

**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

**Suggestions of delegates concerning detailed basic principles for the chapters “Pyithu Hluttaw” and “Amyotha Hluttaw” presented to NC Plenary Session**



*U San Tha Aung of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect presents suggestions of NC delegates. — MNA*

YANGON, 13 Oct— *The following is the presentation of the Panel of Chairmen on suggestions of delegates concerning detailed basic principles for the chapters “Pyithu Hluttaw” and “Amyotha Hluttaw” to be included in writing the State Constitution made at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held on 11 October.*

**Esteemed delegates,**

At the National Convention Plenary Session held on 14 December 2005, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe clarified “In relation to the adoption of detailed basic principles for legislation by the National Convention, the State’s legislative power is vested in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, region Hluttaws and state Hluttaws, and legislative power prescribed in the State Constitution, in self-administered areas. And one of the detailed basic principles adopted for the formation of the legislation said that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw consists of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

According to the principles adopted, the Pyithu



*U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races presents suggestions of NC delegates. — MNA*

Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw included in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw have to cooperate with each other in carrying out legislative functions, the major task of the Hluttaws, although the two Hluttaws are formed separately. Therefore, the legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw need to be as similar as those of the Amyotha Hluttaw as far as it can. In this regard, I would like to present the legislation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw as a whole”.

Next, he said “Based on the findings and reviews I have explained, I would like to present the detailed basic principles as a whole that should be adopted regarding the proceedings for the legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw that are to be included in the legislation of the Constitution as follows:—

1. (a) **The first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days after the general election commences**
- (b) (1) **The term of the Amyotha Hluttaw commences on the date on which the term of the Pyithu Hluttaw commences**



*U Sai Tint Aung of Delegate Group of Peasants presents suggestions of NC delegates. — MNA*

- (2) **The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall be convened within seven days after the commencement of the term of that Hluttaw**
2. (a) (1) **The State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw after the Constitution has come into force**
- (2) **The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accordance with provisions of this Constitution shall convene first regular sessions for the next terms of the Pyithu Hluttaw.**
- (b) (1) **The State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw after the Constitution has come into force**
- (2) **The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accordance with provisions of this Constitution shall convene first regular**

*(See page 6)*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 14 October, 2006

### National Kandawgyi Gardens complete with scenic views

There are favourable conditions for tourism development in Myanmar as it is rich in natural resources. There are interesting buildings and tourist destinations the length and breadth of the nation.

Islands, corals and scenic views along the coastal lines, natural underground caves, Indawgyi, floating islands, floating villages and PhaungdawU Buddha Images at Inlay Lake, are places of interest.

The National Kandawgyi Gardens in PyinOoLwin complete with scenic views and fauna and flora is popular among tourists. There are different kinds of birds including peafowl of different species, pheasants of various colours and Mandarin ducks at the gardens for public recreation.

At present, the National Landmarks Garden depicting symbols of states and divisions is being built on 56.67 acres plot near the National Kandawgyi Gardens for sightseeing.

As landmarks reflecting the Shwedagon Pagoda, Shitthaung Pagoda, Mawtinsun Pagoda, PhaungdawU Buddha Images, Nanmyint Tower, Kanbawzathadi Golden Palace, Reed Lake, Chaungtha Beach, Inlay Lake and Pindaya Cave are built in a single place it will be convenient for vacationers to enjoy sightseeing and recreation.

The construction of such replicas of cultural edifices from different regions, fauna and flora, endangered species of birds and natural habitats by tour operators and hoteliers in cooperation with departments concerned at the National Kandawgyi Gardens will contribute much to tourism development.

### Wellwishers invited to donate cash to sinking tubewells

YANGON, 13 Oct — Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are carrying out tasks to supply sufficient drinking water to rural regions of States and Divisions with scarce water facilities.

As tubewells are being sunk in the rural regions, wellwishers may contribute cash donations towards sinking tubewells — K 250,000 for a 2-inch-diameter and 200-foot-deep tubewell, K 500,000 for a 2-inch-diameter and 400-foot-deep tubewell, and K 500,000 for a 4-inch-diameter and 200-foot-deep tubewell.

