

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2007, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafl Billah Shah, Yang di-Pertuan Agong XIII of Malaysia.—MNA

Prime Minister felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2007, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato' Seri Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia.—MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein calls on Sri Lankan President

Friendly relationship between the two countries strengthened.

Mr Mahinda Rajapakse

Armed conflicts will be terminated through dialogue among groups.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug— 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 and party, accompanied by Sri Lankan Minister of Culture Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and wife and Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr PAD Samarasekera and wife and officials, flew from Colombo to Kandy on 28 August morning.

They were welcomed by Central Province Chief Minister Tikiri Kobbekaduwa and Province Minister Sarath Ekanayake.

The Acting Prime Minister and wife cordially greeted them.

At 1.30 pm, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein called on Mr Mahinda Rajapakse at the Temple Trees of the Presidential Residence in Kandy.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, 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

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein calls on Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse at the Presidential Residence in Kandy.— MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 31 August, 2007

Strengthening bilateral goodwill relations through cooperation

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka the delegation led by Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein paid a goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 27 August.

During his visit Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka held talks on bilateral co-operation at the latter's office in Colombo. The Memoranda of Understanding on cultural, study of literature and intelligence exchange cooperation were signed.

There have been relations on religion and culture between Myanmar and Sri Lanka for thousands of years and the two countries have maintained goodwill relations.

Being friendly nations, the two countries have mutual understanding on regional and international issues and they create new opportunities on bilateral economic cooperation.

There are favourable conditions in trade, tourism, agriculture, forestry, religious and cultural sectors for cooperation.

The goodwill visit of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein will strengthen the existing bilateral goodwill relations and promote bilateral economic cooperation.



Officials of Taze Township Development Affairs Committee inspected a tube-well in Zipauk Village, Taze, Sagaing Division recently. A 10-year plan is being implemented to supply drinking water to rural areas in Sagaing Division. — H

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

Foreign Minister felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato' Seri Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

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Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohaung Dual tracks Railroad inspected

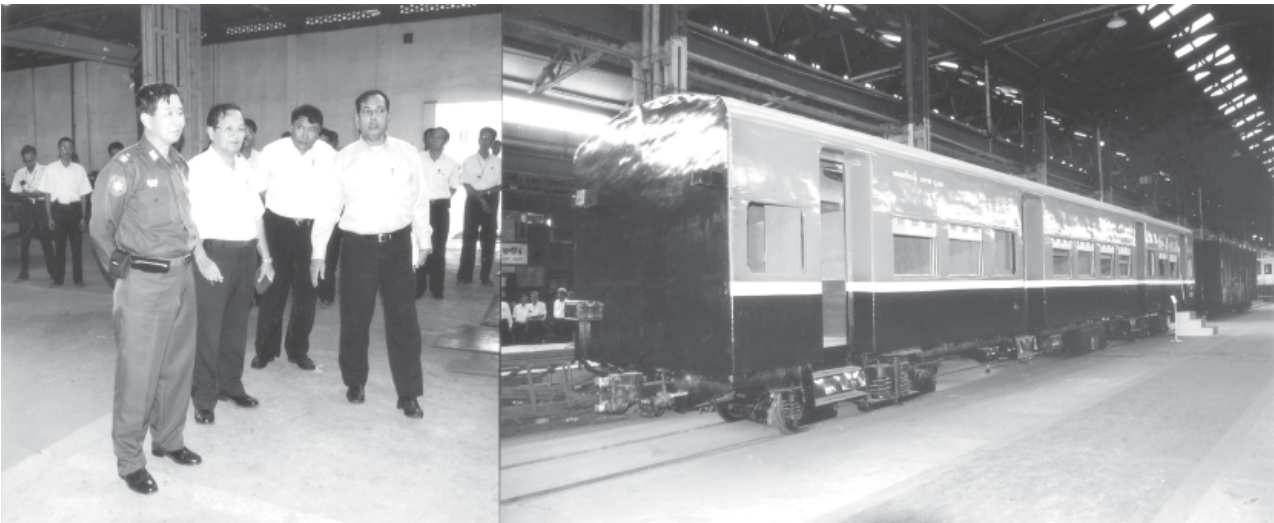
NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin, inspected construction of locomotives at Diesel Locomotive Shed in Ywahtaung of Sagaing Division on 25 August morning.

The minister instructed officials to manufacture locomotives to meet the target and set standards, produce spare parts of locomotives and run more locomotives and carriages for smooth transportation. The minister inspected maintenance tasks at Sagaing Bridge.

At the Concrete Sleeper Factory in Myitnge, the minister viewed production of concrete sleepers and preparation for sending them to the worksites.

At Carriage and Wagon Factory in Myitnge, the minister heard reports on production process of bogie and renovation of carriages and wagons presented by General Manager U Khin Maw and attended to the needs.

At the Blacksmith Factory, the minister instructed officials to manufacture quality carriages in



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects coaches at Carriage and Wagon Factory in Myitnge.

RAILWAYS

No interest in NLD's acts

Two resign from NLD

YANGON, 30 Aug — Two members U Tin Maung and U Ba Shein of Mohnyin Township National League for Democracy of Kachin State resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 25 August.

In their resignation letters sent to Mohnyin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they took no interest in the acts of NLD. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Soe Win	Managing Director
Deputy Director-Gen	Myanma Industrial Construction Services
Ministry of Electric	Ministry of Industry-2
Power No 1	
(b) U Khin Maung Zaw	Director-General
Deputy Director-Gen	Project Appraisal and
eral	Progress Reporting
Project Appraisal &	Department
Progress Report-	Ministry of National
ing Department	Planning and Economic
Ministry of National	Development
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nomic Development	

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time. The minister and party inspected Myitnge Hospital for Railways Staff and presented gifts to patients.

Yesterday morning, the minister viewed sales of tickets to passengers at Mandalay Railways Station and conversed with the passengers.

At Myohaung Cargo Yard, the minister inspected the tasks and gave necessary instructions. On his inspection tour of factories, the minister fulfilled the requirements of the tasks.

The minister inspected construction of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohaung dual tracks railroad and instructed officials to carry out construction of the railroad and bridges on schedule.

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In connection with the term of the Auditor-General, it shall be called Pyidaungsu Auditor-General

YANGON, 30 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 detailed basic principles regarding Union Auditor-General and Deputy Auditor-General, Formation of Union Civil Service Board, Region or State Government and Region or State General Administration Department of Formation of Executive in the chapter 'Executive' by Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.*

Union Auditor-General and Deputy Auditor-General

12. In connection with the term of the Auditor-General,
- It shall be called Pyidaungsu Auditor-General.

13. In connection with the appointment of and assignment of duties of Pyidaungsu Auditor-General,

(a) with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the President of the State shall appoint a person, from among the Hluttaw representatives or persons who are not Hluttaw representatives, having the following qualifications, Pyidaungsu Auditor-General so as to audit State budget and report to the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw;

(1) being a person who has completed the age of 45;

(2) apart from the age limit, having qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives;

(3) (aa) who has been for at least ten years an auditor of not lower than the region or the state level, or

(bb) who has been for at least twenty years a Registered Accountant or a Certified Public Accountant, or

(cc) who is assumed by the President to be a well-known accountant, statistician or economist of good reputation,

(4) being a person who is loyal to the State and the citizens;

(b) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall not have the right to reject the person nominated by the President to be appointed Pyidaungsu Auditor-General unless it can prove clearly that he is not qualified for being Pyidaungsu Auditor-General,

(c) the President of the State has the right to submit new nomination to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in place of a person who has not been approved to be appointed and assigned as Pyidaungsu Auditor-General,

(d) Pyidaungsu Auditor-General is responsible to the President of the State.

14. In connection with impeachment of the Auditor-General of the Union,

(a) the Auditor-General of the Union may be impeached for any of the following:

(1) breach of allegiance to the State

(2) violation of a provision of the Constitution

(3) moral turpitude

(4) default in qualifications of the Auditor-General of the Union

(5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.

