pounds (8.5 dollars). And the price of one gallon of petrol in France on 21-8-2007 was 7.8 dollars and that of one gallon of diesel was 6.7 dollars. Even in USA in which the price of fuel was thought to be fair the price of one gallon of petrol on 20-8-2007 was 3.3 dollars and that of one gallon of diesel was 3.5 dollars.

Here are facts stated from some countries, and one can see different fuel prices of the global nations on the Internet. **The fuel price of our country is still cheaper than that of those nations when compared with them. Moreover, one can realize that the government is still selling petrol and diesel at a loss up to date when compared with the world's fuel price.**

Not only that, it is obvious that the government is making all-out efforts day in, day out for the emergence of political, social and economic infrastructures that are indispensable for a democratic nation aspired by the people.

The government built a network of roads and bridges for better transport and a large number of dams and reservoirs for development of the agricultural sector. In the industrial sector, it has established industrial zones in different regions while it has opened universities and degree colleges to bring about harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation. In the health sector also, it has opened major hospitals in the states and divisions including border areas to keep pace with Yangon and Mandalay in terms of medical treatment.

The national people should understand how the government had to unavoidably raise the fuel prices as there was a great impact of the international fuel prices on the nation. As the government had to do so the amount of funds spent on fuel prices could be reduced, and more funds could be utilized in other development sectors. One can realize if one ponders in a constructive way.

As there can be good and bad in whatever phenomenon one is required to view and assess the actual development and the goodwill of the State in a pragmatic way rather than holding negative views. In the meantime, the people themselves are not to exploit one another over the rising fuel prices in the nation.

To put it in a nutshell, if each and everyone is rational, fair and kind towards one another in a wiser sense it is sure that they will be able to create a peaceful and tranquil world that could bring them mutual benefits.

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Police seize $2.6m worth counterfeits in S China

GUANGZHOU, 26 Aug—Police in Shenzhen, a booming southern city that abuts Hong Kong, have seized more than 20,000 items of fake brand-name products, a spokesman with the city administration for industry and commerce said.

The Shenzhen industry and commerce bureau received tips that fakes were being sold in the Jueshi Building, an office building in Luohuo District of Shenzhen, the spokesman said.

The bureau later joined hands with local police and raided the building on Wednesday. They found more than 20,000 items of fake suitcases, haute couture, shoes, wristwatches and golf gears in several shops and two warehouses on the 23rd floor of the building.

The products, pirated big-name brands like LV, Nike, Gucci and Montblanc, are estimated to be worth 20 million yuan (about 2.6 million US dollars), the spokesman said.

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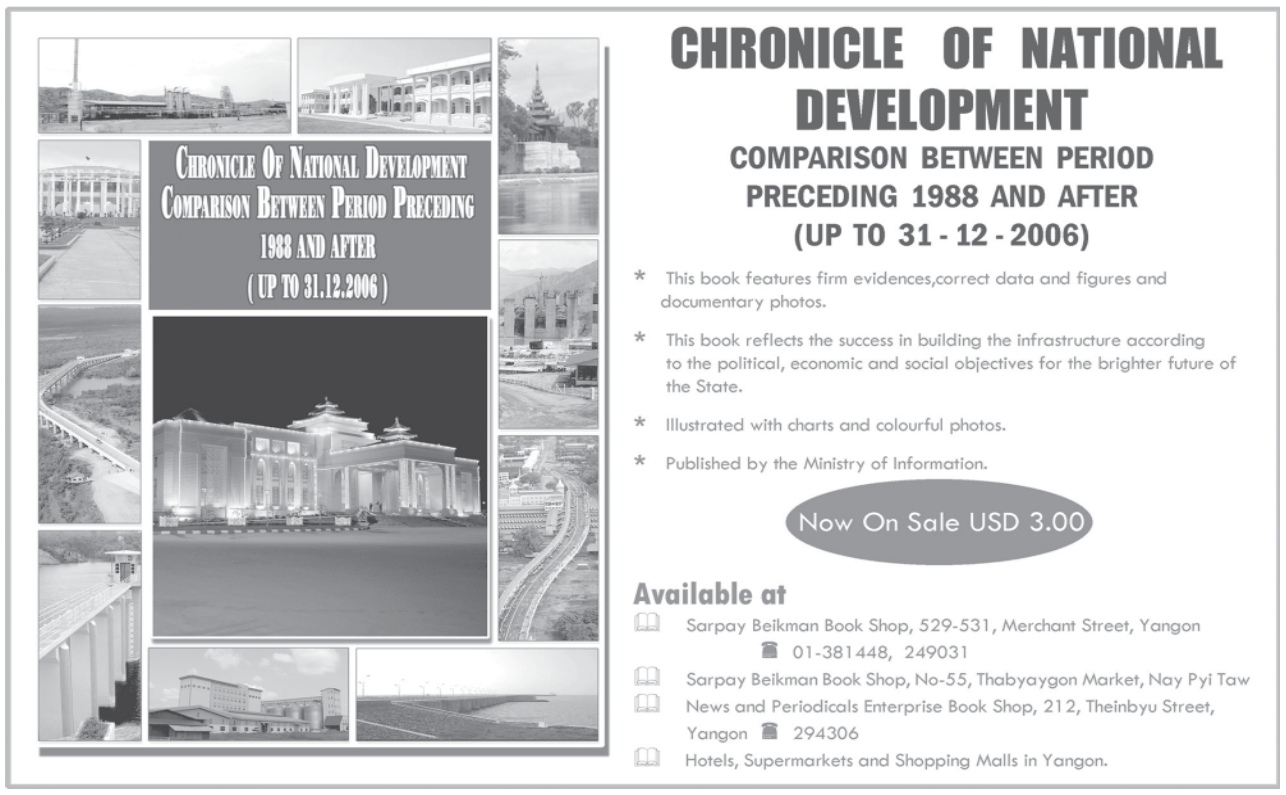

