

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Spain

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct— 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 King Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October, 2006. — MNA

Regional administration boards include state service personnel and are organized so that they can help administrative tasks joining hands with departments concerned.

Restructuring made with aims of gaining effective administrative system, fulfilling requirements, serving interest of people

Work coordination meeting of Ministry of Home Affairs held



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses work coordination meeting of Ministry of Home Affairs. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the ministry, here, on 9 October, with an address by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of Myanmar Police Force, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, Director-General of General Administration Department, deputy director-general of MPF, Commissioners of state and division GADs, deputy commissioners, heads of Planning Department of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and officials concerned.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said GAD and MPF had gained rich experiences as they passed different periods. There is no practice of bureaucratic method in both departments. In the

colonial period the administrative machinery was mainly based on administration run by civil servants and security maintained by armed police. In the colonial period, the administrative machinery was aimed at maintaining law and order to prolong the colonial rule. In those days the administrative machinery oppressed the people to serve the interests of the imperialists.

Despite the attempt to reform administrative machinery of the colonialists after regaining independence, there was instability, insurgency and split in the party politics in the country, he said. Therefore, the old machinery continued to be practised as effective administrative machinery could not be replaced, he added.

He said at that time the awareness of the people was high together with the independence struggle and they abhorred the imperialism and its evil legacy.

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Plenary Session of National Convention continues

YANGON, 11 Oct — The National Convention that was convened from 5 December 2005 to 31 January 2006 with the objectives — Non-disintegration of the Union; Non-disintegration of national solidarity; Perpetuation of sovereignty; Flourishing of a genuine multi-party democracy system; Further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality; and the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the future State, and it was adjourned. At 9 am today, the Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 12 October, 2006

The National Convention shaping the future of the nation

For the emergence of a constitution that can guarantee the perpetuation of the Union and safeguard the long-term interests of the entire national peoples, the National Convention is being held in accordance with the seven-step Road Map. It was adjourned during the cultivation season and resumed on 10 October at the Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

Basic principles discussed at the previous session regarding the communications between various Hluttaws, the citizens, rights and responsibilities of the citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw will be reviewed and approved at the present session. Then, detailed basic principles will be laid down. And the Work Committee will explain its findings about the remaining chapters to the delegates for discussions.

Due to the concerted efforts of the National Convention Convening Commission, the Work Committee and the Management Committee and the conscientious cooperation of the delegates, the National Convention is making much headway and the future of the State is now in sight. However, destructive elements who are against all the constructive measures taken by the government are plotting through various ways and means to wreck and ruin the good foundations of the nation and spell suffering for the people.

If the delegates to the National Convention work relentlessly with national awareness and vigilance and the entire national people fully cooperate, the constitution for a genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy will soon be born out of the National Convention whatever hindrance and obstacles are encountered.

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Peoples' 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

Development Affairs Departments hold annual meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt on 8 October attended the annual work coordination meeting of development affairs departments held at the ministry here.

In his opening speech, Minister Col Thein Nyunt urged officials to supervise the maintenance of bridges in rural and urban areas for the durability. He also called for the timely completion of rural housing projects which are being implemented for improvement of the living standard in rural areas.

At the meeting, Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint reported on

Foreign Minister felicitates Spanish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October, 2006. — MNA

an annual report for the 2005-2006 fiscal year of the department.

At the meeting, future plans for the 2006-2007 fiscal year were laid down and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Col Thein Nyunt.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt delivers an address at annual work coordination meeting of Development Affairs Departments. — PBANRDA

New Generation Youth Golf Tournament continues

YANGON, 11 Oct — Jointly organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar Golf Club, the second day of the Third Thadingyut New Generation Youth Golf Tournament and prize presentation ceremony took place at 9th Mile Golf Course this afternoon with an address by Vice-President

U Kyi Win of MGC. Secretary U Peter of Handicap and Tournament Committee presented first prize to Ma Yin May Myo, second to May Li and third to Kay Thant Zin in girl's aged 10-18 event. Executive U Ko Ko Lay and Secretary U Aung Kyi of MGF also presented awards to winners in boy's

aged 10-12 and boy's 16-20 events. The tournament was mainly sponsored by Han Golf Master Pte, Ltd and co-sponsored by SRIXON, Myanmar Golf Club Driving Range, Han Golf Masters Academy, Han Event Management, Golf Masters Magazine and Han Golf Design. — MNA



Winners of Thadingyut new generation Youth Golf tournament pose for photo together with officials of Myanmar Golf Federation. — MGF

Daewoo oil company rescues 10 Myanmar sailors

YANGON, 11 Oct — MV Emma vessel of Daewoo E & P Myanmar oil company, which is carrying out joint venture task with Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, rescued 10 Myanmar sailors of Teza Lin fishing boat at 64 kilometers South-West from Sittway on 28 September while it was taking survey for oil exploration in Rakhine offshore from 20 to 30 September.

The Daewoo survey group informed officials concerned after rescuing them and sent them to Sittway urgently.

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Indonesia urges UN chief candidate to focus on problems in Asia

JAKARTA, 10 Oct—Indonesia hopes that South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon will be sensitive to problems in Asia when he succeeds Kofi Annan as the United Nations Secretary-General, a senior Foreign Ministry official has said.

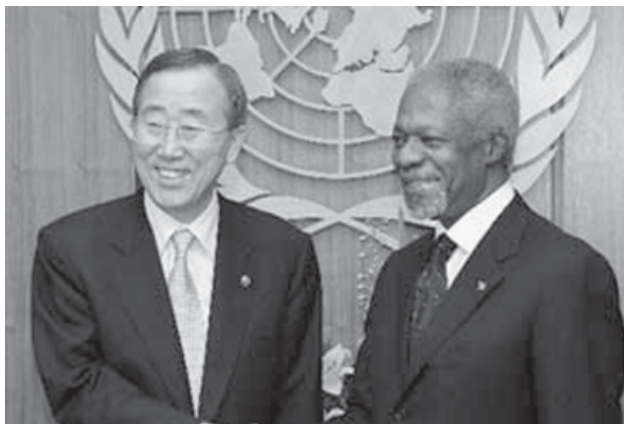
“(Ban) comes from our region so we hope he is more sensitive to the region’s problems. As Indonesia and South Korea have excellent relations, we can also expect him to pay attention to Indonesia’s problems as well,” Indonesian Foreign Min-

istry Secretary-General Imron Cotan was quoted on Monday by the national newspaper *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

Imron said Ban is an experienced diplomat and he has a deep understanding of important issues affecting the Asian region.

The 62-year-old Ban became the sole candidate for the post of UN Chief when his six rivals withdrew from the race after Ban’s decisive win in last Monday’s poll.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon delivers a speech after he was nominated to succeed Kofi Annan as the new UN Secretary General.—INTERNET

Leftover jelly triggers German security alert

BERLIN, 10 Oct—A small pile of leftover jelly discarded beside the road after a wedding party caused a large-scale security alert in Germany with biochemical experts, firemen and police called in to investigate.

“Passers-by called police after finding a pool of a flabby red, orange and green substance on the roadside,” a police spokesman in the eastern town of Halle told *Reuters* on Monday.

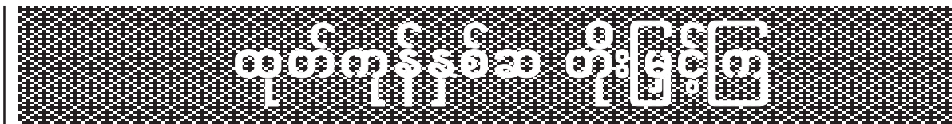
Fears of toxic waste led to the closure of a wide area after the emergency call on Sunday, and experts wearing chemical warfare suits spent two hours examining the gelatinous substance before deciding that it was jelly.

“The fire brigade always has to assume a worst-case scenario,” said a fire brigade spokesman. “We conducted a variety of tests and figured out it was jelly.”

MNA/Reuters



A pilot flies an experimental auto-gyro aircraft at Pounds field during a demonstration at Aviation Day, an event sponsored by the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum in Tyler, Texas, on 7 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



A girl appreciates gourd-shaped ornaments made of walnut shells at an artwork shop in Huaibei, east China’s Anhui Province, on 9 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



Thousands of people thronged the streets of downtown Jerusalem for the annual Sukkot march in Jerusalem, on 10 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Indian Navy team set to ski to South Pole

NEW DELHI, 9 Oct—A team of 10 adventurers of the Indian Navy will set

out on an expedition in December to become the first naval team to travel to the South Pole on skis.