(b) If it is desired to impeach the Auditor-General of the Union, it shall be proceeded in accord with the provisions for impeachment of the President or the Vice-President of the State;

(c) If the Hluttaw conducting the inquiry decides and submits that the impeachment is true and that the person impeached is not fit to keep on serving as the Auditor-General of the Union, the President shall

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terminate that person's performance of duties as the Auditor-General of the Union;

(d) If the Hluttaw conducting the inquiry decides and submits that the impeachment is false, it shall so be reported to the President of the State by the okkahta of the Hluttaw concerned.

15. In connection with the appointment of the Deputy Auditor-General,

(a) The President of the State shall at own discretion appoint a person who possesses the following qualifications, from among Hluttaw representatives or non-Hluttaw representatives, as the Deputy Auditor-General to assist the Auditor-General of the Union:

(1) person who has completed 40 years of age

(2) person who possessing qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, except for the age limit

(3) (aa) person who has served at least ten years in an auditor's post not lower than Region or State level, or

(bb) person who has served as Registered Accountant or Certified Public Accountant for at least 15 years, or

(cc) person whom the President of the State regards as one competent in statistics, or accounting or economics with high repute.

(4) person loyal to the State and the citizenry,

(b) The Deputy Auditor-General shall be responsible to the Auditor-General, and through the Auditor-General to the President of the State.

16. In connection with the tenure of post, the right to resign from the post, the right to effect termination of duties, and the right to make appointments to fill vacant posts of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General etc,

(a) The tenure of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State,

(b) The Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor - General, in the event of wishing to resign on own volition for some reason before the end of the tenure, may submit so in writing to the President of the State and do so,

(c) The President of the State may order the resignation of the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor - General who is unable to discharge the given duties fully, or, in the event of non - compliance, shall order termination of duties of the same,

(d) In the event there comes about a vacancy in the post of the Auditor - General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor - General due to resignation, termination

of duties, death or any other cause before the end of the tenure of post, the President of the State may appoint- a new Auditor - General of the Union or Deputy Auditor - General in accord with the provisions on appointment of the Auditor - General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor - General as contained in the State Constitution. The tenure of the Auditor-General of the Union or Deputy Auditor-General shall be only for the remainder of the tenure of the President of the State,

(e) In the event the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General happens to be a representative in a Hluttaw, this person shall be deemed to have resigned as a Hluttaw representative from the date of appointment as the Auditor - General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General,

(f) In the event the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General happens to be a civil servant, this person shall be deemed to have retired as a civil servant in accord with existing service regulations from the date of appointment as the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor - General,

(g) In the event the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General happens to be a member of a political party, this person shall not participate in Party activities of that party organization during the tenure of the post from the date of appointment as the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor - General,

(h) (1) In the event there comes about a vacancy in the post of the President of the State who has appointed the Auditor- General of the union and the Deputy Auditor-General due to resignation, termination of duties, death or any other cause before the end of the tenure of office, the new President of the State elected as replacement may retain them or appoint a new Auditor-General of the Union and Deputy Auditor -General in accord with the provisions on appointment of the Auditor - General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General as contained in the State Constitution. In such an event, the President of the State may have the incumbents carry on in their posts till the new ones are appointed,

(2) The tenure of the Auditor-General of the Union and Deputy Auditor-General so appointed as replacements shall be only for the remainder of the tenure of the new President of the State.

(i) Duties, rights and privileges of the Auditor- General of the Union and Deputy Auditor-General shall be prescribed by law.

17. In connection with the status of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor - General,
- the Auditor-General of the Union is prescribed to be of the same status as Union Minister, and the Deputy Auditor-General is prescribed to be of the same status as Deputy Minister, for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General.

Formation of Union Civil Service Board

18. In connection with formation of the Union Civil Service Board,

(a) The President of the State shall form the Union Civil Service Board to carry out duties of selecting and training personnel of civil service and laying down regulations of civil service,

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- (b)The President of the State shall appoint persons who possess the following qualifications as chairman and members of the Union Civil Service Board:
- (1) person who is fully 50 years old
 - (2)person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives except for the age stipulation
 - (3)members of the intelligentsia and intellectuals mature in experience
 - (4) person loyal to the State and the citizenry
 - (5) person who is not a member of a political party
 - (6) person who is not a Hluttaw representative
- (c) The chairman of the Union Civil Service Board shall be responsible to the President of the State and members of the board shall be responsible through the chairman of the board to the President of the State,
- (d)The tenure of the chairman and members of the Union Civil Service Board shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State,
- (e) Formation of the Union Civil Service Board, duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members, resignation and terminal on of duties shall be prescribed by law.
19. In connection with the status of the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board is prescribed to be of the same status as Union Minister, for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board.

Region or State Government

20. In connection with the terms referring to leader of Region or State and members of Region or State government,
- (a) the leader of Region or State shall be known as Chief Minister of the Region or State;
 - (b) members of Region or State government shall be known as Minister of the Region or State.
21. In connection with formation of Region government or State government and appointment of the Chief Minister of Region or State,
- (a) Region government is formed in a Region and State government is formed in a State,
 - (b) Region or State government is formed with the following persons:
 - (1) Chief Minister of Region or State
 - (2) Ministers of Region or State
 - (3) Advocate - General of Region or State
 - (c)With the approval of Region or State Hluttaw concerned, the President of the State;
 - (1) may prescribe Region or State ministries as necessary, and may make changes or additions to the ministries so prescribed;
 - (2) may prescribe the number of Region or State ministers as necessary and may decrease and increase this number so prescribed;
 - (d) Chief Minister and Ministers of Region or State shall possess the following qualifications:
 - (1) person who is fully 35 years old
 - (2) person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Region or State Hluttaw representatives except for the age stipulation
 - (3) person who is loyal to the State and the citizenry
 - (e) For appointment as the Chief Minister of Region or State, the president of the State shall
 - (1) select a suitable Hluttaw representative who possesses prescribed qualifications from among Region or State Hluttaw representatives concerned;
 - (2) send the nomination of the selected Hluttaw

- representative to the Region or State Hluttaw concerted and seek its approval thereof.
 - (f) The President of the State shall appoint the Hluttaw representative approved by Region or State Hluttaw as the Chief Minister of Region or State
 - (g) Region or State Hluttaw shall have no right to turn down the Hluttaw representative nominated by the President of the State for appointment as Chief Minister of Region or State, unless it can clearly show that person does not fully possess the qualifications prescribed for the post of the Chief Minister of Region or State
 - (h) The President of the State has the right to submit a new nomination to the Region or State Hluttaw in place of the person who does not get approval of the Region or State Hluttaw for appointment as the Chief Minister of Region or State.
22. In connection with the appointment of Region or State Ministers,
- (a)In order to appoint Region or State Ministers, the Region or State Chief Minister shall
 - (1) select suitable persons who possess prescribed qualifications from among the Region or State Hluttaw representatives or non- Hluttaw representatives;
 - (2)ask a list of names of suitable Tatmadaw members from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to assign security and border affairs responsibilities;
 - (3)ask the nomination of the okkahta from the self-administered division or self-administered zone leading body in the respective region or state;
 - (4) obtain the list of Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races in the respective region or state from the respective Election Commission.
 - (b) The Region or State Chief Minister shall prepare together the list of persons he has selected and that of Tatmadaw members nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of De-fence Services, submit them to the respective Region or State Hluttaw and seek its approval;
 - (c) Region or State Hluttaw has no right to reject a person nominated by the Region or State Chief Minister for the appointment of Region or State Minister unless it can prove clearly the person concerned does not possess qualifications prescribed for Region or State Ministers;
 - (d) the Region or State Chief Minister has the right to submit again the list furnished with new name replacing the one who has not been approved by the Region or State Hluttaw for the appointment of the Region or State Minister;
 - (e) the Region or State Chief Minister shall submit the names approved by. the Region or State Hluttaw, that of okkahta of the self administered division or self- administered zone and that of Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races for appointment as Region or State Ministers;.
 - (f) The President of the State shall appoint persons submitted by the Region or State Chief Minister as Ministers; in appointing them, he shall allocate, in consultation with the respective Region or State Chief Minister, the ministry or ministries which each Region or State Minister is to take charge;
 - (g) The President of the Slate shall
 - (1) assign duties to the self- administered division okkahtas or self- administered zone okkahtas who are Region or State Ministers, to undertake the affairs of respective self administered division or self- administered zone;
 - (2) assign duties to the Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races, who are Region or State Ministers, to undertake the affairs of the national races