Number of Iraqi detainees soars with US military buildup

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug—The number of detainees held by the American-led military forces in Iraq has swelled by 50 per cent under the troop increase ordered by President George W Bush, with the inmate population growing to 24,500 today from 16,000 in February, US media reported Saturday.

The number of detainees increases because American forces are operating in areas where they had not been present for some time, and because more units are able to maintain a round-the-clock presence in some areas, *The New York Times* quoted US military officials as saying. In addition, more Iraqis were cooperating with military forces, the officials said. Nearly 85 per cent of the detainees in custody are Sunni Arabs, the minority faction in Iraq that ruled the country under the government of Saddam Hussein, and the other detainees are Shiites, the *Times* said.

Military officers said that of the Sunni detainees, about 1,800 claim allegiance to al-Qaeda in Mesopotamia, a homegrown extremist group that American intelligence agencies have concluded is foreign-led. About 6,000 more identify themselves as takfiris, or Muslims who believe some other Muslims are not true believers.

Those statistics would seem to indicate that the main inspiration of the hard-core Sunni insurgency is no longer a desire to restore the old order and has become religious and ideological, the report said.

The officers told the newspaper that an equally large number of Iraqi detainees say money is a significant reason they planted roadside bombs or shot at Iraqi and American-led forces. The detention system itself often serves as a breeding ground for the insurgency and a training opportunity for those who, after they are released, may attack Iraqi or American-led forces, military officers said.

Of the detainees, 280 are from countries other than Iraq, and about 800 are juveniles, the report said, citing statistics supplied by the headquarters of Task Force 134, the American military unit in charge of detention operations in Iraq.— *MNA/Xinhua*

The New Light of Myanmar သတင်းစာတိုက် အငယ်တန်းသတင်းထောက်ရာထူး နေရာ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ ကျင်းပမည့် ရက်နှင့်နေရာ ပြင်ဆင်သတ်မှတ်ခြင်း

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Oil jumps as US refinery woes spur supply concerns

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—Oil prices jumped more than one US dollar to over 71 US dollars a barrel on Friday as US refinery problems spurred concerns about fuel supplies in the world's top consumer.

US crude for October delivery settled up 1.26 US dollars to 71.09 US dollars a barrel, after a 57-cent gain on Thursday. London Brent crude rose 76 cents to 70.62 US dollars a barrel.

Traders said Chevron had declared force majeure on some crude purchases after a fire hit a crude unit at its 325,000 barrel per day (bpd) Pascagoula, Mississippi refinery earlier this month.

The refinery could be running at 50-per-cent for three to four months, traders said. The news pushed up crude and helped send US gasoline futures over 3 per cent higher.

"Gasoline is pushing up crude here," said Phil Flynn, analyst at Alaron Trading. "I also think gasoline had been oversold lately."

A shutdown of a 22,500-bpd gasoline-making unit at an oil refinery in Big Spring, Texas due to an equipment malfunction also helped boost gasoline.