Those wishing to donate cash to sinking tubewells may contact the Director-General, Tel: 067-409026; the Deputy Director-General, Tel: 067-409362; the Deputy Director-General (Engineer), Tel: 01-291967; the Director (Finance), Tel: 067-409407; the Director (Sagaing Division DAC), Tel: 071-22760; the Director (Magway Division DAC), Tel: 063-23164; and the Director (Mandalay Division DAC), Tel: 02-54657. — MNA

## 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

### Thakayta Gas Turbine, arrival of machines for Ahlon Power Station inspected

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, heard reports on running of Thakayta Gas Turbine presented by Turbine Manager U Than Naing Oo, yesterday afternoon.

Managing Director Dr San Oo and Deputy Chief Engineer U Nyunt Aung gave supplementary reports.

The minister inspected the control room and repairing 230/33-11 kva transformer in the switch yard.

At Asia World Jetty



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Thakayta Gas Turbine. — MNA

on Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township, the minister and party viewed arrival of machinery to be substituted at No

1 Boiler of Ahlon Power Station. The minister gave instructions on priority to be given to worksite safety. — MNA

### Construction and upgrading of hospitals inspected in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected the National Blood Bank of Mandalay General Hospital in Mandalay on 3 October.

At the briefing hall, the deputy minister heard reports on matters related to Mandalay General Hospital presented by Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win and gave necessary instructions.

The deputy minister inspected modern hospital equipment, the intensive care unit and the pathological unit and attended to the needs.

Next, he inspected functions of Public Health Laboratory and Food and Drug Administration, construction of Orthopaedic Specialist Hospital (Mandalay), Special Care Hospital (Mandalay) and Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital (Mandalay).

MNA

### Mayor inspects sanitation, upgrading task

YANGON, 13 Oct — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected proper drainage along Natmauk Road and old Yedashe Road and construction of platform in Bahan Township and Natchaung drain in Tamway Township, tarmacking of Laydaunt Kan Road, progress of upgrading task near the junction of Kyaunggone Road in Yankin Township and at the junction of Parami Road and Thitsa Road. Next, the mayor stressed the need for safety measures and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

### UMFCCI responsible persons leave for China

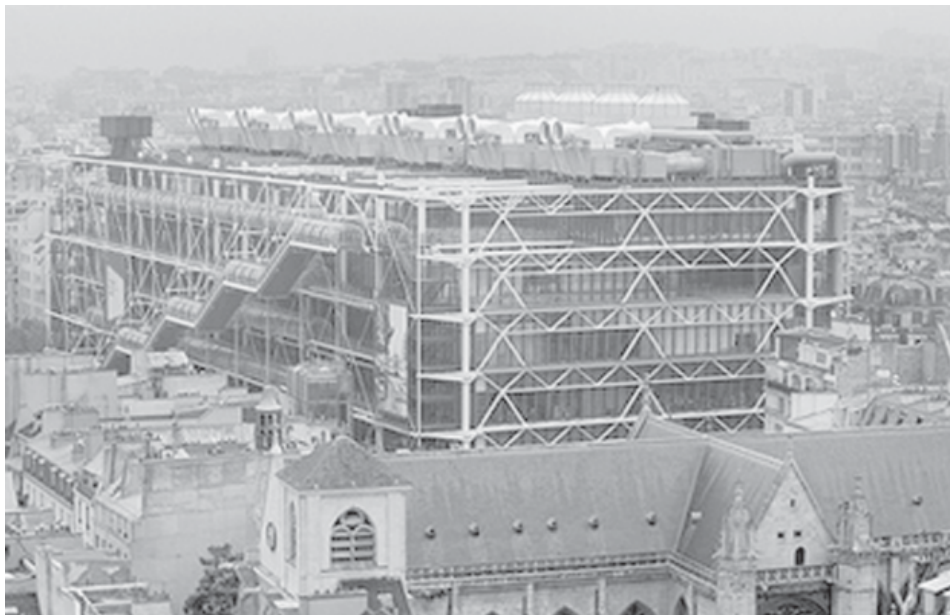
YANGON, 13 Oct — A 32-member delegation led by Central Executive Committee member of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Vice-Chairman of Mandalay Division Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Soe Myint, UMFCCI CEC member U Kyaw Min (Sein & Mya) and Vice-Chairman of Mon State Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Hla Shein left here by air yesterday to attend the 100th Guangzhou Trade Fair to be held in Guangzhou of the People's Republic of China from 15 to 30 October.