Announcing the planned expedition here, Navy chief Admiral Arun Prakash said the team will ski about 200 kilometres with each member manually pulling sleds weighing over 140kilogramme each. Commander Satyabrata Dam, who led the Navy’s successful expedition to Mount Everest two years ago, will head the team to the Antarctic. “We are all very excited to be heading for the remotest spot on earth,” Dam told *PTI*. The Navy is daring enough to dream impossible dreams and it provides the means to achieve those dreams,” he said.—MNA/PTI

Top Thai bankers satisfied with new Cabinet line-up

BANGKOK, 10 Oct — Chairman of Thai Bankers’ Association Jada Wattanasiritham on Monday said that investors’ confidence on the country’s economy will be renewed after they saw the new Cabinet line-up, *Thai News Agency* (TNA) reported Monday.

She said each Cabinet member, as announced early Monday by the interim government, had competency and expertise in a given assignment.

Among the new Cabinet list, former Bank of Thailand governor Pridiyathorn Devakula was appointed as Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister, while former Bangkok Bank executive chairman Kosit Panpiemras as Minister of Industry cum Deputy Prime Minister.

Jada, who is also president of Siam Commercial Bank, said what financial institutions want from the new government is just stability and efficient supervision of money, capital, currency exchange and financial institutional systems.

She said she believed investors would have more confidence when there is a new Cabinet.

“Normally, investors will return to invest when their confidence is restored. Most had not stopped their investment recently. We believe loan applications will increase late this year because it is a high season of tourism and exports,” she was quoted by *TNA* as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

Cholera outbreak kills 18 in central Zimbabwe

HARARE, 9 Oct—A cholera outbreak has killed 18 people in central Zimbabwe from May to June this year, the state news agency *New Ziana* reported on Sunday.

The media quoted Zimbabwe’s Minister of Health and Child Welfare David Parirenyatwa as saying that the 18 deaths were in Guruve District in Mashonaland Central where 55 cases were reported in May and June.

The minister said 14 of the deaths did not seek medical treatment on religious grounds. He appealed for timely reports of outbreaks to enable the health authorities to take quick remedial measures. “People must report cases of disease outbreak so that health officials can attend to them quickly,” said Dr Parirenyatwa.—MNA/Xinhua

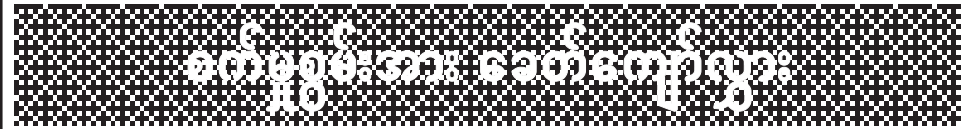
Thai new FM pledges to promote good foreign relations

BANGKOK, 11 Oct— Thailand's new Foreign Minister Nitya Pibulsonggram on Tuesday pledged to respond the King's admonition on restoring the nation's international image and to promote all-around good relations with foreign countries.

On the first day of taking office at the Foreign Ministry, Nitya said he would do his work by strictly adhering to the King's advice on improving the country's reputation in the eyes of foreigners, reported *Thai News Agency* on Tuesday.

Addressing the new Cabinet

members who were sworn in before him on Monday, King Bhumibol Aduyaldej said work must be done to repair the poor perception of Thailand among some foreigners. Though the monarch did not mention directly the causes of the nation's tainted image, but it was understood that he referred to the impact of recent political events, including the 19 September coup staged by military leaders to oust former prime minister Thaksin's government, which incurred some criticism from international communities.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Double rainbow is seen in Niagara Falls near US-Canada border on 8 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Massive diamond bought for \$12m

ANTWERP, 9 Oct—The Lesotho Promise — one of the world's largest diamonds — has been sold in the Belgian city of Antwerp for US\$12.4m (£6.7m).



The diamond is said to be the 15th largest ever discovered.—INTERNET

The diamond, an uncut, 603-carat white gem, weighing 120g (4.2oz), was found in Lesotho on 22 August.

The buyers have been identified as the South African Diamond Corporation.

The diamond — about the size of a golf ball — is said to be the 15th largest ever discovered. It will be cut into one large and several smaller stones.

The Lesotho Promise was found in the Letseng mine, which is jointly owned by the Gem Diamond Mining Company of Africa and the

Lesotho government.

It is the biggest uncut diamond discovered since the Millennium Star, at 777 carats, was found in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1993. But the largest diamond ever recorded is the Cullinan, found in 1905 in South Africa, which weighed in at 3,106 carats. The 530-carat Star of Africa was cut from it and now forms part of the British crown jewels displayed in the Tower of London.— *Internet*

Poisoning kills seven Iraqi police, hundreds more ill

NUMANIYA (Iraq), 10 Oct— At least seven policemen died and hundreds of others fell ill after suffering food

poisoning on Sunday evening in the town of Numaniya, south of Baghdad, police sources at the base said on Monday.

It was not clear if the poisoning at an Iraqi military base was deliberate but police sources said they arrested four cooks on Monday suspected of tampering with the food.

But the spokesman for the commander of the Iraqi Armed Forces said no one had died.

“Three hundred and fifty to 400 people were poisoned, they were given medical treatment instantly and four were taken to a nearby hospital and everyone has returned to normal,” spokesman Brigadier Qasim al-Musawi told a news conference.

But Lieutenant-Colonel Hasan Nima at the base said the policemen, from the Interior Ministry's 4th Division, became ill only minutes after the meal and insisted at least 1,350 of the 2,000 policemen at the base were hospitalized.

MNA/Reuters



A policeman grimaces while being sent to a hospital in Numaniya, south of Baghdad, on 9 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

France to impose smoking ban from next year

PARIS, 9 Oct— France said on Sunday it will ban smoking in most public places from next February and in bars, restaurants, hotels and night clubs 11 months later.

“We have decided to ban smoking in public places from 1 February, 2007,” Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin told RTL radio and LCI television.

The familiar “bar-tabacs”, special bars that sell tobacco, night clubs and other such places would have until 1 January, 2008 at the latest to comply with the rules, he said.

Public places include stations, museums, government offices and shops but the ban will not extend to the streets or private places such as houses or hotel rooms.

Villepin said the state would provide for one-third of the costs of anti-smoking treatments, such as patches.

“That would represent the first month of treatment,” he said.

In a report presented on Wednesday, several parliamentarians called for a total ban from 1 September, 2007 at the latest, without exception. But a smoking ban will cause problems for the many tobacco shops in France. Villepin declined to comment on the impact it would have on government tax revenues, saying public health considerations outweighed any such fiscal impact.— *MNA/Reuters*



A number of white spoonbills fly in the sky in Qinhuangdao, a coastal city in north China's Hebei Province, on 9 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Thai people wade through flood waters, at a market in Bangkok, Thailand, on 11 Oct, 2006. Floods in Thailand have killed at least 39 people and sickened 138,000 others, many suffering from waterborne bacteria or parasites after wading through waist-deep water, officials said on 9 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Chinese President to visit India in November



Hu Jintao

BEIJING, 9 Oct— Chinese President Hu Jintao will undertake his first India visit this November to cement the evolving bilateral strategic ties and to

“increase understanding, friendship and cooperation” between two neighbours.

“President Hu’s visit will be the first by a Head of State of China to India in a decade,” Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Kong Quan told a visiting Indian media delegation here at the Foreign Ministry. The last Chinese presidential visit took place in 1996 when Jiang Zemin toured India.

Kong said Hu’s visit would play a major role in the building of a constructive partnership, based on cooperation between India and China.

MNA/PTI



Performers of the Disney music drama “Lion King” pound an ice-made figure “100” to mark the drama’s 101st show, the last one in its China tour, at the Shanghai Grand Theatre in Shanghai, east China, on 8 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Malaysian publishers in upbeat mood

FRANKFURT, 9 Oct — As the curtain came down Sunday on the five-day long Frankfurt International Book Fair, the world’s largest book fair, the contingent of 10 Malaysian publishers was in an upbeat mood and maintained it would get good follow-up business upon its return home.

Exhibiting their products under the aegis of Malaysia External Trade Development Corp (Matrade), the publishers made a strong pitch for the publishing-related services, including editing and printing and supplying

of materials needed by the publishing trade.