A string of refinery outages during the US summer gasoline season have helped support prices in recent months.

MNA/Reuters

Nigeria nabs man trying to smuggle cocaine in Bible

LAGOS, 26 Aug— Nigerian police have arrested a man who tried to smuggle cocaine concealed in a copy of the Bible to Germany through a courier firm, Nigeria's narcotics agency said on Friday.

"The drug weighing 90 grammes was carefully packed and concealed in the Bible," the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Camilla pulls out of Diana service

LONDON, 27 Aug—The wife of Britain's Prince Charles said on Sunday she had decided not to attend a memorial service to mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Princess Diana.

Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, said she did not want to distract attention from the commemoration of Diana's life. Charles's former mistress is blamed by many for breaking up his marriage to Diana. One of Diana's former closest friends, Rosa Monckton, told a Sunday newspaper that Camilla's presence would have been "deeply inappropriate".

In a statement, Camilla said she had been "touched" to be invited to the event by Charles and Diana's sons, Princes William and Harry, but had decided to stay away. "I accepted and wanted to support them," she said. "However, on reflection, I believe my attendance could divert attention from the purpose of the occasion which is to focus on the life and service of Diana."

MNA/Reuters

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A stylist trims the hair of a Standard Poodle during the Asia Kennel Union (AKU) championship dog show in Singapore on 26 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Macho Bollywood actor Khan jailed in wildlife case

JODHPUR (India), 26 Aug— Bollywood star Salman Khan was arrested by Indian police on Saturday and sent to jail after a court rejected his appeal against a five-year conviction for shooting an endangered species of gazelle.

Television channels showed pictures of the muscular actor surrounded by policemen as he left the airport in the western city of Jodhpur after arriving from Mumbai, as TV crews and fans jostled to get a glimpse of him.

Police struggled to keep order. "He has been arrested at the airport lounge and the arrest warrant was presented to him there itself," a police official said.

Dozens of fans on motorcycles followed him in a police vehicle on the way to court, where he was ordered to be jailed, police officials said.

The actor said earlier on Saturday he would surrender in Jodhpur after the rejection of the appeal against his 2006 conviction for killing several endangered species of antelope during hunting trips to the western state of Rajasthan in 1998.

The animals are protected under Indian wildlife law. Khan was alleged to have slit the throat of the chinkara — a type of gazelle that he shot before giving it to chefs at his deluxe hotel to cook.

On Friday, a Jodhpur court rejected his appeal against the conviction, leaving him with the option of surrendering or being arrested. The court had also issued an arrest warrant against him.

MNA/Reuters

NASA reports 2 Mars rovers resume driving

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug — After six weeks of hunkering down during raging dust storms that limited solar power, both of NASA's Mars exploration rovers, *Spirit* and *Opportunity*, have resumed driving, NASA reported Friday.

Opportunity advanced 13.38 metres toward the edge of Victoria Crater on 21 August. *Spirit* drove 42 centimetres backwards on August 23 to get in position for taking images of a rock that it had examined with its spectrometer.

The rover team is planning additional drives for *Spirit* to climb onto a platform informally named "Home Plate".

No new storms have been lifting dust into the air near either solar-powered rover in the past two weeks and skies are gradually brightening above both vehicles. With the improved energy supplies, both rovers are back on schedule to communicate daily.

"Weather and power conditions continue to improve, although very slowly for both rovers," said John Callas, NASA's project manager for the rovers.

MNA/Xinhua

A confectioner offers a special anniversary cake to tourists in Berlin on 25 Aug, 2007. The Adlon, one of the German capital's top hotels, was founded in the years 1905-1907 and celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, ten years after it was re-opened at its original location.-— INTERNET

Chinese scientists to use robots in Antarctic expedition

SHANGHAI, 27 Aug— China will for the first time use robots, one that can move on ice and snow surface and another capable of low-altitude flying like a mini-helicopter in an Antarctic expedition scheduled for October.

The tank-like robot, which can move on ice, weighs 200 kilos and can carry 40 kilos of burden and pull 100 kilos of objects with a maximum working radius of 25 kilometres, according to Qin Weijia, deputy director of the Polar Research Institute of China.The robot can automatically stride across ice crevasses and snowy slopes, Qin said.

The robot will be equipped with a differential global positioning system (DGPS) and a meteorological observation device. Another robot, weighing 20 kilos, can carry five kilos of burden and fly at a speed of 50 to 100 kilometres per hour. It can continually fly for one hour.