- concerned;
 - (h) The President of the State shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution in appointing Region or State Ministers, the okkahta of the self administered division or self - administered zone or Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races;
 - (i) The President of the State, in consultation with the Prime Minister, may appoint Ministers for self-administered division or self-administered zone and Ministers for national race affairs as Ministers concurrently in charge of other ministries as well;
 - (j) The Region or State Chief Minister, if desirous of assigning Tatmadaw members as Region or State Ministers for other responsibilities other than security and border areas affairs responsibilities, shall coordinate with the Commander-in - Chief of Defence Services, obtain the approval of the respective Region or State Hluttaw, and submit it to the President of the State;
 - (k) The President of the State is to send intimation of the appointments of Region or State Chief Minister and Ministers to the Region or State Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw;
 - (l) (1)The Region or State Chief Minister Shall be responsible to the President of the State.
 - (2)The Region or State Ministers shall be responsible to the Region or State Chief Minister concerned, and, through the Chief Minister, to the President of the State.
 - (m) The term of office of the Region or State Chief Minister and Ministers shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State.
23. In connection with impeachment of Region or State Chief Minister or any of the Ministers,
- (a)Region or State Chief Minister or any of the Ministers, shall be impeached for one of the following reasons:
 - (1) treason,
 - (2) violation of any of the provisions in the Constitution,
 - (3) misconduct,
 - (4) being disqualified for the post of Region or State Chief Minister or Minister under the Constitution:
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.
 - (b) If it is desired to impeach a Region or State Chief Minister or Minister for any of the above reasons, a proposal in writing signed by not less than one - fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be submitted to the okkahta of the Hluttaw concerned,
 - (c) The Okkahta of the Hluttaw concerned shall form an investigation commission and cause the charge to be investigated. The term pending the completion of the investigation shall be determined depending on the magnitude of the charge,
 - (d) The Region or State Chief Minister or Minister thus charged shall have the right to appear or to be represented at the investigation of the charge and be given the chance to refute it,
 - (e) (1) The Okkahta of the Hluttaw shall report to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned the results of the investigation submitted to him by the investigation commission by which the charge against the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister has been investigated, and then report to the President of the State if a resolution is ‘ passed, supported by not less than two- thirds of the total membership of the Hluttaw concerned, declaring that the charge has been substantiated and that of the offence, the subject of the charge, is such as to render Region or State Chief Minister or Minister unfit to continue in office;
 - (2) The President of the State, upon receipt of the submission, shall proceed to remove the Region

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In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General of the Region or State, it shall be called the Advocate-General of the Region or State

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Region or State Attorney-General

27. In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General of the Region or State,
- It shall be called the Advocate-General of the Region or State.
28. In connection with the appointment of and assigning duties to the Advocate-General of the Region or State,
- (a) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall get the approval of the Region or State Hluttaw concerned in appointing and assigning duties to a person, from among Hluttaw representatives or non-Hluttaw representatives, having the following qualifications as the Region or State Advocate-General in order to get legal advice and assign duties of a legal character and submit the matter to the President:
- (1) being a person who has attained the age of 40 years;
 - (2) being a person who possesses qualifications, except for age limit, prescribed for Region or State Hluttaw representatives;
 - (3) (aa) being a person who has been for at least five years a judicial officer or a law officer not lower than the Region or State level, or being a person who has been for at least ten years a judicial officer or a law officer not lower than district level, or
 - (bb) being a person who has been an advocate of the Taya Hluttaw (High Court) of at least 15 years' standing.
 - (4) being a person loyal to the State and the citizenry.

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- (b) The Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned shall send a nominee, after obtaining approval from the Hluttaw concerned for assignment of duties as the Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned, to the President who shall then appoint him the Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned,
- (c) The President has no right to reject the nominee to be appointed Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned unless it can be clearly proved that he does not fully possess qualifications prescribed for the post of the Advocate-General of the Region or State,
- (d) The Chief Minister of the Region or State has the right to submit again a new list furnished with a new nominee re-replacing the person who has not been approved by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned for appointment as the Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned,
- (e) The Advocate-General of the Region or State is member of the government of that Region or State,
- (f) The Advocate-General of the Region or State is
- (i) responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned;
 - (ii) responsible to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.
- (g) If there arises a cause to impeach the Advocate-

General of the Region or State, it shall be proceeded in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution regarding impeachment of the Chief Minister or a Minister.

- (h) The Advocate-General of the Region or State is subject to provisions of the Constitution prescribed for the Chief Minister of the Region or State or Ministers concerning resignation, termination from duty, filling the vacant post and deeming the person to have retired in case of being a civil service personnel,
- (i) Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Advocate-General of the Region or State shall be prescribed by law.
29. In connection with prescribing the status of the Advocate-General of the Region or State,
- The Advocate-General of the Region or State is prescribed to be of the same status as the Region or State Minister for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Advocate-General of the Region or State.

Region or State Auditor-General

30. In connection with the term regarding the Auditor-General of the Region or State,
- It shall be called the Auditor-General of the Region or State.
- Auditor-General of the Region or State**
31. In connection with appointment of and assigning duties to the Auditor-General of the Region or State,
- (a) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall select a person from among Hluttaw representatives or non - Hluttaw representatives who possesses the following qualifications for appointment of and assigning duties as the Auditor-General of the Region or State concerned to be able to audit the Region or State budget and submit it to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, obtain approval of the Region or State Hluttaw concerned and report the nomination to the President:
- (1) being a person who has completed the age of 40;
 - (2) With the exception of age limit, being a person who has qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representative,
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In connection with the term...

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- or State Chief Minister or Minister who has been impeached;
- (3) If the Hluttaw concerned decides that the charge has been refuted, the Okkahta of the Hluttaw concerned shall report the decision to the President of the State.
24. In connection with resignation, removal from office and filling the vacated post of a Region or State Chief Minister or any of the Ministers, -
- (a) If a Region or State Chief Minister desires to resign on his own volition or any reason before the expiry of the term of office, he shall be permitted to do so after he has submitted his letter of resignation to the President of the State,
- (b) The President of the State shall
- (1) instruct the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister, who is incapable of performing duties properly, to re-sign, and proclaim removal from office in the event of failure to comply with his

- instruction,
- (2) coordinate with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services if the person to resign or be removed from office is the Tatmadaw member Region or State Minister nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.
- (c) If the post of the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister becomes vacant in the event of resignation, or being re-moved from office, or death, or any reason, the President of the State shall take steps to till the vacant post in accord with the provisions of the Constitution in coordination with the Region or State Hluttaw. The remaining tenure of the President of the State shall be prescribed for the term of office of the newly appointed person,
- (d) (1) If the Region or State Minister is a civil servant, he shall be deemed to have retired from his position as civil servant in accord with the existing rules and regulations from the date he is appointed the Region or State Minister;
- (2) Tatmadaw members who have been appointed Region or State Ministers for Security and Border Affairs of the Region or State Governments need not retire or resign from the

- Tatmadaw.
- (e) Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Region or State Chief Minister and Ministers shall be prescribed by law.
25. In connection with prescribing the status of the Region or State Chief Minister and Minister,
- The Region or State Chief Minister is prescribed to be of the same status as Pyidaungsu Minister and the Region or State Minister is prescribed to be of the same status as Deputy Minister, for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister.
- Region or State General Administration Department**
26. In connection with the head of the General Administration Department of the Region or State concerned,
- The head of the General Administration Department of the Region or State concerned shall act ex officio as secretary of the government of the Region or State concerned. Moreover, the General Administration Department of the Region or State shall be the office of the government of the Region or State concerned.
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In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General ...