They were seen off

at the airport by Vice-President of UMFCCI Aung Lwin and officials. — MNA



Members of UMFCCI seen at the airport before their departure for Guangzhou. — UMFCCI



A view of the Georges Pompidou centre. France's Pompidou centre is spreading its wings East, with plans to open a branch of the modern art museum in the Chinese city of Shanghai by the end of 2007.—INTERNET

## China, Vietnam, Laos define tri-junction point of nat'l boundaries

BEIJING, 11 Oct— China, Vietnam and the Laos defined tri-junction point of national boundaries here on Tuesday, which lies on the Shiceng Dashan Mountain, said Chinese Foreign Ministry.

Wu Dawei, Vu Dung and Ponsavath Boupha, vice foreign ministers of the above three countries, on behalf of each's government, signed a treaty on definition of the

tri-junction point of the national boundaries in Beijing.

The tri-junction point, according to the ministry, is a place "where the peoples in the three countries can hear the crow of the same cock", indicating that peoples from the three countries live in harmony.

The ministry said signing the treaty is very important for the stability and development of the boundary areas.

Wu also held bilateral talks with Vu Dung and Ponsavath Boupha respectively, exchanging views on issues of common concern frankly.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bird flu found in pigs in Indonesia's Bali

JAKARTA, 11 Oct— The H5N1 bird flu virus has infected pigs on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, a senior Agriculture Ministry official said on Monday.

"There were two pigs that were infected by bird flu in Bali. These were old cases that happened last July," Musni Suatmodjo, Agriculture Ministry director of animal health, told Reuters.

Koran Tempo newspaper had reported on the weekend that a team from the veterinary faculty at Udayana University had discovered avian influenza infected two pigs in the regencies of Gianyar and Tabanan in Bali. It was not clear if the pigs died.

Pigs are a concern because they are susceptible to many of the viruses that infect humans. Swines can act as mixing vessels in which genetic material from avian flu viruses can mix with human influenza viruses, potentially producing new and deadly strains for which humans have no immunity. I Gusti Putu Suwandi, head of the Tabanan agriculture office, said there have not been new cases of avian influenza in the area since July.—MNA/Reuters



A visitor travels down one of the five large slides which form part of the new installation art work entitled 'Test Site', by a German artist in the Turbine Hall of the Tate Modern Gallery in London, on 9 Oct, 2006. INTERNET

## Fire breaks out at ammo dump at US base in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct—A fire broke out at an ammunition dump at a US base in southern Baghdad on Tuesday night, causing a series of explosions that rocked the capital, the US military said in a statement.

"The explosions are from ammunition 'cooking off'," the military said, adding that it had no immediate reports of US casualties.

The Islamic Army in Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack.

"The Islamic Army ... (launched) rockets and mortar bombs ... at a base for the occupying American forces. Explosions could be heard in Baghdad," said the statement signed by the group and posted on a website often used by Islamist militants.—MNA/Reuters

## Moderate quake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 11 Oct—A earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale rocked the waters off North Sulawesi in eastern part of Indonesia on Tuesday, but no casualty was reported, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quake's epicentre was in 188 kilometres southeast of the city of Manado, the capital city of North Sulawesi Province, in the northern tip of the island, an official of the agency Fadly Yusuf told Xinhua.

It struck at 12:14 am local time or 1514 GMT at 61 kilometres depth below the sea level, no immediate reports of casualty and potential of tsunami.

MNA/Xinhua

## Gunmen kill 9 at Sunni TV station in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 Oct — Gunmen stormed the offices of a Sunni satellite TV station Thursday in Baghdad, killing nine people, police said.