MNA/Xinhua

US Midwest still suffers from floods

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug— The US Midwest was still suffering from floods Saturday, CNN reported.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been left without power as heavy rains and high winds continue, knocking down power lines and tree limbs, according to the report.

Authorities evacuated St Margaret Mercy Hospital, about 50 kilometres outside of Chicago, Illinois, over fears the building would be flooded from rising creek water.

Residents of the town of Dyer, Indiana, southeast of Chicago, were evacuated.

Governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich, has declared Cook, Lake, Kane and McHenry counties state disaster areas.

Meanwhile, residents in parts of Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota are continuing to clean up after flooding triggered by storms and heavy rains.

Thousands of homes have been damaged and at least 17 people have died in these states.

In lower Michigan, heavy storms have spawned tornadoes. About half of the town of Rushford's homes, about 760 homes, have been damaged.

Nearly 1,500 homes in the state have been damaged.

Flooding has destroyed 44 homes and damaged more than 1,400 in Wisconsin.

In Missouri, flood warnings continue along the Mississippi River.

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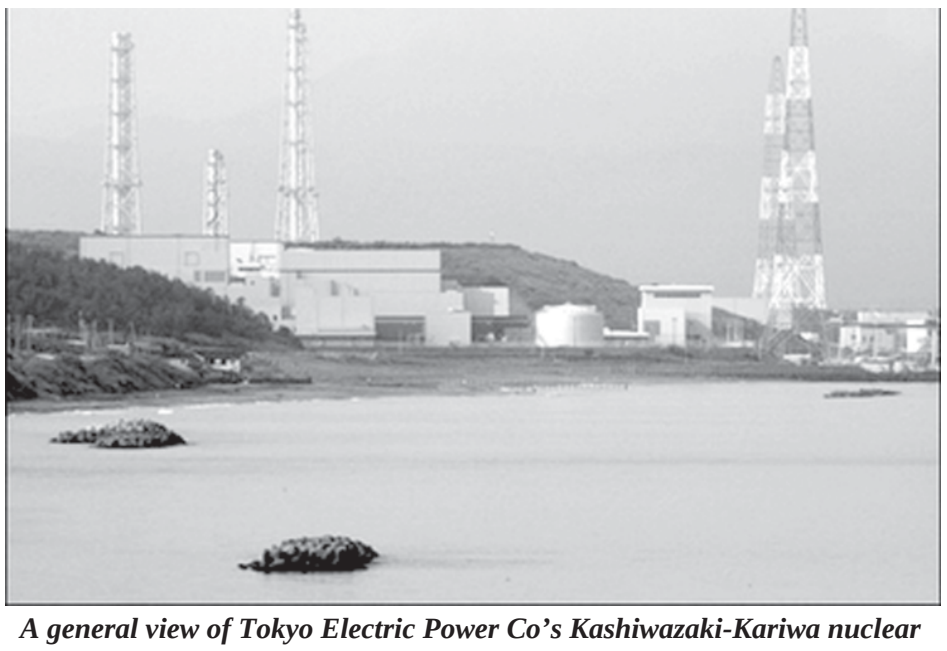


A general view of Tokyo Electric Power Co's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant in Kariwa village, in July. An earthquake last month that forced the closure of the world's largest nuclear plant in Japan was about 2.7 times stronger than the maximum considered in the plant's design guidelines, a report said on Sunday.— INTERNET

SPORTS

Ferrari's Formula One driver Felipe Massa (C) celebrates his victory in the Turkish F1 Grand Prix while being flanked by teammate Finland's Kimi Raikkonen (L) who finished second and third-placed McLaren's Fernando Alonso (R) of Spain at the Istanbul Park race track in Istanbul on 26 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Indonesia to host Asia Pacific Rally

JAKARTA, 27 Aug — Indonesia will host the Asia Pacific Rally Championship in the sugarcane plantation in South Sulawesi Province from 7 to 9 September, local media reported here Saturday.