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- (3) (aa) being a person who has been for at least five years an auditor not lower than Region or State level, or who has been for at least ten years an auditor not lower than district level, or
(bb) being a person who has been for at least 15 years a Registered Accountant or a Certified Public Accountant;
- (4) being a person who is loyal to the State and the citizenry.
- (b) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall send a nominee, after obtaining approval from the Hluttaw concerned for assignment of duties as the Auditor- General of the Region or State concerned, to the President who shall then appoint the person the Auditor- General of the Region or State concerned,
- (c) The President has no right to reject the nominee to be appointed Auditor - General of the Region or State concerned unless it can be clearly proved that he does not fully possess qualifications prescribed for the post of the Auditor-General of the Region or State,
- (d) The Chief Minister of the Region or State has the right to submit again a new list furnished with a new nominee re-placing the person who has not been approved by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned for appointment as the Auditor- General of the Region or State concerned,
- (e) The Auditor-General of the Region or State is
(i) responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned;
(ii) responsible to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.
- (f) If there arises a cause to impeach the Auditor-General of the Region or State, it shall be proceeded in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution regarding impeachment of the Chief Minister of the Region or State or a Minister,
- (g) The Auditor- General of the Region or State is subject to provisions of the Constitution prescribed for the Chief Minister of the Region or State or Ministers concerning resignation, termination from duty, filling the vacant post and deeming the person to have retired in case of being a civil service personnel,
- (h) Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Auditor- General of the Region or State shall be prescribed by law.
32. In connection with prescribing the status of the Auditor-General of the Region or State,
- The Auditor- General of the Region or State is prescribed to be of the same status as the Region or State Minister for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Auditor- General of the Region or State.
- Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Administrative Body**
33. In connection with the term referring to the administrative body of the self-administered division or self-administered zone,
- The administrative body of the self- administered division or self- administered zone shall be called the oo-zi aphwe (leading body) of the self- administered division or oo- zi aphwe (leading body) of the self administered zone.
34. In connection with the formation of the self-administered division leading body and the self-administered zone leading body,
(a) Being self-administered areas, self-administered divisions and self-administered zones are of equal

- status,
- (b) There are self-administered division leading bodies and self-administered zone leading bodies formed in the self administered divisions and the self administered zones respectively. The leading bodies exercise legislative power vested in them under the Constitution,
- (c) There shall include at least 10 members in the self-administered division leading body or the self administered zone leading body,
- (d) The self-administered division leading body or the self ad-ministered zone leading body shall be constituted with the following persons:
(1) Region or State Hluttaw representatives elected from townships in the self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned;
(2) Tatmadaw member representatives nominated according to law by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in order to assign duties regarding security or border affairs;
(3) additional representatives chosen and assigned by persons stated in sub- paragraphs (1) and (2).
- (e) members of the self administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body stated in above paragraph (d) (1) and (2) are to choose, after consultations among themselves, a suitable person as the self-administered division okkahta or self-administered zone okkahta out of the region or state Hluttaw representatives elected from the townships in the self-administered division or self-ad-ministered zone. The person thus chosen is to be submitted to the President of the State through the respective Region or State Chief Minister,
- (f) The President of the State is to appoint the person in the nomination submitted as the Okkahta of the respective self-administered division or self-administered zone,
- (g) The Okkahta of the self-administered division or self administered zone is Minister in the region or state concerned. As such, provisions in the Constitution applying to the Ministers of the region or state will also apply to the self-administered division Okkahta or self-administered zone Okkahta,
- (h) The Okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone and members of the leading body concerned shall
(1) choose one representative for each national race, if there is any, the population of which is upwards of at least 10,000, residing in the self-administered division or self-administered zone as leading committee member with the exception of national races who have already got regions or states of their own. The person chosen and appointed as leading committee member shall possess qualifications prescribed for region or state Hluttaw representatives.
(2) choose suitable persons as members from among those residing in the self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned, who possess qualifications prescribed for region or state Hluttaw representatives, if the membership is not up to ten in the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body concerned so that membership will become at least ten.
- (i) The Commander-in -Chief of Defence Services shall assign as necessary one - fourth of the total membership with Tatmadaw members in the self administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies.
- (j) Tatmadaw members nominated according to law by the Commander-in - Chief of Defence Services to be assigned as members of the self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies shall possess qualifications of the region or state Hluttaw representatives,

- (k) (1) The Okkahta of the respective self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies shall announce the names of members of the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body.
- (2) The Okkahta of the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body shall be responsible to the respective region or state Chief Minister. and through the Chief Minister to the President of the State.
- (3) Members of the self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies shall be responsible to the Okkahta.
- (4) The term of office, taking action, resignation, removal from duty, termination of duty and filling up vacant posts of the Okkahta and members of the self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies shall be prescribed by law.
- (l) Duties, rights and privileges of the Okkahta and members of the self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies shall be prescribed by law.
- Self-administered Division or Self-administered Zone General Administration Department**
- (m) The head of General Administration Department in the respective self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned shall serve as secretary of the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body. Moreover, the General Administration Department in the self-administered division or self-administered zone shall be the office of the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body.
- Administration of Nay Pyi Taw**
35. In connection with administration of Nay Pyi Taw that is Union territory,
(a) Nay Pyi Taw, that is Union territory, shall include all districts and townships within Nay Pyi Taw city development limits that exist on the day this Constitution comes into force.
- (b) The President of the State may, as necessary, effect changes in demarcation of districts and townships in Nay Pyi Taw that is Union territory.
- (c) The President of the State
(1) shall constitute a Nay Pyi Taw Council;
(2) shall appoint persons who possess prescribed qualifications as chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council;
(3) shall obtain from the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services a nomination of suitable Tatmadaw member or members who possess prescribed qualifications for appointment as Council member or members for coordination of matters of security of Nay Pyi Taw that is Union territory;
(4) may, as necessary, prescribe, in accord with law, the number of members, including the chairman, to serve on Nay Pyi Taw Council.
- (d) The chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall possess the following qualifications:
(1) person fully 35 years old;
(2) person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives except for the age stipulation;
(3) person who possesses other qualifications prescribed by the President of the State;
- (e) The chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall be responsible to the President of the State; members shall be responsible to the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and through the latter to the President of the State.
- (f) In connection with tenure, right to resign, termination of duties, and appointment to fill vacated posts of the chair-man and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council,
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Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-

General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, 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 Deve-

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

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, members of 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, delegates of 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, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia 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



Chairman and Members of Panel of Chairmen of Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons as members of the panel of chairmen.

Director U Than Aung of the NCC Work Committee Office acted as MC and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as 1055 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 98.51 per cent.

The Panel of Chairmen presented the Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by National Convention. First, Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons read out detailed basic principles

regarding Union Auditor-General and Deputy Auditor-General, Formation of Union Civil Service Board, Region or State Government and Region or State General Administration Department of Formation of Executive in the chapter 'Executive'.

(The presentation is reported separately.)

Next, U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of the National Convention Convening Work Committee read out detailed basic principles regarding Region or State Attorney-General, Auditor-General of the Region or State, Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Administrative Body, Self-administered Division or Self-administered Zone General Administration Department and Administration of Nay Pyi Taw that is Union territory of Formation of Executive in the chapter 'Executive'. The Plenary Session took a break

at 10 am.

(The presentation is reported separately.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 10.15 am, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties read out the detailed basic principles regarding sharing of the executive power in the chapter 'Executive'.

(The presentation will be reported.)

Afterwards, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representative-elect read out the detailed basic principles regarding Formation of Judiciary in the chapter 'Judiciary'. The Plenary Session of the National Convention was adjourned at 11.15 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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In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General ...

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- (1) The tenure of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State;
- (2) The chairman or a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council, in the event of wishing to resign on own volition for some reason before the end of the tenure, may submit so in writing to the President of the State and do so;
- (3) The President of the State
 - (aa) may order the resignation of the chairman or a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council who is unable to discharge the given duties fully or, in the event of non-compliance, shall order termination of the duties of the same.
 - (bb) shall act in coordination with the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the case of a Tatmadaw member who is a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council that is to resign or that is going to get termination of duties.
- (4) In the event there comes about a vacancy in the post of the chairman or a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council due to resignation, termination of

duties, death or any other cause, the President of the State may appoint a new chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council in accord with the provisions in the State Constitution. The tenure of the new chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall be only for the remainder of the tenure of the President of the State.