“Obviously, we are trying to get outsourcing business from Germany coupled with our strength in printing and publishing. These two factors are our key strengths.

“And let’s not forget that because of its lower cost of production and labour, Malaysia does enjoy an edge over its counterparts from the developed world,” Tengku Rina Tengku Ahmad, the Cologne-based Malaysian Trade Com-

missioner in Germany said in an interview.

For Intrapec Trading (M) Sdn Bhd, which exhibited graphic boxes used for a variety of tasks by the book-publishing industry such as book casing, premium packaging and book covers, the ambition is to penetrate Europe. Its assistant general manager HK Chin said that the company is already well-established in the Asia-Pacific markets, and is now trying to enter Europe. “Our boxes are made from recycled material and, as such, are also appreciated by the environment-conscious buyers in other countries,” he said.—Internet



A woman rides on her two-wheeler in the southern Indian city of Bangalore on 9 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Toxic carrot juice paralyzes two in Canada

OTTAWA, 10 Oct—Two people from Toronto, Canada’s largest city, has been hospitalized with paralysis after drinking paralytic carrot juice that was recalled across North America last week.

“There are two adults who are severely ill in hospital and they had a history of drinking the exact same juice that’s been part of the carrot juice recall,” Dr Elizabeth Rea, an associate medical

officer of health, told the *Toronto Star* on Monday.

The juice, produced by Bolthouse Farms in Bakersfield, California was ordered off shelves on 30 September after four cases of botulism were linked to toxic carrot juice in the United States.

“We’ve got conclusive proof that shipments of the juice in Canada do have the botulin contamination,” Rea said.

MNA/Xinhua



Two people in Toronto, Canada’s largest city, were paralyzed after drinking American carrot juice contaminated with botulism, even after a recall was ordered 10 days ago, an official told AFP.—INTERNET

Half of China’s shallow groundwater contaminated

BEIJING, 9 Oct—Half the shallow groundwater in China has been contaminated, said a senior official with the China Geological Survey (CGS) on Sunday.

Yin Yueping, director of the CGS Hydrogeology and Environmental Geology Department, said the country’s groundwater resources have been exploited so irrationally that environmental damage is visible in many areas of the country. The damage includes ground settling and depression, salt water intrusion and

desertification.

Yin said China’s groundwater management model is inadequate, with a poor automated supervision system and outdated contamination recovery methods. “China’s groundwater management has lagged behind the world for around two decades,” he said.

Groundwater has

enormous potential in China. Official figures show that 884 billion cubic metres of natural groundwater are replenished each year, with 353 billion cubic metres available for use.

In addition, there are 260 billion cubic metres of shallow groundwater available.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China’s Xinhua News Agency, people ride bikes in heavy fog in Gaocheng, north of China’s Hebei Province, on 9 Oct, 2006. Several expressways were shut down on Monday as heavy fog blanketed central and eastern parts of Hebei Province. —INTERNET

Delegate groups of National Convention hold meetings

YANGON, 11 Oct—The Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, the Delegate Group of National Races, the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, and the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel yesterday afternoon held group meetings at the designated halls of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, attended by members of the panel of chairmen and NC delegates.

Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein acted as MCs.

The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 12 delegates were in attendance, accounting for cent per cent. The alternate meeting chairman gave a speech and explained the rules and regulations for selection of members of the panel of chairmen.

U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency-1 tabled a motion to select U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn

Delegate Group of National Races

The Delegate Group of National Races held its group meeting at Pyidaungsu Hall in the afternoon.

U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Yei of Kayah State and U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division.

The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 643 delegates out of 645 were in attendance,



Alternate Chairman U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization delivers an address at group meeting to select vacant member of panel of chairmen of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect. — MNA

accounting for 99.69 per cent. The alternate meeting chairman gave a speech and explained the rules and regulations for selection of members of the panel of chairmen.

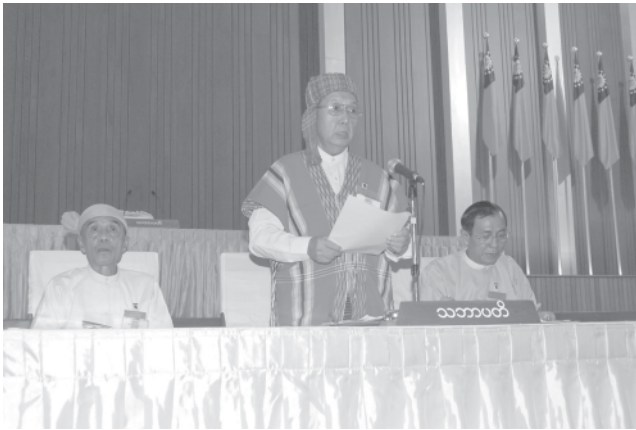
U Mya Thaung of Mandalay Division tabled a motion to select U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State as a vacant member of the panel of chairmen, and U Pya Lay of Chin State and U Aung Thu of Mon State seconded the motion. The meeting chairman

Technology Science Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw and Professor (Head of Department) and Surgery Specialist Dr U Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha).

The delegate group selected Director-General Dr U Maung Maung Wint of Medical Science Department as a member of the panel of chairmen.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel

The meeting of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel took



Alternate Chairman U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State delivers an address at group meeting to select vacant member of panel of chairmen of Delegate Group of National Races. — MNA



The group meeting of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect was held at the meeting hall No 2 at 3.30 pm.

U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen U Maung Gyi of Pa-O National Organization and U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party. Deputy Director U Khin Sein of

Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League to fill a vacant member of the panel of chairmen, and Dr Hmu Htan of Thangtlan Township Constituency seconded the motion. The alternate meeting chairman announced that U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League was selected as member of the panel of chairmen. Later, the meeting chairman gave a speech and the meeting came to a close.



Alternate Chairman U Hla Myint of Ministry of Rail Transportation delivers an address at group meeting to select vacant member of panel of chairmen of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia. — MNA



announced that U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State was selected a member of the panel of chairmen.

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia

The delegate group held its meeting at the hall No 6. U Hla Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation presided over the meeting with members of the panel of chairmen President of Myanmar Academy of

place at the meeting hall No 7. Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence presided over the meeting together with members of the panel of chairmen U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce. The delegate group selected U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) of the Ministry of Information as a member of the panel of chairmen. — MNA



Alternate Chairman Maj-Gen Aung Thein of Ministry of Defence delivers an address at group meeting to select vacant member of panel of chairmen of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel. — MNA





Plenary Session of National Convention in progress. — MNA

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Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

Also present at the National Convention were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, delegates of political parties National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party 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 intellectuals and intelligentsia, 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 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 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 (North) 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 Development Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National

Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine State Group), Arakanese Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon Nai Seik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

Moreover, also present at the meeting were Dean of the Military Attaché Corps Cambodian Military Attaché Col Ngi Vanndim and military attachés of India, Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, Malaysia, Lao PDR, the US and Pakistan.

Before the Plenary Session of the National Convention, Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the subcommittees, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of the National Races, Peasants, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, State Service Personnel, and Other Invited Persons, signed attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall.

Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members cordially greeted the Dean of the Military Attaché Corps and party.

U Tun Yin Law of Delegate Group of Political Parties presided over the Plenary Session of National Convention together with members of the Panel of Chairmen Dr Kan Zaw of the NCC Work Committee, U San Tha Aung of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Sai Tint Aung of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Kyaw Myo Win of Delegate Group of Workers, U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, U Hla Tin of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and U Paw Laik Kham of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the NCCWC

Office and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi acted as MCs.

The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 1,073 out of 1,081 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 99.26, and the plenary session commenced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention reported on collected matters related to discussion papers submitted by the delegate groups to adopt detailed basic principles for legislation tasks of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and hluttaws of Regions and States to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

Member of the Panel of Chairmen Dr Kan Zaw of the NCCWC read the matters related to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(The presentation of Dr Kan Zaw is reported separately.)

Next, U Tun Yin Law of the Delegate Group of Political Parties read the matters related to the Pyithu Hluttaw.

(The presentation of U Tun Yin Law is reported separately.)

Member of the Panel of Chairmen U San Tha Aung of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect read the matters concerning Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

(The presentation of U San Tha Aung is to be reported in this paper.)