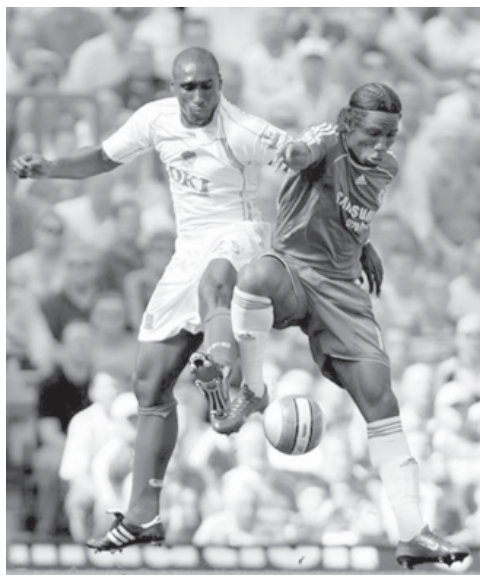
Some foreign racers have confirmed their participation on the rally.

"Among them are racers from Australia, Japan, India, New Zealand and Finland," the event's spokesman Chandra S. Djania quoted by the *Jakarta* Post as saying here.

He said among them were the pairs of Cody Crocker and Ben Atkinson of Australia, Naren Kumar and Jeff Judd of India, Hiroshi Yanagisawa and Tadashi Misaizu of Japan, Brian Green and Fieur Pederesen of New Zealand, and Jussi Valimaki and Jarko Kalliolepo of Finland.

South Sulawesi has again been appointed as host for the rally after it succeeded to host similar events for two times, Chandra said.

At the same time, he added, the capital city of South Sulawesi would also host the national rally championship which would be participated by 18 local top racers. — *MNA/Xinhua*



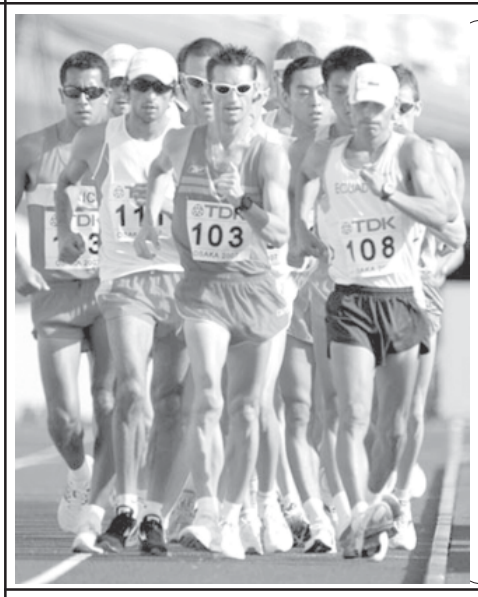
Chelsea's Didier Drogba (R) challenges Portsmouth's Sol Campbell during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 25 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Lethargic Barcelona held by 10-man Racing

MADRID, 27 Aug — A lethargic-looking Barcelona were held to a 0-0 draw by 10-man Racing Santander in their opening match of the season on Sunday.

The Catalans, who spent over 65 million euros (88 million US dollars) on new players including France striker Thierry Henry during the close season, were outplayed by their modest opponents who are one of the lowest spenders in the Primera Liga. Barca dominated possession but their sluggish passing and lack of spark up front meant that Racing had little problem holding them even after Polish debutant Ebi Smolarek was sent off midway through the second half.

Villarreal, who ended last season on an eight match winning run, picked up where they left off with an emphatic 3-0 victory over regional rivals Valencia, who were reduced to nine men after red cards for striker David Villa and winger Joaquin. Danish international Jon Dahl Tomasson opened with a cool finish on 16 minutes, striker Giuseppe Rossi added a second from the penalty spot and Santi Cazorla wrapped up with a classy third. All three promoted sides got off to winning starts, Almeria trouncing Deportivo Coruna 3-0 in their first top flight game in 26 years, Valladolid edging a 1-0 win away to Espanyol and Real Murcia beating a much-fancied Real Zaragoza 2-1 on Saturday.— *MNA/Reuters*



Athletes compete in the men's 20km race walk at the 11th IAAF World Athletics Championship in Osaka on 26 Aug, 2007.
XINHUA

Stricker wins Barclays Classic

HARRISON (New York), 27 Aug — Steve Stricker ended a six-year victory drought on Sunday with birdies on the last three holes to take a two-stroke win over KJ Choi of South Korea at the Barclays Classic.

Stricker, 40, stood two over par through the first 13 holes, but charged back with four birdies over the last five holes at Westchester Country Club for a two-under-par 69 and a total of 16-under-par 268.

Choi, who sank two 45-foot birdie putts on the back nine, parred out from the 16th to complete a one-under 70 for 270.

South African Rory Sabbatini posted a final-round 68 to finish third at 13-under-par 271.