- (g) In the event the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council happens to be a representative in a Hluttaw, this person shall be deemed to have resigned as a Hluttaw representative from the date of appointment as the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.
- (h) In the event the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council happens to be a civil servant, this person shall be deemed to have retired or resigned as a civil servant in accord with existing service regulations from the date of appointment as the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.
- (i) Tatmadaw member or members who are appointed member or members of Nay Pyi Taw Council for coordination of matters of security of Nay Pyi Taw need not retire or resign from the Tatmadaw.
- (j) In the event the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council happens to be a member of a political party, this person shall not participate in party activities of that party organization during the

tenure of the post from the date of appointment as the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

- (k) Formation of Nay Pyi Taw Council, duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall be prescribed by law.
 - (l) The head of General Administration Department of Nay Pyi Taw is the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Council. General Administration Department of Nay Pyi Taw is the office of Nay Pyi Taw Council.
36. In connection with prescribing of status of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council,
- The chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council is prescribed as of the same status as Union Minister, for purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council.
37. In connection with administration at district and township level,
- administration at district and township level shall be carried out, assigned to State service personnel.
38. In connection with administration at ward or village tract level,
- administration at ward or village tract level shall be carried out, assigned in accord with law, to a person of integrity respected by the community.

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Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Sri Lankan Prime Minister attend the ceremony to hand over two full-grown elephants at Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber in Kandy. —MNA

Acting Prime Minister...
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Also present on the occasion were Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka and party, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Thibbatuwawe Sri Siddhastha Sumangala Thara and Sayadaw Udugama Sri Buddharakkete of Malwatta and Asgiriya Ganas of Syiam Maha Nikaya, members of the Sangha and disciples.

The master of ceremonies explained the purpose of donating two full-grown elephants to the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber.

Mr Pradeep Nilanga Dela poured water on the two elephants and presented iron hooks to the mahouts.

Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein handed over documents related to the elephants to the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and the Head of the Tooth Relic Chamber.

Next, they posed for documentary photoes.

Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Thibbatuwawe Sri

Siddartha Sumangala Thara of Malwatta Gana administered the Desana and gave an Ovada Katha for donation of the two elephants. Sayadaw Udugama Sri Buddharakketa of Asgiriya Gana also gave an Ovada Katha. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister expressed thanks for the donations of two elephants.

Speaking on the occasion, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that as Myanmar and Sri Lanka are home to the majority of Theravada Buddhists, the two countries have fine traditions of friendly cooperation in religious and cultural sectors. The Union of Myanmar donated two full-grown elephants to be used in the Buddha Tooth Relic conveying ceremony at the official request of the Sri Lankan Government with a view to cementing bilateral ties between the two countries. The two elephants will be the symbol of the strengthening of centennial friendly relationship and cooperation in religious and cultural sector between the two countries.

The Acting Prime Minister offered eight requisites and alms to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of Sri Lanka.

Next, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and the Head of the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber presented a certificate of honour to the Acting Prime Minister.

The Head of the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber presented Dhamma gifts to Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador and two mahouts.

The Head of the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber thanked the Myanmar delegation for their attendance at the ceremony.

At the refectory, the Acting Prime Minister and wife offered meals to members of the Sangha and donated meals, flowers and water to the Buddha Image.

Later, the Acting Prime Minister and party went back to Earls Regency Hotel. — MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein...
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Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Lwin and Director-General U Phae Thann Oo of Political Department.

Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse was accompanied by Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka, the Minister of

Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Culture, the Minister of Religious Affairs, the Minister of Environment and National Resources, the Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar and senior officials.

Speaking on the occasions, Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse said the he was pleased with promotion of

friendly relationship between the two countries and exchange of goodwill visits between officials of the two countries. He expressed thanks for warmly hospitality of Myanmar for his attendance at the Buddhist Summit in Myanmar. He was also pleased with reconstitution of the joint commission after his Minister of Foreign Affairs had paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar. In conclusion, he said that although Sri Lanka is facing some problems including terror-



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse at Temple Trees in Kandy. —MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, calls on wife of the Sri Lankan President. —MNA

ism, efforts are being made for solving these internal problems.

Afterwards, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein said his visit to Sri Lanka is to attend a ceremony to convey Buddha's tooth relic around Kandy and to promote bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

He also expressed his sympathy for difficulties of Sri Lanka to fight against terrorism as well as to solve internal affairs. After gaining independence, 16 insurgent groups emerged in Myanmar owing to ideological differences, he said. After the Tatmadaw Government took duties of the State the government held peace talks with the armed groups and all groups except one returned to the legal fold, he said. He continued to say that he believed that armed conflicts among groups will be terminated through dialogue.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein also conveyed the invitation from Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife to Sri Lankan President and wife to pay a visit to Myanmar.

Afterwards, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse exchanged souvenirs.

Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially met with wife of Sri Lankan president and they exchanged souvenirs.

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win pay homage to Buddha's Tooth Relic



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win pay homage to Buddha Tooth Relic at the ceremony to convey Buddha's Tooth Relic around in Kandy. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended a ceremony to convey Buddha's Tooth Relic around in Kandy, Sri Lanka on 28 August.

Also present were 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, Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Lwin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, departmental officials, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and entrepreneurs.

Similarly, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Rohitha Bogollagama and wife, Minister for Culture Mr Mahinda

Yapa Abeywardena and wife and senior officials also paid homage to the Buddha's Tooth Relic.

The Tooth Relic kept in the reliquary was conveyed round Kandy, flanked by Sri Lankan traditional dance troupes and elephants.

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win together with officials paid homage to Buddha's Tooth Relic at the Pandal.

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife pay homage to Presiding Sayadaws of Buddhism

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — A Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein of the State Peace and Development Council and wife paid homage to Presiding Sayadaws of Sri Lanka and of Myanmar monasteries in Colombo and Kandy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 27 and 28 August.

The Acting Prime

Minister and wife and party together with Sri Lankan Minister of Culture Mr Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and wife paid homage to Presiding Sayadaws of Colombo on 27 August.

Next, they paid homage to Amarapura Nikaya Maha Nayaka of Sri Lanka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nanisara at Buddhist Monastery in Nugegoda of Colombo at 4.45 pm. Afterwards, they

paid homage to the Buddha Image at the monastery and offered flowers to it. And they took the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nanisara and offered eight requisites and alms to the Sayadaw and so did Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife.

After that the Acting Prime Minister supplicated on religious affairs to the Sayadaw and signed in the visitors' book. Next, the



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife offer eight requisites and provisions to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nanisara at Buddhist Monastery in Nugegoda, Colombo. — MNA

Sayadaw presented a Buddha statue and Dhamma gifts to the Acting Prime Minister and wife, and Minister U Nyan Win and wife.

Afterwards, the Acting Prime Minister and wife and the party offered flowers to the Buddha Image and Bo tree at Dharmodaya Pirivena monastery in Wellawatte and paid homage to Yamanya Maha

Nikaya Presiding Sayadaw Wewaldeniye Medhalankara.

Next, they offered eight requisites, robes and alms to Presiding Sayadaw Wewaldeniye Medhalankara. Upon arrival at Makuhtayama Myanmar Monastery in Borrela, the Acting Prime Minister supplicated on religious affairs to the Sayadaws and asked them about Pariyatti

academic matters.

Afterwards, the Acting Prime Minister and party offered robes and alms to members of the Sangha. On arrival at Myanmar Monastery in Kandy on 28 August, they offered eight requisites, robes and alms to Sayadaw U Arcinna. Next, Sayadaw U Arcinna presented a Bo Sapling as gift to the Acting Prime Minister. — MNA



Sayadaw Arcinna presents a Bo Sapling to Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein at Myanmar Monastery in Kandy. — MNA

Sri Lankan President hosts luncheon in honour of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife



Sri Lankan President and wife host a luncheon to Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win at Presidential Residence. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapakse and wife hosted a luncheon in honour of 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 at the Presidential Residence in

Kandy at 2pm on 28 August. It was also attended 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, Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Lwin, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads, President U Win Myint of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs.

Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse and wife were accompanied by Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka and wife, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,

the Minister of Religious Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services, the Minister of Culture and wife, Sri Lankan Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar and senior officials. Sri Lankan Navy

Band entertained those present with songs at the luncheon. After lunch, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party together with Sri Lankan President and party posed for a documentary photo. MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives Sri Lankan Foreign Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug —Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein received Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister for Foreign

Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, at Trans Asia Hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 27 August. Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win,

Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Lwin, Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and Director-General of the Political Department U Pe Than Oo.—MNA



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives Sri Lankan Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Rohitha Bogollagama at Trans Asia Hotel. —MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with Myanmar embassy staff in Colombo



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife present gifts to family members of embassy staff. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with embassy staff at the Myanmar Embassy in Colombo at 7.30 am on 28 August.