In the afternoon, Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the Delegate Group of National Races read the matters related to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

Afterwards, Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Sai Aung Tint of the Delegate Group of Peasants read Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

At 1.40 pm, Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Kyaw Myo Win of the Delegate Group of Workers read the matters related to hluttaws of Regions and States.

Next, Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Hla Myint of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia read the matters related to hluttaws of Regions and States.

(Presentations of Members of the Panel of Chairmen U San Tha Aung, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint, U Sai Tint Aung, U Kyaw Myo Win and U Hla Myint will be reported.)

The Plenary Session of National Convention adjourned at 2.30 pm.

The Plenary Session of National Convention continues tomorrow.

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Restructuring made with aims of gaining effective administrative...

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He said the then governments were unable to reform the old administration system and officials at different levels were to do their duties within the framework of the laws, rules and regulations and procedures. The administrative system was not in a position to solve socio-economic problems. As a result, there were political problems involving the people, he said.

Efficiency of civil service organizations, the sense of duty of the service personnel and their dignity were low, he added. He said political neutrality was practised strictly separating the administration and national affairs thereby keeping the service personnel away from national affairs while allowing politicians to take care of national affairs. In fact, he said, the administration and politics are interrelated. State service personnel are part of the people and they must take interest in the people's affairs. State service personnel are appointed persons who enjoy the salary provided by the State.

He spoke of the need for them to serve the interests of the State and the people and place emphasis on prosperity of the State and the people.

Now administration is the main link of political, economic and social affairs. The form must be right to ensure effective administration and the methods must also be in conformity with the times. That is why restructuring is being made.

He highlighted the increase of salary of the service personnel, organizational set-up of services organizations, action taken against corrupt officials, efficiency of the machinery and establishment of discipline-flourishing genuine democratic social life.

He said today restructuring is being made with the aims of ensuring effective administrative system, fulfilling the requirements and serving the interests of the people.

Restructuring is being made for establishment of a new system with high hope. The National Convention is

in progress for drafting the constitution.

Restructuring in the administrative machinery are being made to facilitate the functions of the administrative bodies. He urged the GAD officials to serve the interest of the State, people and the regions with goodwill and to make efforts for peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order.

Employees of the General Administration Department, serving as limbs of the people, are to carry out tasks for the smooth transition from an old era to new one.

The Prime Minister said modernization of the nation is related to their main duty and in fact, he said, the task is more extensive than their main duty. Hence, he added, the restructuring of the administration is to be undertaken with wide view and wide knowledge.

The employees are to value the administrative duties make efforts for the community peace and tranquillity, all-round development and community solidarity to build a modern nation.

Regional administration boards include state service personnel and are organized so that they can help administrative tasks joining hands with departments concerned.

Regional administration bodies are to coordinate with other regional bodies in tasks that could not be undertaken by them. That is why different administrative bodies were formed with service organizations.

Therefore, such administrative bodies called PDCs at different levels of state/division, district, township, village and ward are indeed the small organs of the SPDC. They can also be called the special task forces of the SPDC. So, it is important for them to clearly know their duties and responsibilities. Those administrative bodies cannot be regarded as a government department but as a special administrative body representing all the government departments.

Not doing enough with a lack of responsibility in

serving the interests of the State at present would mean irresponsible act. Service personnel are those who are to perform their State duties with a sense of duty and goodwill. And it is of utmost importance. They need to cultivate good habits: they must be helpful, have patriotism and cherish the Union. Besides, service personnel are to avoid doing malpractices and thinking low of the people and oppressing them. If there is any malpractice among the service personnel, the State will try to correct them in cooperation with the people.

The Prime Minister added that administrative bodies are to reach out to the people even at the grassroots level. Likewise, the people on their part are to cooperate with the bodies. It is necessary to make sure that the goodwill efforts of the government are kept in the people's hearts. Moreover, it is needed to carry out duties in a practical way. The important thing is to abide by the prescribed rules and regulations and perform duties with diligence and goodwill.

He said that up to now, the government is implementing administrative as well as development work relying on its subordinate administrative bodies. As a result, the State has seen a significant progress enjoying fruitful results of development infrastructures. Necessary restructuring work is being made the departments at grassroot levels in order to make full use of such fruitful results. At such a time like this, administrative bodies of various levels are to have a sense of responsibility, work hard and innovate in performing their duties in the interest of the State. There must be harmony, understanding and cooperation between the administrative bodies at upper and lower levels, noted the Prime Minister. Particularly, those bodies at lower levels in their respective regions are to do their jobs perfunctorily but with diligence and a good sense of duty. The Prime Minister concluded that it is important to make sure the department is the administrative machinery of the government that wins the heart and soul and respect of the people. —MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo on inspection tour of Kawthoung

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and responsible personnel went on an inspection tour of Myeik by air on 10 October.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and members arrived at Kawthoung, where they were welcomed by Col Myint Tun of the local station and senior military officers and departmental heads.

After Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party attended a ceremony to scatter fertilizer on 20 acres of monsoon paddy

plantation of the Prisons Department in Shwe Pyi Soe village of Kawthoung.

First, Chairman of Kawthoung Township PDC Police Captain Soe Myint briefed on accomplishment of cultivation of monsoon paddy, palm oil, rubber, physic nut plants and chilly while Division Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Tin Maung Myint presented reports on efforts for regional food security.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo gave a supplementary report on cultivation of 500,000 acres of monsoon paddy. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech on the occasion, saying that tasks would have to be carried out for the emergence of an industrialized country based on agricultural sector.

Taninthayi Division will gear up cultivation of monsoon paddy up to 500,000 acres. Responsible personnel are to disseminate cultivation methods to the local farmers. Taninthayi Division has favourable conditions for cultivation, he said.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected thriving monsoon paddy at 20 acres of monsoon paddy plantation of the Prisons Department and observed fertilizer, pesticides, Hsinthelwat paddy strains and ginger.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party met with education staff in Kawthoung Township No 1 BEHS.

During the meeting, schoolhead U Maung Maung briefed them on educational functions and Deputy Director-General U Tun Kyi of No 1 Basic Education Department

presented reports on educational performance of the State, plans for education, endeavors for uplift of education standards of the entire nation.

In connection with the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made arrangements to fulfil the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party looked into Kawthoung Township Police Station and gave

instructions on striving for regional development and prevalence of law and order. Upon arrival at Kawthoung Township People's Hospital (100-bed), Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met with health staff and Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Zaw briefed them on health care services and medical funds.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on efforts

to be made for the interests of the public and cordially greeted the health staff and viewed operation theatre and modern medical equipment.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with military officers, other ranks and their families at Bayintnaung Hall of Coastal Region Command Headquarters and cordially greeted them.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects fertilizer and pesticides in Shwepyisoe Village, Kawthoung Township. — MNA

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The papers presented by the delegate groups at the Plenary Session held from 2 to 9 January 2006 were as follows:-

- (a) Delegate group of the political parties, seven papers.
- (b) Delegate group of the representatives-elect, four papers.
- (c) Delegate group of the national races, one paper.
- (d) Delegate group of the peasants, one paper.
- (e) Delegate group of the workers, one paper.
- (f) Delegate group of the intellectuals and intelligentsia, one paper.
- (g) Delegate group of the State service personnel, one paper.
- (h) Delegate group of the other invited persons, one paper.

The total number is 17.

All the delegates have witnessed the respective delegates reading their papers at the plenary session. I will now present the compilation of the panel of chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention.

At the plenary session held on 13 December 2005, the Work Committee Chairman presented a collection of the detailed basic principles that should be laid down for the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw included in the chapter "Legislation" of the State Constitution as follow:-

- (1) "The first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should be held within 15 days after the beginning of the first session of the Pyithu Hluttaw". The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall convene the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw".
- (2) "The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at least once a year. The maximum time limit between one meeting and another should not exceed 12 months."
- (3) "The following tasks shall be carried out at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meetings:
 - (a) Recording the address delivered by the President
 - (b) Reading out and recording the messages sent by the President and other messages permitted by the President
 - (c) Submitting and discussing and making decision on a bill
 - (d) Discussion and deciding the opinion and re-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets a foreign military attaché. — MNA

- marks of the President concerning a bill approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
- (e) Discussion and deciding the matter the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has to implement in accord with the provisions contained in the Constitution
- (f) Discussing, deciding and recording the reports presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
- (g) Submitting proposals, and making discussions and decisions
- (h) Asking questions and replying answers
- (i) Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (4) "The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall convene a special session or an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as necessary."
- (5) "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker shall convene a special session or an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw soonest when the President informs the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker to convene a special session or an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw."
- (6) "The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall convene a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw when at least one fourth of the total number of members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ask to convene the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw."