The victory was Stricker's first since the 2001 WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship. He collected 1.26 million dollars for the win.

Tied for fourth place on 12 under par were Ernie Els of South Africa (68), Australian Geoff Ogilvy (69) and Mark Calcavecchia (65).

Another stroke back at 11-under, four behind winner Stricker, were world number three Phil Mickelson (67) and fellow American Rich Beem (72).

MNA/Reuters

Inter concede own goal to draw, Milan win

MILAN, 27 Aug — Inter Milan began their Serie A title defence with a 1-1 home draw with Udinese on Sunday after an Ivan Cordoba own goal in injury time, while AC Milan won 3-0 at promoted Genoa helped by Kaka's brace.

Inter took an early lead through midfielder Dejan Stankovic after Zlatan Ibrahimovic's clever pass but goalkeeper Julio Cesar was sent off for handball outside the box on 57 minutes and the champions were unable to hold out.

Milan taught Genoa a lesson on their return to the top flight after a 12-year absence with Massimo Ambrosini's powerful header and Kaka's cool finish and penalty giving the European champions an easy victory.

Fiorentina had an equally comfortable 3-1 home win over Tuscan rivals Empoli to show they could still be a force this term despite striker Luca Toni leaving for Bayern Munich.

Adrian Mutu sliced through the defence to score the pick of the goals for Fiorentina, who like Milan were ruled out of last season's title race because of points deductions following Italy's match-fixing probe.

Juventus, demoted in the scandal, returned to Serie A with a thumping 5-1 home win over Livorno on Saturday.

Last season's runners-up AS Roma won 2-0 at Palermo in Sunday's entertaining late game with Philippe Mexes prodding home Rodrigo Taddei's cross early on and Alberto Aquilani scoring with a superb effort from distance.

MNA/Reuters

Adam Nelson of the US reacts as he competes in the the men's shot put final at the 11th IAAF World Athletics Championship in Osaka on 25 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Schalke strike late to rescue point against Wolfsburg

BERLIN, 27 Aug — Schalke 04 needed a Halil Altintop goal four minutes from time to scrape a 1-1 draw away to VfL Wolfsburg on Sunday.

Jacek Krzynowek swept Wolfsburg into the lead with a swerving free kick nine minutes before the break.

Wolfsburg were down to 10 men early in the second half when Brazilian midfielder Josue got a second booking and Schalke eventually took advantage when Kevin Kuranyi's header teed up Altintop for the equalizer.

That was enough for Schalke to keep their unbeaten record intact but after three games they are already four points behind leaders Bayern Munich, who have maximum points from three games after a 3-0 win at home to Hanover 96 on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

AC Milan's Kaka (L) of Brazil celebrates after scoring as Genoa's Gleison Santos looks down during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the Ferraris Stadium in Genova on 26 Aug, 2007.
INTERNET

Bolivian Vice-President says US uses aid to meddle

LA PAZ, 27 Aug— Bolivian Vice-President Alvaro Garcia Linera said on Sunday US aid is being used to finance a think tank where opposition leaders are orchestrating a campaign against Evo Morales' leftist government.

Since taking office in January 2006, Morales, an Aymara Indian from a poor background, has aligned himself with fellow leftists Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Cuba's Fidel Castro.

Garcia Linera said Washington was donating millions of dollars to create an "ideological bunker" for conservative politicians who oppose Morales' government.

Bolivian officials have accused the rightist opposition of trying to block some of Morales' key reforms, including a constitutional rewrite to empower the Andean country's Indian majority.

"I wish those 140 million US dollars they are talking about was productive aid. There is some (US) aid that has a political aim…(financing) the place where former ministers and deputy ministers meet, and from where they build an ideological and political resistance movement," Garcia Linera said in a radio interview.

A US Embassy spokesman refused to comment on Sunday, saying he had not heard Garcia Linera's statements.

Last week, US Ambassador Philip Goldberg said US aid in the 12 months to October would amount to 120 million US dollars, not 140 million dollars, adding that a fourth of the money would go to fighting the drug trade in the world's No 3 cocaine-producing country.

"Aid that fosters political resistance is no good and is not welcome." Garcia Linera, a former leftist guerilla fighter, told the state-run Red Patria Nueva radio network.

Currently, foreign governments can give aid directly to local and regional governments in Bolivia. The Vice-President said a new law is needed to monitor foreign aid more closely.