The attack took place in the eastern neighborhood of Zayuna when the gunmen got out of six cars and barged into the Shaabiya satellite channel.

An official with the station earlier identified five of the dead as station employees and two others as guards. It's unclear who the remaining two were.

The station has not officially opened and has only aired test broadcasts, an official said.

Eight others died Thursday in scattered attacks in the capital.

In central Baghdad's Bab al-Shurqi commer-

cial area, two bombs exploded within 10 minutes of each other, killing five people and wounding 10 others, including three police officers.

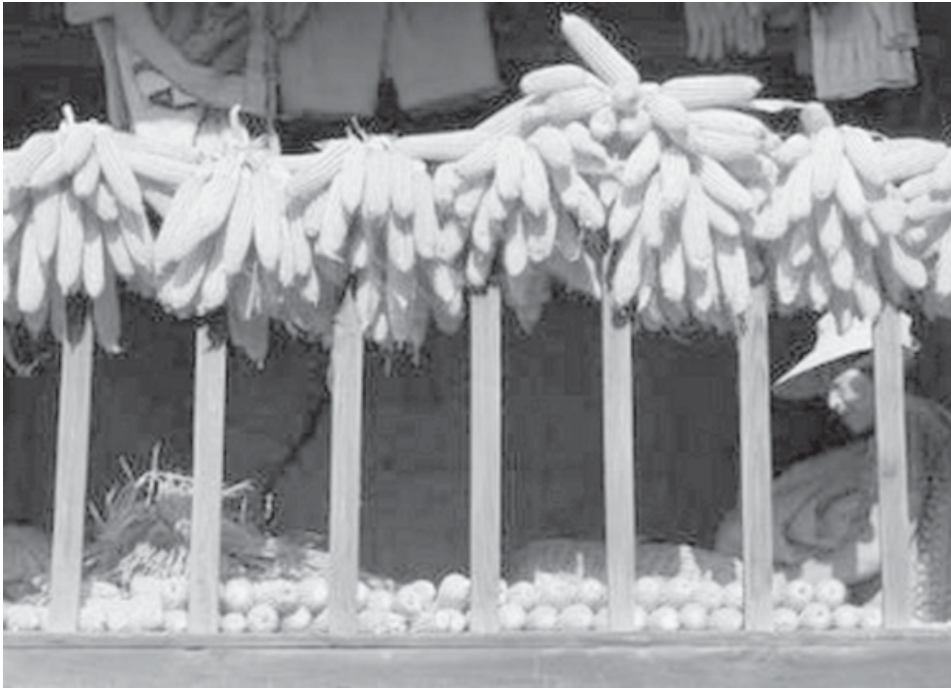
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Barbra Streisand performs at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 9 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



A Vietnamese fisherman and his wife work a net on a basket-shaped boat locally called Thuyen Thung at a fishing village in Danang, Vietnam on 12 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



A farmer peels corn on the outskirts of Baokang County, central China's Hubei Province on 11 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Zimbabwe bans cash transfer firms

LONDON, 11 Oct— Zimbabwe has banned 16 money transfer agencies from operating in the country, accusing them of abusing their licences by doing deals on the black market.

Reserve Bank governor Gideon Gono cited “non-performance and deviant behaviour” by most transfer agencies as reasons.

Thousands were stranded at post offices and banks after discovering they could no longer access money sent to them by relatives abroad.

Illegal transfer agencies are still operating and so far unaffected. Standard Chartered Bank and Stanbic were among the high-profile banks affected, as are agencies such as Western Union and Fedex.

The government’s own

Homelink money transfer scheme remains unaffected and a few unnamed commercial and merchant banks have reportedly retained their licences.

Most of the estimated 3.5m Zimbabweans who

live and work abroad have increasingly shied away from sending money through traditional routes because they only receive the official exchange rate - \$250ZD for each US dollar.—Internet



People stand near a car bomb wreckage near southeastern Baghdad on 11 Oct, 2006. Two people were killed and more than 20 were wounded in the blast.—XINHUA

## Three killed, one missing in plane fire in Norway

OSLO, 11 Oct — Three people died and one more was missing after a plane carrying 16 passengers and crew burst into flames after landing at an airport in western Norway, police said on Tuesday.