- (7) (a) "The first day session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall be valid if more than half the number of members, who have the right to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting, are present. The meeting if invalid, shall be adjourned.
- (b) "The meetings that are adjourned due to invalidity in accord with the sub para (a) as well as the valid meetings that are extended will be valid if at least one third of the Hluttaw members are present."
- (8) (a) "Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting, shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.
- (b) "The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker acting as such, shall not vote in the first instance, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.
- (9) "If for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is, without permission of the Speaker absent from all meetings of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker shall inform the Hluttaw concerned to take action against the member according to the prescribed rules. Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the Hluttaw is prorogued, or is adjourned."
- (10) "Although there may be some vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry on its tasks. Moreover, the decision shall not be annulled, if the acts of someone who was not entitled to do so sat or voted or took part in the proceedings are discovered later."
- (11) "The functions and records of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall be published for public information. But the functions and records restricted by a law or decisions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall not be published."
- (12) (a) The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to make laws for the whole or any part of the union concerning the matters stated in the Union Legislative List.
- (b) If a bill initiated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw is approved by both Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, it shall be presumed that the bill is approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (13) (a) When the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacts a law, it may —

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Plenary Session of National Convention in progress at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby.— MNA

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- (i) entrust the right to issue rules, regulations and bylaws concerning the law to the Union level organizations formed according to the Constitution.
- (ii) authorize the respective organizations or authority to issue notifications, orders, directives and procedures.
- (b) The rules, regulations, notifications, orders, directives and procedures issued with the right vested by an Act shall be consonant with the stipulations contained in the Constitution and the law concerned.
- (c) If both the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw decide to annual or amend anyone the rules, regulations or bylaws, it shall be presumed that the rules, regulations or bylaws are annulled or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (d) If there is any disagreement between the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw concerning the said rules, regulations or bylaws, it shall be discussed and decided by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (e) If a decision is made to annul or amend any of the rules, regulations or bylaws according to the para (c) or para (d), the decision shall be without prejudice, however, to the validity of any action previously taken under the rules, regulations or bylaws.
- (14) "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw—
 - “(a) shall give the decision on matters in connection with ratifying, cancelling and withdrawing from international agreements, regional treaties or bilateral agreements submitted by the President.
 - “(b) may fix the international, regional or bilateral agreements that do not need Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s approval and delegate the President to ratify, cancel and withdraw from them.
- (15)“(a) Matters that require decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, agreement and approval should be implemented as follows;
 - (i) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in session, the matter shall be discussed and decided at that session.
 - (ii) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session, the discussion and decisions on the matter shall be made at the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.
 - (iii) A special session or an emergency session shall be convened to discuss and decide the which need prompt action for public interest.



U Than Aung, Director of Office of National Convention Convening Work Committee, acts as master of ceremonies together with Deputy Director U Aung Kyi. — MNA



Members of Panel of Chairmen. — MNA

- (b) When the President after issuing an ordinance having the force of law submits it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall
 - (i) pass a resolution to approve it or not.
 - (ii) fix the further period to which the ordinance shall continue to be in force if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves the ordinance.
 - (iii) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (16) (a) Of the matters included in the Union legislative list, the Union level organizations formed under the Constitutions, shall have the right to submit bills on matters under their management, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed procedures.
- (b) Bills on national plans, annual budgets and taxation, which are to be submitted exclusively by the Union government shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accordance with the prescribed provisions for decision.
- (17) “Except the bills that are prescribed by the Constitution to be initiated exclusively in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the bills initiated by the Union level organizations formed under the Constitution, in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw according to the prescribed provisions.”
- (18) “If a need arises to scrutinize the bills, before they are being discussed exclusively at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, they are to be scrutinized jointly by the Pyithu Hluttaw bill committee and the Amyotha Hluttaw bill committee, and the bills together with the findings and comments of the joint committee can be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accordance with prescribed provisions.”
- (19) “If there arises disagreement between the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw concerning a bill, the bill shall be discussed and approved in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”
- (20) “(a) Within 14 days after the date the President receives the bills sent to him by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after approving them and the bills in like manner as if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have approved them, he shall sign the bills and shall promulgate them into law.”
 - “(b) The President shall send a bill back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his comments within the fixed time to sign and promulgate it into an Act.
 - “(c) Although the President does not send a bill back to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his comments within the fixed time, if the Bill is not signed by the President within 14 days after the date of presentation, the same shall be become an Act in like matter as if he had signed it on the last of the said 14 days.”
- (21) (a) If the President sends back the bill to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw together with his comments within the fixed time, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after studying the President’s comments, can accept his comments or can decide to amend the bill, or shall make a decision to approve the bill in its original state if it does not agree to the President’s comments.
 - (b) The President shall sign the bill and enact it into an Act on the last of the said seven days if the bill so amended according to his comments or his comments are not accepted and the bill approved in its original state is sent back to him with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s decision.
 - (c) If the bill sent back to the President by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not signed by the President within the fixed time, the same shall be become because an Act in like manner as if he had signed it on the last date of the said time limit.
- (22) “The Acts signed by the President and the Acts deemed to have been signed by the President shall be promulgated in the gazette. The Act shall come into force on the date of such promulgation unless the contrary intention is expressed.”
- (23) “Members of the organizations representing the Union level organizations formed under the Constitution while attending the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the permission of the Speaker have the right to explain the bills and other matters in connection with their respective organizations.”
- (24) The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker shall—
 - (a) supervise the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sessions
 - (b) invite the President, if the President informs of his desire to address the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw
 - (c) have the power to invite organizations and persons representing any Union level organizations formed under the Constitution to attend and give clarifications on one of the matters of the ongoing discussions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session if necessary
 - (d) implement his other duties and functions designated by the constitution or any law
- (25) “The Union level organizations formed under the Constitution shall submit their general condition, necessary to be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, with the permission of the Speaker.”
- (26) “(a) Subject to the provisions contained in the constitution, and the provisions stipulated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have freedom of speech and voting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Committee. Concerning the discussions and functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Joint Committee, a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw member shall be absolutely privileged,

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facts of the 1947 Constitution, the 1974 Constitution and the constitutions of the world countries. Thus, the party agrees to adopt all 28 points in connection with the Pyithu Hluttaw, all the 19 points of the Amyotha Hluttaw and all the 23 points regarding the Region or State Hluttaw as detailed basic principles.

Union Kayin National League said that the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles to be laid down for the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw. The party has no further additions or suggestions to the points.

Hence, the 28 points regarding the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the 19 points in connection with the legislation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and the 23 points for the legislation of

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except under the laws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

“(b) Subject to the provisions contained in the constitution, and the provisions stipulated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, members of organizations or persons representing anyone of the Union level organizations invited to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have the freedom of speech. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the laws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

“(c) however, if the persons mentioned in the above para (a) and para (b) commit physical assaults, they shall be liable to punishment according to the existing laws.

(27) “If there arises a need to arrest a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw member attending a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session or a person attending the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session at the invitation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker. He shall not be arrested without the prior permission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.”

(28) “The reports, documents and hluttaw records published by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged.”

Esteemed delegates,

Of the seven political parties of the delegate group of the political parties, the National Unity party discussed in support of the clarification concerning the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The party also presented separate suggestion, saying, concerning the absent without leave, a detailed basic principle states, “If for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is, without permission of the Speaker absent from all meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker shall inform the hluttaw concerned to take action against the member according to the prescribed rules. Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the Hluttaw is prorogued, or is adjourned.”

The NUP agrees to the fact that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members have the duty to regular attend the

the Region or State Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party in giving suggestions said, the detailed basic principles explained by the Work Committee Chairman on legislative functions of the Hluttaws are firm and precise and there are systematic connections between functions of the Hluttaws. They are comprehensive and firm and thoroughly cover the current international, regional and internal situations in the political and social aspects. The party has thus no further suggestions to the clarifications.