First, Ambassador U Tin Oo Lwin reported on background history, social and economic matters of

Sri Lanka and Maldives, the relations between Myanmar and Sri Lanka, the prospects of cooperation in economic, cultural and Buddhist studies sectors. Next, the Acting Prime Minister gave instructions on increasing cooperation in economic, social and religious sectors, extension of air transport between two nations and promotion of

tourism sector including exchanging pilgrimage between two countries, cooperation in agricultural sector including tea and palm industries and technological cooperation. Later, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gifts for embassy staff and family members to the Ambassador and the Minister Counsellor. MNA

Myanmar delegation visits Anuradhapura cultural site in Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, visited Anuradhapura, an archaeological site of Sri Lanka, yesterday.

and donated robes and offer-tories to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of North Central Province Pallegama Siriniwasa Thera.

Afterwards, the delegation paid homage to Maha Bodhi Tree.

During the visit to Anuradhapura, the delegation also visited

changed souvenirs.

During the visit, Myanmar delegation also went to Myanmar monastery and paid homage and donated robes and offer-tories to Sayadaw U Sundhara. Next, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein laid corner stones to construct a build-



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife offer eight requisites and alms to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Sundhara. — MNA

The delegation, accompanied by Minister of Culture of Sri Lanka Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and wife, flew to the archaeological site where they were welcomed by Chief Minister of North Central Province Bertie Premalal Dissanayake and officials.

They also visited Thiri Maha Bodhi Monastery

Ruwanweli Maha Seya Pagoda, paid homage to the pagoda and posed for a documentary photo at the pagoda.

Myanmar delegation led by Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with North Central Province Chief Minister Bertie Premalal Dissanayake in Anuradhapura and ex-

ing where Buddha Image donated by Myanmar to be kept.

Sayadaw U Sundhara presented relics of Buddha to the acting prime minister as Dhamma gift.

Afterwards, the delegation flew to Colombo to leave for Myanmar. At Bandaranaike International Airport, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka



Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife offer eight requisites and provisions to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of North Central Province at Thiri Maha Bodhi Monastery. — MNA

Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Culture Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and high ranking officials saw off

the goodwill delegation. Before departure for Myanmar, Mr Rohitha Bogollagama presented a documentary photo album

and souvenirs to the acting prime minister. The delegation left Colombo for Nay Pyi Taw by a special flight in the afternoon. — MNA



Sri Lankan Foreign Affairs Minister sees off Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife at Bandaranaike International Airport. — MNA

Sector-wise cooperation discussed during Myanmar's goodwill visit to Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — The ministers who accompanied Acting Prime Minister and State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein on a goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka from 27 to 29 August discussed with Sri Lankan officials concerned during the tour.

At 5 pm on 27 August, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo together with Myanmar Agriculture Service Managing Director U Ohn Than called

on Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services Maithripala Sirisena and Minister of Irrigation and Water Management at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister's Office and they discussed development of agriculture and irrigation system, technological exchange, exchange of good quality strains of crops and agricultural research cooperation between the two countries.

At 5 pm on 27 August, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin

Naing Thein together with Deputy Director-General U Myo Oo of Directorate of Trade called on Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Cooperative and Consumer Services Bandula Gunawardene, Secretary Dr Yandana Yake and Economic and Commerce Director General Marnel D Desilver at the ministry and they discussed enhancement of trade cooperation between the two countries. At 5 pm on 27 August, Minister for

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung meets Sri Lankan Religious Affairs Minister at Prime Minister's Office. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free markets in Yangon East District

YANGON, 30 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected tax-free markets in Yangon East District this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited the tax-free market in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, another tax-free market on Pyidaungsu Road in Ward 26 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Shukhintha



Lt-Gen Myint Swe looks into Tax-free Market in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.— MNA

tax-free market in Thakayta Township, Tamway tax-free market in Tamway Township and Yankin tax-free market in Yankin Township.

In his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed sales of goods at the stalls of ministries, organizations and private producers, and instructed

officials to supervise sales of fresh meat, vegetables and fish at reasonable price for the convenience of the customers. **MNA**

Winner selected to participate in ASEAN Youth Photographer Award

YANGON, 29 Aug — Singapore National Youth Success Council will organize the ASEAN Youth Photographer Award and Photo Show in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day.

To select a youth photographer representing the Union of Myanmar, a photo contest was held recently. A total of 21 photographers from the whole country sent 98 works of photos to the contest. Among them, Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) was selected as the best youth photographer.

He will be sent to Singapore with the sponsorship of the respective organization to attend the ASEAN Youth Photographer Award and Photo Show to be held in Singapore in November. — **MNA**

Electric Power No 1 Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received President Engineering Mr Hua Aiguo of Zhejiang Orient Holdings Group Ltd and party of the People's Republic of China at the minister's office, here, yesterday.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and the directors-general of the ministry. **MNA**

Electric Power No 2 Minister receives Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Director General Mr Lee Choon Sik of Korea Electric Power

Cooperation (KEPCO) and party of the Republic of Korea at the minister's office, here, yesterday.

Present also at the call were Director-General U Thein Tun and

Energy Minister attends ASEAN Energy Ministers' Meetings in Singapore

YANGON, 29 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the 25th ASEAN Energy Ministers' Meeting at Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on 23 August, and the minister explained cooperation in energy sector in ASEAN region, exploration of oil and gas inland and offshore regions of the nation and production of fuel-substitute bio-diesel.

The minister also attended the ASEAN+3 Energy Ministers' Meeting and the East Asian Energy Ministers' Meeting in the afternoon.

On 24 August, the minister met with Thai Minister for Energy Dr Piyasvasti Amranand and party and discussed sales of natural gas from block M-9 in Mottama offshore to the market and local consumption.

From 25 to 27 August, the minister met officials of Gold-Petrol Co, Petrol-China Co, HQCEC Co, Silver Wave Co, China Oil Co, Rimbunan Petrogas Co and Petronas Co and discussed cooperation in energy sector. — **MNA**

Two killed in insurgent-planted mine blasts

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Insurgent destructionists are undermining stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. They are also committing destructive acts with the intention of killing and injuring innocent people using

various ways and means. Twenty-year-old Maung Phoe Pein, son of U Lon of Thitchaseik village in Kyaukkyi Township, was wounded at right foot and left calf after stepping on a mine planted by insurgents on his way to the forest in search of bamboo together with U Chit Tin and Maung Sa Lin on 23 August.

U Chit Tin was also wounded stepping on another mine on the way while they were carrying the injured to the hospital. The two injured were dead with bleeding wounds around the scenes. — **MNA**

Sector-wise cooperation discussed...

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Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Myanma Five Stars Line Managing Director U Maung Maung Nyein called on Minister of Transport Dullas Alahapperuma and Secretary Mr Nihal Somaweera at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister's Office and they discussed establishment of direct airline between Colombo, Sri Lanka and Yangon, Myanmar and maritime cooperation between the two countries.

At 6.30 pm on 27 August, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana called on Minister of Religious Affairs Pandu Bandaranaike at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister's Office and they discussed Myanmar-Sri Lanka cooperation on study of Buddhist, Pali and Pitaca literature, further cementing friendships between the two countries through religious cooperation and conducting of religious and cultural courses.

At 5.30 pm on 27 August, Minister for Forestry

Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Win Tun called on Minister of Environmental and Natural Resources Champika Ranawaka at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister's Office and they discussed matters related to forest and bio-diversity conservation, wildlife protection, methods for raising wild elephants, establishment of forest plantations, methods for cultivation of good strains of teak and others.