MNA/Reuters

Parachutists unfurl the Russian national flag during the MAKS-2007 International air show in Zhukovsky, outside Moscow, on 26 Aug, 2007.

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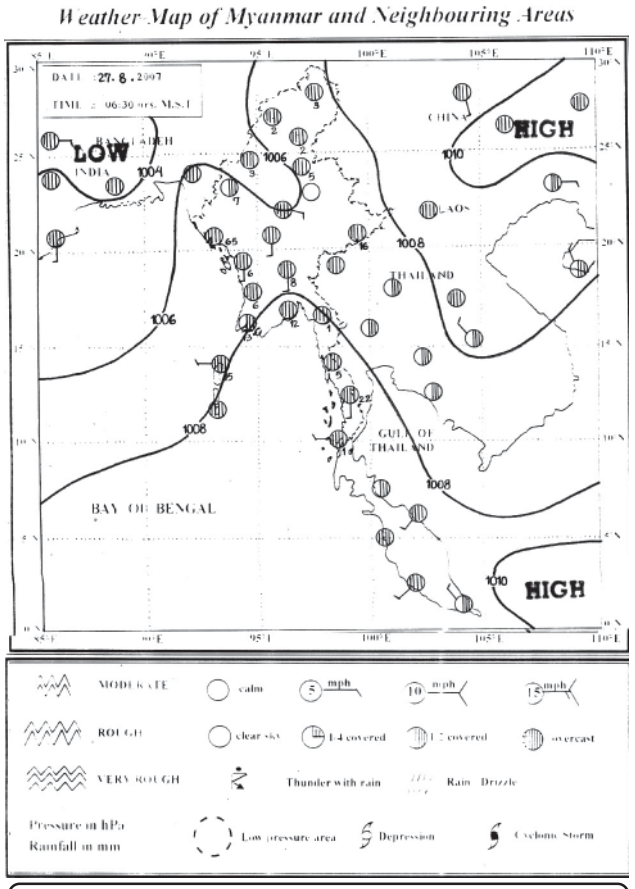
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 27 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mon State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.23) inches, Sittway (2.56) inches, Mawlaik (2.09) inches, Haka (1.89) inches, Namhsam (1.65) inches, Pyapon (1.61) inches, and Magway (0.95) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-8-2007 was 86ºF. Minimun temperature on 27-8-2007 was 72ºF. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-8-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 26-8-2007 was (1.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-8-2007 was (3.23) inches at Mingaladon, (0.48) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (97.32) inches at Mingaladon, (98.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (97.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 26-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain are likely in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hours MST on 27-8- 2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1075) cm is exceeded (5) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (1070) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

TV Myanmar

Tuesday, 28 August

View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓေမဟာ ရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓေအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဋိတော်

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့(အဖွဲ့ဝင်)၊ ပဲခူးတိုင်း၊ ပဲခူးမြို့နယ်၊ကံထူး ဓမ္မရိပ်သာကျောင်း၊ပဓာနနာယက ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝါယမ (မဟာဂန္ဓဝါစကပဏ္ဍိတ) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော မေတ္တာအခါတော်နေ့တရားတော်

8:20 am
5. Nice and sweet song

8:30 am
6. International news

8:45 am
7. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am
8. ဘဒ္ဒန္တသောဘဏ (အဘိဓေမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု) နိုင်ငံတော်ဩဝါဒါစရိယ ရွှေတိုက်ဆောတိတော်ဩဝါဒါစရိယ၊ ညောင်တုန်းပါဠိ တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းထဲမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလခံယူ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. မေတ္တာသုတ်ပါဠိတော်နှင့် အနက်(မြန်မာပြန်) (ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်အဖွဲ့၊ပြည်သူ့ ဆောက်လုပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ ဆောက်လုပ်ရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန)

4:40 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ –တတိယနှစ် (သချိုင်္ဂအထူးပြု) (သချိုင်္ဂ)

4:55 pm
5. Dance of national races

5:10 pm
6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ပထမတန်း အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

5:20 pm
7. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm
8. Evening news

6:30 pm
9. Weather report

6:35 pm
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm
11. "ယနေ့ကမ္ဘာနှင့်လောင်စာဆီ ဈေးနှုန်းပြဿနာ"

7:00 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်" (အပိုင်း–၇)

8:00 pm
13. News
14. International news
15. Weather report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပြိုးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်" (အပိုင်း–၁)
17. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ဉာဏိသဿရ၏ မေတ္တာသုတ္တန်တရားတော်
18. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