“I can confirm that three persons have been found dead in the plane,” police officer John Olav Olsen told Reuters.

Olsen said the plane had problems during landing at 7:37 am (0537 GMT) in Stord, an island south of Bergen on Norway’s western coast, and caught fire after sliding off the runway.

He could not provide further details or the nationalities of the casualties.

Initially police said 13 people were rescued from the wreckage, but later said that one person was still missing.

“We are now searching for this person,” police spokeswoman Sidsel Tunestveit told Reuters.

The police said six passengers were flown to a severe burns centre in Bergen, about 60 kilometres 37 miles away. Others were treated for lighter injuries in local hospitals.

The plane was chartered by oil services firm Aker Stord, part of offshore

engineering group Aker Kvaerner.

MNA/Reuters



The wreckage of a chartered plane that ran off the runway and burst into flames after landing at the Stord Airport in the western part of Norway on 10 Oct, 2006. — INTERNET

## Thailand to stay under Martial Law for another month

BANGKOK, 12 Oct — Thailand will remain under Martial Law for about another month as the post-coup government lets political turbulence settle, Defence Minister Boonrawd Somtas said on Wednesday.

“We can’t do it now although the situation looks settled. There are still underwater waves,” he told reporters. “I think it may take about a month. We need to wait for the situation to be really resolved.”

Boonrawd gave no details of what political undercurrents might be at play with Thaksin Shinawatra, ousted in the 19 September coup, having quit as leader of the Thai Rak Thai (Thais Love Thais) Party from

London, virtually ensuring its break up.

Little opposition to the coup has been evident on the streets of Bangkok, where weeks of street demonstrations against Thaksin, twice a landslide election winner on the back of huge support in the countryside, led to political deadlock. The military stepped in, saying

it feared mass violence as Thaksin supporters in the rural heartland grew agitated.

The soldiers sent in to oust Thaksin were greeted with flowers and food and no one has been arrested yet under Martial Law, which bans political gatherings of more than five people.

MNA/Reuters

## New York security under scrutiny after plane crash

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Oct—The crash of a light plane into a New York highrise has raised new questions about security in the still-jittery city, five years after the September 11 terror attacks.

Ever since the attacks, planes have faced restrictions around Manhattan, National Guard units have been on patrol in the city’s stations and subway passengers have been subject to random bag searches.

Further measures have seen traffic using the bridges and tunnels into the city being put under increased surveillance, while special security has been put in place around public landmarks, especially during public gatherings.

But the ability of a small plane Wednesday to penetrate that shield and plough into a building has drawn attention to the city’s vulnerability.

The plane, carrying New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and his flight instructor, took off from an airport in New Jersey, circled the Statue of Liberty and then headed up the East River before falling off radar screens.

It crashed into an upmarket residential highrise in mid-afternoon, killing the two on board and leaving a blackened hole gouged in the building.—Internet

## Bulgaria reports radioactive leak at nuclear plant

SOFIA, 11 Oct — A rupture in a heat exchanger at Bulgaria’s only nuclear power plant has caused a leak of radioactive solution, local media reported on Tuesday.

The incident was detected during scheduled annual maintenance of the sixth unit of the plant last Saturday, said the management of the plant in a statement.

The radioactive solution leaked from the decontamination system and entered a section of a pipeline in the turbine room of the nuclear power plant, according to the media.

On Sunday, the contaminated section of the pipeline was cut out

and disposed of in a plant section for strict radiation control, and the entire pipeline was flushed.

No radioactive contamination was detected in the turbine room, at the plant’s site or outside of it, the management said.

An early estimate by the plant showed that it was a zero-level event under the zero-to-seven International Nuclear Event Scale, which means it was of no safety significance.