Likewise, members of the goodwill delegation, President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and industrialists met Vice-President Mr Jayampathi Bandaranayake of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, Chairman of The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka Mr Nawaz Rajabdeen and industrialists at the office of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce at 2 pm on 27 August. They discussed cooperation in trading rice, beans and pulses, sesame, forest and marine products and gem mining and boosting investments. After that, U Win Myint and Mr Nawaz Rajabdeen signed a MoU on cooperation between the two federations. Over 50 Sri Lankan industrialists attended the meeting. — **MNA**

Evaluation Workshop on 3 Diseases Fund (Bridge Fund) held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Co-organized by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, Evaluation Workshop on 3 Diseases Fund (Bridge Fund) was held at the ministry here on 28 August.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo made speeches. The workshop was also attended by Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, directors-general, deputy directors-general and directors of the departments under the ministry, heads of state/division and township health departments, responsible persons from UN agencies and representatives of Myanmar Medical Association and Myanmar Christians Council.

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Myanma Railways in the service of the people

Maung Maung Myint Swe
Photos: Myanma Railways

Travelling by train is convenient and saves money. It is comfortable and safe for passengers to take the train. That is why the travelling people have relied on trains in the successive periods.

Myanma Railways builds new railroads and bridges yearly and operates new routes. MR carries out maintenance of locomotives and coaches and railroads daily.

Before 1988 MR operated passenger service and freight service with the use of 229 passenger trains and 17 freight trains. The number of passenger trains increased up to 379 and freight trains to 18. In 1988 there were 487 railway stations and now there are 805.

There were 1,976.35 miles of railroads and 2,793.86 miles of rail tracks nationwide before 1988. Now additional 1,168 miles of new railroads and 1,299.43 miles of rail tracks were



Thanlwin Bridge across Thanlwin River in Mawlamyine.

There were some difficulties as the new railroad passes through deep ravines and high mountains but the Tatmadaw members managed to build the railroad.

MR also built 277.34-mile ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay Rail-

Construction of Ponnyataung tunnel was a very difficult task because of geographical condition and different earth layers. It took time to complete the whole project covering the extended building of inner walls and roof of the tunnel to the prescribed extent, laying of concrete on the wall and the roof, construction of water passage, tasks for ventilation and electrification. The project was completed on 27 January 2007 on which Yemyetni-Kyaw road section as well as Ponnyataung tunnel was successfully opened.

The concerted efforts of staff members of Myanma Railways, the Tatmadawmen and local people who tried their utmost day in, day out for the successful completion of the project would go down in the annals of history. Construction of a railroad that has to go through a mountain is a challenging task. It is an invaluable public welfare task as well.

In order to bring about better transport new railway sections were built. In

the meantime, to run the trains on Yangon-Mandalay railroad with high speed the 18 miles long Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana-Myitngwe-Kyaukse (dual) tracks were commissioned into service on 25 June 2006. With the emergence of the new railroad traveling people can save time and enjoy safety.

The Myanma Railways is engaged in extended building of new railroad sections while carrying out maintenance work. The maintenance work includes putting more gravel on the railroad, changing of sleepers and all measures for the comfort and convenience of the passengers. The first phase of the maintenance works has now been completed.

As the Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana-Myohaung railroad (single) track took longer in travelling a new railroad (dual) tracks is being constructed. Altogether 487 bridges out of 489 on the new railroad (dual) tracks have been constructed, and the laying of rails will soon be completed. The opening of the new railroad (dual) tracks is scheduled to be held in the coming open season.

In construction of new railroads across the nation altogether 9,693 large and small bridges including the 850 feet long Ye River-crossing Bridge and Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) have been built.

With the emergence of new railroad sections the length and breadth of the nation it is sure that the public will find it comfortable in traveling by train, thereby contributing to swift commodity flow and regional development.

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Passenger-train running from Yangon Station to Dagon University and University of Computer Science.

built. There are altogether 3,144.56 miles of railroads and 4,093.29 miles of rail tracks.

Construction of the 169.58-mile Shwenyaung-Nanhsan railroad began on 8 May 1992 with the aims of enabling the people to travel across the nation by train, ensuring smooth flow of commodities and contributing towards the development of the regions.

road in order to gain rapid economic progress in the regions on the west banks of the Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers.

In addition, the 26 miles long Yemyetni-Kyaw railroad section was built. The construction of Ponnyataung tunnel on the railroad began on 30 April 2000. The task of boring the 5,610 feet long tunnel was completed on 13 May 2003.

There were some difficulties as the new railroad passes through deep ravines and high mountains but the Tatmadaw members managed to build the railroad.



Tatmadawmen participating in construction of railroad section linking Mongseik-Maungmai.

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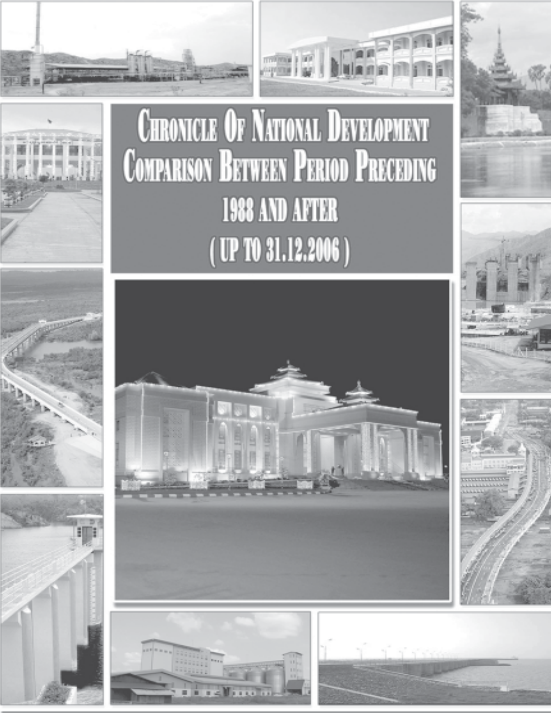
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Gestational diabetes may cause childhood obesity

BEIJING, 29 Aug—Study shows when women develop diabetes during pregnancy and don't get treatment, their kids face an increased risk of

childhood obesity, media reported Wednesday.
If the mother's gestational diabetes wasn't treated, a child's risk of being overweight or obese was 82 percent to 89 percent higher, according to the study.
Diabetes that develops during pregnancy, known as gestational diabetes, is a common problem for mothers. Pregnancy stresses the body, and some women become resistant to insulin and develop high blood sugar levels, said Teresa Hillier, an endocrinologist and senior investigator with the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research Northwest and Hawaii in US.
"The reason we screen for it is because if it's not treated, it causes an increased size of the baby, large birth weight, which causes problems with delivery for the mother and the baby," she said.
The findings could prompt expectant moms to take more care to comply with diabetes treatment during pregnancy, Hillier said. "If I were a mother, I'd be more motivated to know that it will not only help my baby during the pregnancy, but might decrease their chances of being overweight later on." Why would a mother's diabetes affect a child long after birth? The answer appears to lie in the child's metabolism, which develops during gestation and may be disrupted by the mother's high blood sugar levels, Hillier said.—Internet

China puts summer flood death toll at 1,138

BEIJING, 29 Aug—Stronger relief efforts helped limit damage and loss of life from droughts and flooding in China this summer, but floods still killed more than 1,100 people, officials said on Tuesday.
Torrential rain has inundated large swathes of China's east, south and southwest since June despite a smaller number of typhoons and tropical storms so far this year, while a prolonged heatwave and drought have afflicted several eastern provinces.
"The climate has been abnormal and has caused serious flooding and drought in our country this year," Vice Minister of Water Resources E Jingping told a news conference. The flood death toll of 1,138, last updated on Monday, was down about 50 per cent from the average for the same period of previous years, E said.
Improved early warning and evacuation, stronger dykes and timely flood water diversion had reduced human losses and damage to property, Minister of Water Resources Chen Lei said.
But 310 million Chinese, mostly peasants in the vast and vulnerable countryside where harvests and houses were destroyed, have been affected by natural disasters so far this year.—MNA/Reuters

Idaho Senator pleads guilty to disorderly conduct

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug—A Republican US Senator on Monday confirmed that he pleaded guilty earlier this month to a charge of disorderly conduct after he was arrested at a Minnesota Airport.
Senator Larry Craig of Idaho was arrested in June at Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport by a plainclothes police officer investigating lewd conduct complaints in a men's toilet, the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call reported.