The party gave its opinion, saying, the functions of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region and State Hluttaw, the rules and regulations for Hluttaw members, and matters on taking action against Hluttaw members explained by the Work Committee Chairman are reasonable, and so they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

The Wa National Development Party agrees that the points contained in the paras 1 from 28 should be laid down as detailed basic principles for the legislation of

meeting; and that a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw member should ask permission for his failure to attend meeting for unavoidable circumstances to the Speaker. But the delegates are living in various parts of the nation. Although, communication systems have improved much at present, there can occur unexpected natural disaster such as floods and landslides. If a hluttaw member faces a disaster, it will be difficult for him to inform the Speaker about his absence within the fixed time of 15 days. If action will be taken against him to inform the matter in time, it may have adverse effect for the nation as well as the hluttaw member concerned and the voters. Thus, the Convention should consider extending the permitted period to 30 days.

Concerning the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, a detailed basic principle says,

“(a) When the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacts a law, it shall—

- (i) entrust the right to issue rules, regulations and bylaws concerning the law to the union level organizations formed according to the Constitution.
- (ii) authorized the respective organizations of authority to issue notifications, orders, directives and procedures.
- (b) The rules, regulations, notifications, orders directives and procedures issued with the right vested by an Act shall be consonant with the stipulations contained in the Constitution and the law concerned.
- (c) If both the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw decide to annual or amend any one the rules, regulations or bylaws, it shall be presumed that the rules, regulations or bylaws are annulled or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (d) if there is any disagreement between the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw concerning the said rules, regulations or bylaws, it shall be decided by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (e) If a decision is made to annul or amend any of the rules, regulations or bylaws according to the para (c) or para (d), the decision shall be without prejudice, however, to the validity of any action previously taken under the rules, regulations or bylaws.”

In the NUP's view, the para (e) fails to mention the responsibility concerning the mistake whose consequences may have adverse effects on the nation and the people. The fact that whether the mistake is committed inadvertently or not and whether the mistake dose have

the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four papers presented by the representatives-elect group of the National Convention, which has eight delegate groups, the representatives of the National Unity Party and the Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presented the proposals of their respective parties.

Independent representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency, Shan State (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency, Shan State (North) in presenting their paper said, on 13 December 2005, the Work Committee Chairman already gave a through clarification on the points to be discussed by the delegate groups. As the clarification is comprehensive, we have no further suggestions. The points explained by the Work Committee Should be adopted as the detailed basic principles for the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the chapter “Legislation” in drafting a new constitution.

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adverse effects on the nation and the people should be considered.

As regarded the privileges of the hluttaw members in holding discussions, a detailed basic principle says,

- “(a) Subjects to the provisions contained in the constitution, and the provisions stipulated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have freedom of speech and voting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Committee. Concerning the discussions and functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Joint Committee, a Pyidaungsu Hluttaw member shall be absolutely privileged, except under the laws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (b) Subjects to the provisions contained in the constitution, and the provisions stipulated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, members of organizations or persons representing anyone of the Union level organizations invited to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have the freedom of speech. No action shall be taken such persons for their speeches, except under the law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”
- (c) However, if the persons mentioned in the above para (a) and para (b) commit physical assaults, they shall be liable to punishment according to the existing laws.

Members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and members of organization or persons representing anyone of the Union level organizations invited to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have the freedom of speech in the interest of the nation and the people. But if they commit physical assaults, they shall be liable to punishment according to the existing laws. The NUP views the principle as a preventive measure against any acts that may tarnish the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's image.

As regards the physical assaults, first, action should be taken against the offender in accord with the rules and regulations of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. But as for the assaults that are punishable by the existing laws, action should be taken against him under the existing laws in addition to the rules and regulations of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Hence, the party would like to suggest to state the para (c) as follows:

“However, if the persons mentioned in the above para (a) and para (b) commit physical assaults, they shall be liable to punishment according to rules and regulations of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the existing laws.”—MNA

A person who is not entitled to attend...

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They presented a separate suggestion in connection with the detailed basic principle "Although there may be vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry on its tasks. Moreover, the decisions shall not be annulled, if the acts of some person who was not entitled to do sat or voted or took part in the proceedings are discovered later".

A detailed basic principle of the State structure said that if there arise the need for re-delineation of the territorial boundary of the Union, it requires votes of more than half the total number of representatives included in each of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and more than half of representatives elected from the region or state concerned.

The opinion of the Union Hluttaw must be sought if required number of votes are not received. The task of re-delineating of the territorial boundary of the nation can be carried out with votes of more than three-fourths of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members. Similarly, measure for re-delineation of the territorial boundary of a region or state shall be taken only if it receives the votes of three-fourths and above of the members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. There should be a principle to prescribe a way for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to make a decision through the votes regarding the matters to be decided and passed with its approval. The facts signify the importance of the voting rights of a hluttaw member.

So, the matter of a person who is not entitled to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sat, voted, or had participated in the proceedings of the Hluttaw should not happen any way. So, respective bodies should supervise the tasks in order to avert an undesirable situation that a person who is not entitled to attend the Hluttaw sat, voted, or had participated in the proceedings of the Hluttaw.

U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of the Taungdwingyi Township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency-2 discussed in support of the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.

In the detailed basic principles of the hluttaws includes a point "Although there may be vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry on its tasks. Moreover, the decision shall not be annulled, if the acts of some one who was not entitled to do so sat or vote or took part in the proceedings are discovered later".

The act of making decisions and approvals through votes is a very important matter at the Hluttaws. It is also a foundation of democracy. It will become an issue to be considered the carefully if a proposal is approved or annulled because of the vote of the person who was not entitled to do so sat or vote or if his vote has become a decisive one.

For example: in the cases in which the Hluttaw Speaker has to give a casting vote as the number of the votes from opposite sides are equal because of his vote or in the cases in which the number of members exceed half or two thirds of the total because of his presence. Hence, in our view, the delegate scrutiny work should be carried out with grater care.

Ambassador U Soe Nwe presents Credentials to Serbian President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Soe Nwe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia, presented his credentials to His Excellency Mr Boris Tadic, President of the Republic of Serbia, on 14 September 2006, in Belgrade. —MNA

Esteemed delegates.

Delegate group of peasants discussed in support of the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.

It presented a separate suggestion, saying, at a meeting, a hluttaw member can stay neutral without casting his vote for the group supporting a matter or the group opposing the same matter. It is an international practice at the parliamentary meetings of world nations and the UN meetings.

I have already presented my suggestion in support of the detailed basic principle "Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting, shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting" that it should be adopted.

In my view, the detailed basic principle of the para 8 (a) of the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the detailed basic principle of the para 7 (a) (i) and 7 (b) (i) of the legislation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and the detailed basic principle of the para 8 (a) of the legislation of the Region or State Hluttaw should be added with the stipulation "A hluttaw member shall stay neutral if he wishes to stay neutral without casting his vote".

Esteemed delegates,

The delegate group of peasants said that the 28 points of concerning the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are appropriate to be adopted as detailed basic principles for formulating the constitution.

Esteemed delegates,

The delegate group of workers said that the 28 points concerning the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed principles for formulating the constitution.

Esteemed delegates,

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia said that at the plenary session held from 13 to 15 December 2005, the Work Committee Chairman explained the detailed basic principles concerning the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaw of the Chapter "Legislation" for formulating the constitution. The delegate group unanimously agreed to the adoption of the 28 detailed basic principles concerning the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the 19 detailed basic principles for the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and 23 detailed basic principles for the Region or State Hluttaw.

As a separate suggestion, the group said the para 8 states, "Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting, shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting. The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker acting as

Ambassador U Htein Win presents Credentials to Argentine Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct—U Htein Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Argentine Republic, presented his credentials to His Excellency Mr D Daniel Osvaldo Scioli, Vice-President of the Argentine Republic, on 19 September 2006, in Buenos Aires. —MNA

such, shall not vote in the first instance, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes." Regarding the para, we would like to give a suggestion. We wish a greater number of hluttaw members to be present at the sessions. Only then the sessions can obtain a clear majority vote in deciding a matter which is in accord with the essence of democracy.

Concerning the point "The Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker acting as such, shall not vote in the first instance, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes", the word "casting vote" is to be replaced with decisive vote to enhance the dignity of the Speaker.

The paras (9) and (10) said "If for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is, without permission of the Speaker absent from all meetings of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker shall inform the Hluttaw concerned to take action against the member according to the prescribed rules.

Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the Hluttaw is prorogued, or is adjourned." and "Although there may be vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry on its tasks. Moreover, the decision shall not be annulled, if the acts of some person who was not entitled to do so sat or voted or took part in the proceedings are discovered later."