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Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-Pamalama Daisy
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-True to your heart
8:50 am National news/ Slogan
9:00 am Music:
-Taking back my heart
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-Peace, love and understanding
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-Because of you
-Searching my soul
9:00 pm English Speaking Course
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
9:30 pm Listening pleasure
-That's my story
-Love to love
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Chairman of Council of National Security of Thailand and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army and party

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — A goodwill delegation led by Chairman of Council of National Security of Thailand and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin arrived here by special aircraft this morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

The Thai goodwill delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union

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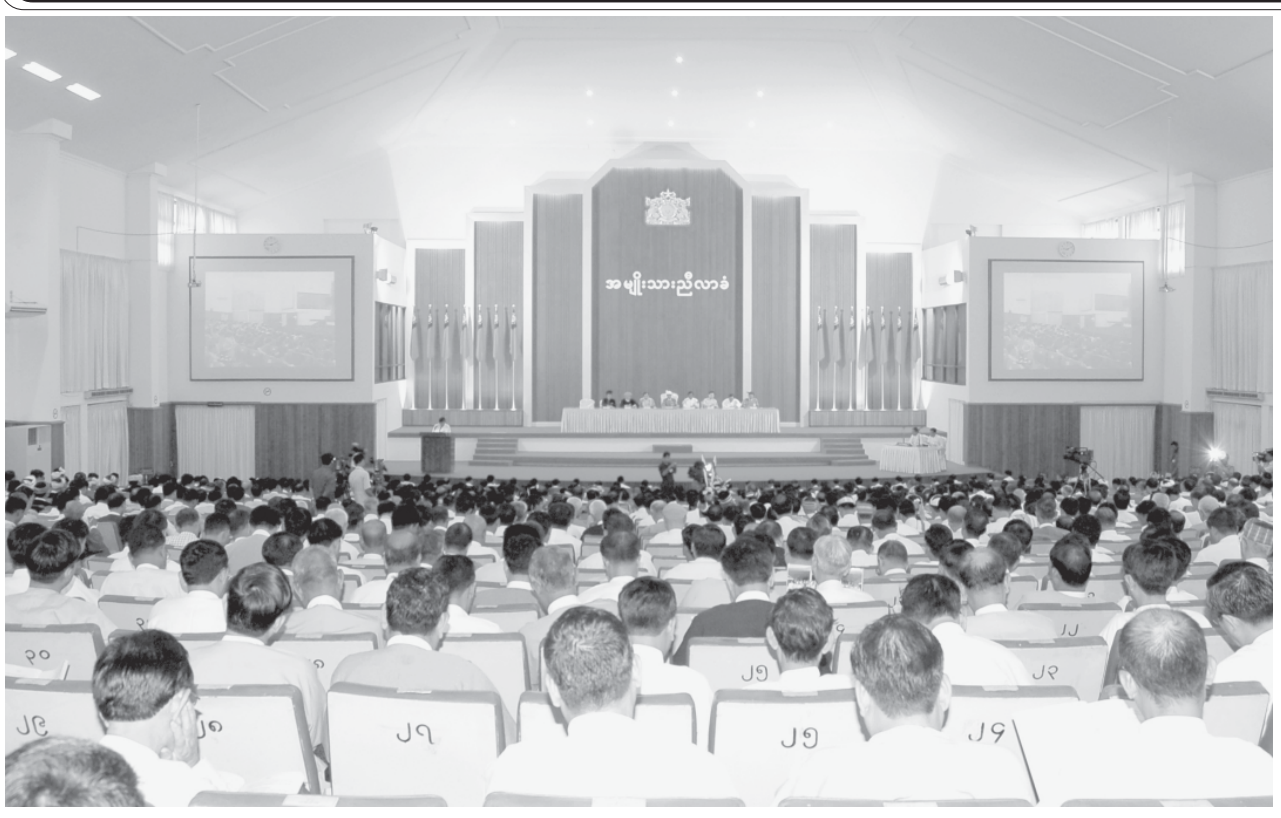
***Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, Chairman of Council of National Security of Thailand and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*— MNA**

National Convention continues

Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by NC read out



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

YANGON, 27 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

The Panel of Chairmen presented the Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by National Convention.

Present on the occasion were members of the National Convention Convening Commission, members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, chairmen and officials of sub-committees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party

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To be published

YANGON, 27 Aug — The Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by National Convention will be published in the dailies.— *MNA*