In a carefully worded statement, Craig made no mention of the incident that prompted his arrest or the charges brought against him. "At the time of this incident, I complained to the police that they were misconstruing my actions. I was not involved in any inappropriate conduct," Craig said in a statement.
"I should have had the advice of counsel in resolving this matter. In hindsight, I should not have pled guilty. I was trying to handle this matter myself quickly and

expeditiously."
Craig pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct on 8 August and paid more than 500 US dollars in fines and fees. He also was given one year of probation, Roll Call reported. Craig, who is married, is in his third term and up for reelection next year. He is a former chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, the No 4 leadership position in the Senate.

MNA/Reuters

Covance opens first nutritional chemistry laboratory in Asia

SINGAPORE, 29 Aug—Covance Inc, one of the world's largest drug development services companies, opened here on Tuesday its first nutritional chemistry laboratory in Asia to serve the growing food manufacturing market in the region.
According to a statement issued by the company, the two-million-US-dollar facility, an extension of Covance's world-renowned nutritional chemistry laboratory in Wisconsin, the United States, will offer independent and internationally recognized safety testing of food and product samples from Asian companies seeking to export to the United States.
The new 5,000-square-foot laboratory in Singapore can pre-qualify ingredients

and products before shipment, which simplifies export requirements, eases logistics, and significantly reduces product release times.
The laboratory in Singapore will initially focus on the testing of infant formula for release, stability, and labeling data, and will also include testing of food and health supplements.—MNA/Xinhua

Television host Katie Couric watches the Carmen Marc Valvo fashion show in New York on 14 Sept, 2005. Couric plans to leave on 29 Aug, 2007 for an ambitious reporting trip to Iraq and Syria—the CBS anchor's first time in the war zone.—INTERNET





U Aung Chun - Daw Freia Tang(a) Daw San San Kywe of No.169, Shwegondine Road, Bahan Township, donated US\$300 to Jivatadana Sangha hospital recently.

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Trapped foreign tourists rescued in Philippine resort

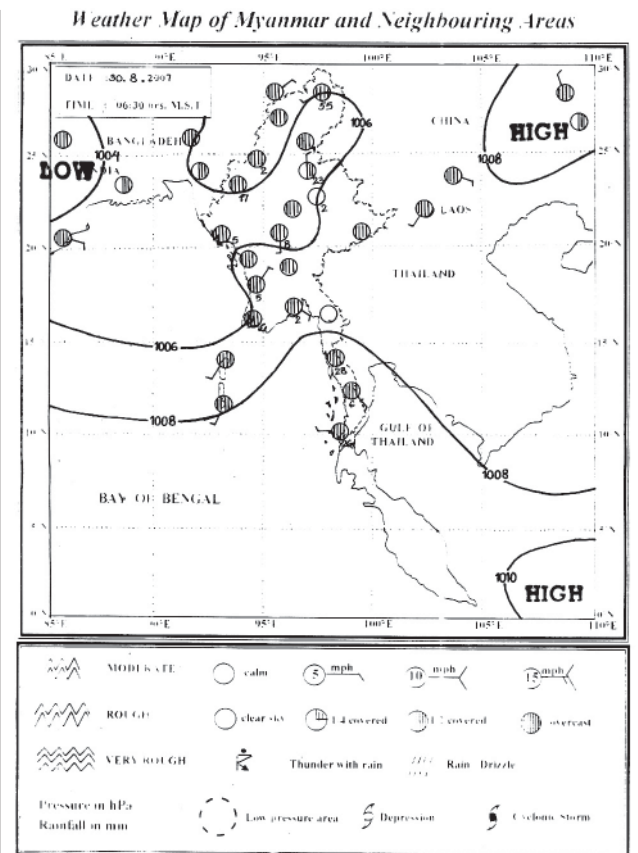
MANILA, 30 Aug — Twenty people, including 13 from the Republic of Korea and two from Japan, were saved on Wednesday after being trapped more than eight hours by a rampaging river at a Philippine mountain waterfalls resort in the north province of Laguna, the police said.

Major Leovegildo Manaig told Xinhua the

tourists were trapped when their boats were overturned by the gush of a river near Pagsanjan Falls late Tuesday afternoon.

Rescuers, including Army soldiers, policemen, and civilian volunteers, used ropes to pick up the tourists who held on big rocks to survive for eight hours before the rescue team arrived.

MNA/Xinhua



US most armed country with 90 guns per 100 people

GENEVA, 30 Aug — The United States has 90 guns for every 100 citizens, making it the most heavily armed society in the world, a report released on Tuesday said.

US citizens own 270 million of the world's 875 million known firearms, according to the Small Arms Survey 2007 by the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International Studies.

About 4.5 million of the eight million new guns manufactured worldwide each year are purchased in the United States, it said.

"There is roughly one firearm for every seven people worldwide. Without the United States, though, this drops to about one

firearm per 10 people," it said.

India had the world's second-largest civilian gun arsenal, with an estimated 46 million firearms outside law enforcement and the military, though this represented just four guns per 100 people there. China, ranked third with 40 million privately held guns, had three firearms per 100 people.

Germany, France, Pakistan, Mexico, Brazil and Russia were next in

the ranking of country's overall civilian gun arsenals.

On a per-capita basis, Yemen had the second most heavily armed citizenry behind the United States, with 61 guns per 100 people, followed by Finland with 56, Switzerland with 46, Iraq with 39 and Serbia with 38.

France, Canada, Sweden, Austria and Germany were next, each with about 30 guns per 100 people, while many poorer countries often associated

with violence ranked much lower. Nigeria, for instance, had just one gun per 100 people.

MNA/Reuters



Friday, 31 August
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Deep in my heart
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-You are so cold
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-Not in love
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-Don't stop the music
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music:
-Eternity
-This
-Here with me
- 9:00 pm** WOM
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Music at your request
-Blue night
-Love so high
-The way that you are
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

WEATHER

Thursday, 30 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Ayeyawady Division, scattered in Kayin State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division, widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (2.17) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.93) inches, Thipaw (1.15) inches, Dawei and Kawthoung (1.10) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 29-8-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 30-8-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-8-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 29-8-2007 was (1.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-8-2007 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (97.64) inches at Mingaladon, (99.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from South-west at (11:30) hours MST on 29-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 31-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltatic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) miles. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 31 August
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်
- 8:05 am**
6. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:30 am**
8. International news

- 8:45 am**
9. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရူပဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm**
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm**
5. Songs of yesteryears
- 5:15 pm**
6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်)(အမျိုးသား)
- 5:25 pm**
7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ အဆိုဘာသာရပ် (မဟာဂီတဆွေးနွေးခန်း)

- 5:35 pm**
8. “ဇင်ဇင်နှင့်ခြင်ကျား” (ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ လင်းလင်းဇော်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)
- 5:45 pm**
9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ရွှင်တော်စီ)
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
12. သုတေသနဆိုင်ရာ
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ ချစ်မေတ္တာ”(အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. လပတ်မှီး လေဝသနှင့်ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်”(အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 19. The next day's programme

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win pay homage to Buddha Tooth Relic in Kandy

Two full-grown elephants donated to Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by 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 attended the ceremony to hand over two full-grown elephants donated by the Union of Myanmar to the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber after paying homage to the Buddha tooth relic in Kandy on 28 August morning.

At the Tooth Relic Chamber in Kandy, they were welcomed by Mr Nilanga Dela Bandara Diyawada and officials of the Tooth Relic Board of Trustees. At the Tooth Relic Chamber, the Acting Prime Minister and wife cordially greeted Mr Pradeep Nilanga Dela Head of the Chamber.

Next, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and wife arrived at the Tooth Relic Chamber and greeted Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife.

Afterwards, the Acting Prime Minister and wife and party paid homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic and offered flowers to it.

At 10.30 am, they attended the ceremony to hand over two full-grown elephants donated by the Union of Myanmar to the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber.

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win meet Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka and wife at Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber. — MNA

Presentation on fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be published

YANGON, 30 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. Presentation on detailed basic principles regarding sharing of the executive power in the chapter 'Executive' read out by U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam Delegate Group of Political Parties and Formation of Judiciary in the chapter 'Judiciary' read out by U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect will be published in the dailies.— MNA

National Convention continues

Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by NC read out

YANGON, 30 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnapin Camp,

Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

The Panel of Alternate 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 subcommittees, 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

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The plenary session of National Convention in progress. — MNA