As there can be more than one person who are not entitled, the para according to our view should be changed to "Although there may be vacant seats, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry on its tasks. Moreover, the decision shall not be annulled, if the acts of a person or more than one persons who were not entitled to do so sat or vote or took part in the proceedings are discovered later."

Esteemed delegates,

The delegates groups of State service personnel said, the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman is comprehensive as it lays down the detailed basic principles to be formulated in the future constitution after studying in detail may sectors and the constitutions of world nations, the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution from various angles. The groups agrees that the points clarified by the Work Committee Chairman are truly appropriate to be adopted as detailed basic principles for formulating the future constitution.

Esteemed delegates,

The delegate group of other invited persons agrees that the 28 points explained by the Work Committee Chairman ensure freedom, justice and equality for the people. Thus they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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Many countries recognize Myanmar people enjoy fruitful results of unprecedented peace and stability across the nation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Oct — *Thandaung Township Special Region Peaceful Association issued a declaration officially expressing its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council.*

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of Thandaung Township Special Region Peaceful Association

25 September 2006

1. Due to the submission of the permanent US representative to the UN that Myanmar's situations are posing a threat to regional stability and peace on 1 September, a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.

2. The US is trying to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. At present, our organization believes that the US is plotting to impede all-round development of the nation and democratization process, prevailing peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, national consolidation, process of the ongoing National Convention being convened with the participation of people from all walks of life in line with the seven-step Road Map, and Our Three Main National Causes designated as the national duty for the government and all the people.

3. In reality, many countries including ASEAN members have recognized that all the people enjoy fruitful results of unprecedented peace and stability across the nation including our region. Therefore, our organization believes that a country with prevailing peace and stability cannot disturb security of the other countries.

4. As such, Thandaung Township Special Region Peaceful Association, hereby declares that the US interference in Myanmar affairs is absolutely unacceptable, and the organization strongly protests against such evil acts of the US, using the UN as a tool to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC in order to put pressure on her.

Signed

U Saw Gwe Hmu
(Chairman)

Thandaung Township Special Region
Peaceful Association

Headquarters, Nyeinchan Village, Kayin State

Signed

U Saw Than Myint
(Vice-Chairman)

Thandaung Township Special Region
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China, South Africa sign labour agreement

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Oct — **South Africa and China on Monday signed an extension to the memorandum of understanding (MoU) in the labour field agreed to in 2002.**

Briefing the media at Parliament after the signing ceremony in Cape Town, South African Labour Minister Mcebisi Mdladlana said the agreement focused on human resources development, job creation strategies, and cooperation in the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Chinese Labour and Social Security Vice-Minister Zhang Xiaojian echoed that the MoU signified enhanced cooperation between South Africa and China, which

faced similar challenges in the labour and social security fields.

The two countries had much to share, despite their different cultures, he added. Among other things, China had managed to create 10 million jobs a year over the past four years and had much experience to offer South Africa in this regard, he said. Mdladlana agreed, saying South Africa was creating only about 500,000 jobs a year, not enough to meet the goal of halving unemployment by

2014. The Chinese delegation arrived in Cape Town on Monday and will spend five days in the country. Among other

things, they will visit several skills training projects in the Western Cape and Gauteng provinces.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists invent first cooking robot

BEIJING, 11 Oct — China's first cooking robot, named AIC-AICookingrobot, has been invented by scientists in Shenzhen in south China's Guangdong Province.

The robot, developed by Fanxing Science and Technology Co Ltd in Shenzhen, is capable of Sichuan, Shandong and Canton cuisines and can cook thousands of Chinese dishes, according to a report in the *Shenzhen Economic Daily*.

The company spent four years and more than two million yuan (about 250,000 US dollars) to develop the robot, said Liu Xinyu, executive director of the company.

Scientists translated standardized human cooking actions into machine language. The robot is happy to fry, bake, boil and steam, and can perform other special Chinese cooking actions.

At a show held by the company on Sunday, the robot cooked a dish of beautifully-flavoured, attractive-looking shrimp in five minutes, said the newspaper. The robot will help standardize Chinese fast food, said Cai Hegao, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

The robot will go on sale in 2007, and will enter Chinese homes sometime in the future, Liu Xinyu added. — MNA/Xinhua

Airbus CEO quits after three months

PARIS (France), 10 Oct — Airbus parent company EADS on Monday announced the resignation of the European plane maker's chief executive, Christian Streiff, and named one of its own co-CEOs to replace him.

European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co. said in a statement that Streiff will be replaced by Louis Gallois, who will combine the top job at Airbus with his current role as joint head of the Franco-German defence group.

As part of the reshuffle, EADS' German co-CEO Tom Enders will no longer have direct managerial responsibility for Airbus, the statement said.

Streiff's departure deals a fresh blow to Airbus as it struggles to limit the damage from a costly two-year delay to the flagship A380 superjumbo jet.

The 52-year-old former Saint-Gobain executive took over as Airbus CEO just over three months ago, replacing Gustav Humbert — who was ousted along with EADS co-CEO Noel Forgeard as a result of the A380 production crisis.

Streiff drew up a cost-cutting turnaround plan for Airbus that enjoyed strong support from EADS directors, but he clashed repeatedly with the board over how the plan should be implemented and how much control he would personally exercise, according to three officials familiar with the discussions.

Internet

Three US Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct — Three US Marines were killed in a combat operation in the volatile Anbar Province, the US Military said on Monday.

"Three Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team 5 died on 6 October from enemy action while operating in Al Anbar Province," the military said in a statement.

More than 2,730 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong magnitude quake hits south of Tonga

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct — A strong 6.2 magnitude quake struck about 6 miles (10 kilometres) beneath the ocean south of Tonga, the US Geological Survey said on Sunday, but no threat of a tsunami was seen.

The quake, which occurred about 1:50 am Tonga Time on Monday (0150 GMT), was about 170 miles (270 kilometres) south of Nuku'Alofa, the capital of the South Pacific island nation. The Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre did not issue a tsunami warning, saying the quake was "small and deep". A magnitude 6 quake is capable of causing severe damage.

MNA/Reuters



A girl displays an ornament in the shape of piggy at a store in Liaocheng City, east China's Shandong Province, on 8 Oct, 2006. Different kinds of pig-shaped ornaments are visible in the market, though the year of pig is four months away according to Chinese lunar calendar.—INTERNET

SPORTS



France's Fabien Barthez acknowledges the fans after their Group G World Cup 2006 soccer match against Da emarkin this 24 June, 2006 file photo. The 35-year-old veteran goalkeeper, who is out of contract at Marseille, announced on 5 Oct, 2006 his retirement from club and international football, citing family problems. — INTERNET

Man City's Barton fined for showing backside

LONDON, 11 Oct—Manchester City midfielder Joey Barton has been fined 2,000 pounds (3,722 US dollars) by the Football Association for lowering his shorts and exposing his backside to Everton fans.

Barton, who admitted an FA charge of improper conduct and/or bringing the game into disrepute, was also warned about his future conduct after the incident on 30 September. — MNA/Reuters



German national soccer team players (L to R) Lukas Podolski, Oliver Neuville, Miroslav Klose and Clemens Fritz warm up during a team practice session in the town of Kuehlungsborn on 9 Oct, 2006. Germany faces Slovakia in a Euro 2008 Group D qualifying soccer match on Wednesday in Bratislava. —INTERNET

Newly-named Euro mascots hoping to avoid court summons

INNSBRUCK (Austria), 11 Oct—Organizers of the 2008 European soccer Championships announced the names of the tournament's twin mascots on Tuesday and expressed confidence that the pair would not end up in court.

Following on from their official unveiling in Vienna last month, fans in the host countries of Austria and Switzerland voted to name the identical, red-haired, soccer-strip-wearing twins Trix and Flix.

The producers of a German comic which features twin red-haired foxes called Fix and Foxi announced shortly after the Vienna launch that they were examining a possible breach of copyright.

"We have not received any official notification of a case being filed, or seen anything other than what has been written in the media," Euro 2008 spokesman Wolfgang Eichler said on Tuesday.

"The two figures were very carefully researched and developed," added Austrian tournament director Christian Schmoelzer, "so if it does ever come to a legal complaint we will be very relaxed about the situation." — MNA/Reuters



Juan Carlos Cacho of Mexico's Pachuca (R) jumps for the ball with Juan Carlos Escobar of Colombia's Tolima (rear) during their Copa Sudamericana soccer match at the Hidalgo stadium in Pachuca City, Mexico, on 10 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Brazil's players share rooms to boost team spirit

STOCKHOLM, 10 Oct—Brazil's players have gone back to the old practice of sharing rooms in a bid by coach Dunga to improve team spirit.

The players were given individual rooms during the World Cup, when a lacklustre campaign ended with a shock quarter-final defeat against France.

After the tournament, the Brazilian media complained that the side lacked fighting spirit and teamwork. "The players were isolated in their rooms and chatting on the Internet," Dunga told the Brazilian Football Confederation's website.

"I think that getting on with one another is fundamental in forming a group.

"Sharing the same room, the players can exchange ideas, talk about their experiences, in short, have real conversations like friends." — MNA/Reuters

Aragones to stay even if Spain lose against Argentina

MADRID, 11 Oct—Spain coach Luis Aragones has said he will not resign even if his side lose their third game in a row when they play Argentina in Wednesday's friendly.

"Win or lose against Argentina, I'm going to carry on," the 68-year-old said in an interview on the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) website on Tuesday.

"I tend to react well in adverse situations and what has happened to me has also happened to other coaches." Spain have suffered two consecutive defeats in qualification for Euro 2008, losing 3-2 away to Northern Ireland last month and then going down 2-0 in

WADA chief says China doping control better but not perfect

BEIJING, 11 Oct—China has shown marked improvement in the fight against drugs in sport, but was far from perfect, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) president Dick Pound said on Tuesday.

Although satisfied that Chinese authorities had a "sense of urgency and importance" regarding doping in sport, Pound said he was not sure whether they knew how deep the problem went.

"We're not sure and I don't even think the Chinese authorities are sure how widespread the problem is," Pound said at a news conference.

"It's a large, important country that has a problem that perhaps has not been as well recognized as it ought to have been in the past."

Pound cited the recent discovery of systematic doping of athletes at a sports school in northeastern China as evidence "that there is indeed a problem and that this may not be the only circumstance."

In August, Chinese anti-doping officials unearthed

hundreds of doses of EPO, testosterone and steroids at Anshan Athletics School in Liaoning Province, and found that coaches had administered banned substances to athletes as young as 15. Pound described the revelations as "a major breakdown in the system" and a "wake-up call" for Chinese authorities -- simi-

lar to the BALCO doping scandal in the United States.

"It is very embarrassing to find that one of your sporting schools has a directorship that is systematically doping athletes, many of whom are not really sure what it is they are being given," he said.

— MNA/Reuters

Injured King pulls out of England squad

LONDON, 11 Oct — England defender Ledley King has pulled out of the squad to face Croatia in Wednesday's Euro 2008 qualifier due to a knee injury.

King, who missed training on Monday, has not travelled with the rest of the squad to Zagreb for the Group E game, the Football Association said on its website on Tuesday.

An FA spokesman said King did not feel "entirely comfortable" on Tuesday morning and it was decided the Tottenham Hotspur captain should not travel as a precautionary measure.

King, who was voted England's Man of the Match in Saturday's disappointing 0-0 draw with Macedonia, would also have been an option for coach Steve McClaren's re-shuffled midfield. — MNA/Reuters



China's Yan Zi serves against Erika Takao of Japan during the qualifying competition at Bangkok Open of Women's Tennis in Thailand's Bangkok, on 10 Oct, 2006. Yan Zi won the match 2-1. —INTERNET

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Shooting reported in US middle school

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct — A shooting incident was reported on Monday morning in Joplin, in the central US state of Missouri, one week after a shooting rampage at a school in Pennsylvania left five girls dead.

No one was injured in the Joplin shooting incident, in which a 13-year-old student fired his assault rifle into the ceiling at his middle school after confronting some students and administrators, media reports said.

The student, who wore a mask, pointed his gun at two students and then fired into the ceiling, just before the start of classes. He was later persuaded by administrators to leave the building, dropped his rifle and was taken into custody by police.

Local police reportedly found a note in the student's backpack which said he had placed an explosive device in the school of about 750 students. The school was closed and students were evacuated to a nearby hall.

It was not known immediately whether police had found the alleged explosive device and what had caused the student to shoot inside the school.

MNA/Xinhua

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- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music:
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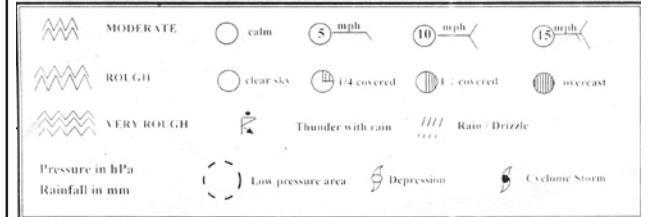
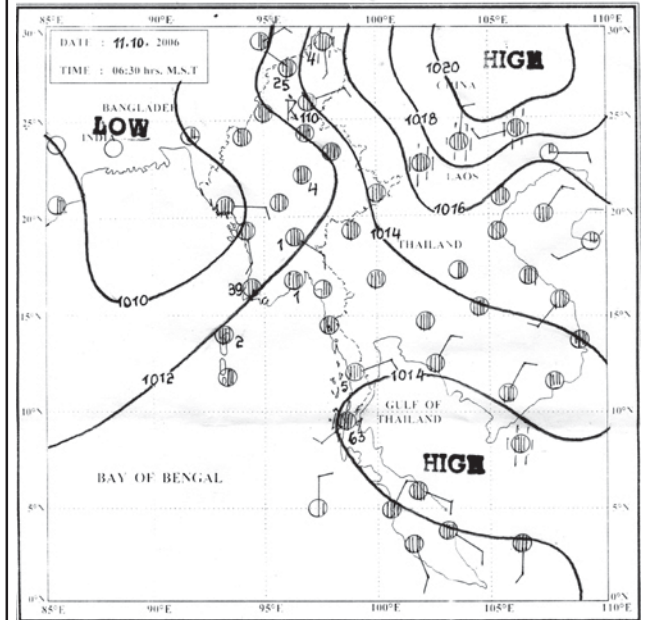
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WEATHER

Wednesday, 11 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Bago Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division, fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.32) inch, Myitkyina (4.88) inches, Magway (2.71) inches, Kawthoung (2.60) inches, Machanbaw (1.73) inches, Gwa (1.65) inches, Patheingyi (1.54) inches, Minbu (1.37) inches, Kyaukse (0.94) inch and Pakokku (0.91) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-10-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 11-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-10-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 10-10-2006 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 11-10-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon and (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.31) inches at Mingaladon and (111.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (115.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 10-10-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and East Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 11-10-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokahtawady River at Myitnge is (1034) cm. It may remain above its danger level (870) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.

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

Prime Minister felicitates Spanish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Oct — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of Spain, which falls on 12 October, 2006. MNA

The delegate groups have already compiled and presented their group-wise papers to the National Convention Plenary Session after holding discussions on the matter.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members have the duty to regularly attend the meeting



Dr Kan Zaw of NCC Work Committee reads out paper on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
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I would like to wish the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission and members, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and members, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee and members and delegates to be blessed with health and happiness and auspiciousness.

At the Plenary Sessions of the National Convention held from 13 to 15 December 2005, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee

explained the detailed basic principles to be adopted for the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaws that will be included in the chapter of the legislation in drawing a new constitution.

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A person who is not entitled to attend the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sat, voted, or had participated in the proceedings of the Hluttaw should not happen

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Union Pa-O National Organization in its discussions said that the 28 detailed basic principles concerning the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the 19 detailed basic principles concerning the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and the 23 detailed basic principles

in connection with the Region or State Hluttaws should be adopted as the detailed basic principles of the constitution.

Mro (a) Khami National Solidarity Organization read out its suggestion, saying, Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe explained a collection of 28 detailed basic principles concerning the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. All the 28 points are appropriate to be adopted as detailed basic principles. The party made no further discussions on other matters.

Lahu National Development Party read out its paper, saying, the Work Committee Chairman made a clarification on the legislation of the Pyidaungsu

Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaws included in the chapter "Legislation" to formulate a new constitution. He explained the related (See page 11)

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Presentation to be published

YANGON, 12 Oct — Presentation made by five members of Panel Alternate Chairmen of the National Convention Plenary Session at the National Convention held in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, today will continue to be published.— MNA