A special commission appointed by the plant was investigating the incident and it has one month to report its findings to the National Radioactive Agency.—MNA/Xinhua

## No foreign pressure will be able to obstruct changes and developments made in accord with Myanmar norms and standards under seven-step Road Map

*Aung Moe San*

Evolution of countries usually takes place in accordance with their objective conditions in social life. Hence, the respective countries freely manage their internal affairs by themselves. Today, the Tatmadaw Government is doing its utmost day in, day out for the emergence of a new democratic nation, with the belief that the strength of the nation lies within.

Those acting as stooges, holding negative views and those under the influence of the aliens usually rely on external elements. They tend to view the internal affairs with negative outlook. They themselves are in support of attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of the nation, to impose economic sanctions on the nation and pressure to put the nation on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council. This is an act of national traitors.

**The historical lessons showed that in the conflict between the national forces led by the Tatmadaw Government and the national traitors who are holding negative views, relying on external elements, the latter never stand a chance to win the former.** One of those lessons is that Bogyoke Aung San and national leaders were assassinated by a group holding negative views, relying on external elements on 19 July 1947 with the intention of impeding the independence struggles one year before the independence was regained. However, the independence struggles staged by the entire national people could not be hindered by the national traitors who were under the influence of colonialists. The independence was regained in 1948 through the might of the entire national people. The colonialists and their cohorts were driven out of the Myanmar's soil.

In the post-cold war period like today, there have emerged hegemony and monopoly exercised by some powerful nations. Those big nations have been bent on the use of force, applying the tactics of monopoly to exploit and invade the nations by hook or by crook. **There were lessons that the use of force practised by the colonialists failed and met their end and the point is that hegemony could not last long in the international community.**

However, the US and its western allies are practising such tactics again as they are much conceited over the fall of the east socialist bloc in the time of the cold war that broke out between their capitalist bloc and the east socialist bloc. Besides, they had miscalculated that they would be able to easily shape the whole world. They are attempting to shape the whole world into a western style by applying pressure.

They even attempted to shape China into a western democratic style to their liking. They put pressures on the nation in all spheres. But, contrary to the liking of the US and its cohorts, China has developed based on the socialist market economic style in line with the objective conditions in social life of the country. **Although the US and its cohorts are dissatisfied with the market economic system of China they have to toe the soft line in dealing with the latter as it is making unprecedented progress in the global market.** At present, China is superior in terms of production and market competition. China shows trade surplus while the US and its allies show trade deficit. In the education sector, the number of pre-graduate students and graduate students of the US was about four times greater than that of China in the 1990s. But, the number of such students of China was greater than that of the US in 2001. In 2005, the number of such students of China was two times greater than that of the US. Beginning from 2004, the number of degree holders of China became greater

than that of the US yearly. In 2008, the number of degree holders of China will be two times greater than that of the US. Likewise, the number of master's degree holders and doctorate holders of China will follow suit in the very near future.

Therefore, whenever one graduate emerges in the US there will be four graduates in China in future. The experts come to the conclusion that China will be the greatest in terms of innovation since innovation depends largely on the number of scholars and technocrats.

The US and its western allies used force to invade Iraq with the lame excuse that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq posing a threat to international security including the security of the US. Actually, there were no such lethal weapons in Iraq. So, they gave excuses that they had invaded Iraq for flourishing of democracy and human rights there. They did so breaching the UN Charter. They invaded Iraq and tried to establish western democracy there. But the Iraqi people have to die daily and suffer various kinds of worry and hardships. There are terrible lessons in Iraq which the US and its allies have not expected.

In the 27-5-2006 issue of the Nation newspaper, US President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair disclosed that the Iraqi war might be wrong but the world ought to support the Baghdad Government. **In a 50-minute press meet held at the White House on 25 March 2006, Bush and Tony Blair confessed that the Iraqi war that ousted Saddam Hussein was a great blow to them and it also ruined their reputation.** Bush also noted that he became repentant and worried over Abhu Gharab prison problems and felt sorry for his stubborn words; that there had not brought about any situation as expected in Iraq although Saddam Hussein was ousted; that they would have chosen a proper way, drawing lessons from their mistakes; and that only the proper way would lead to success. It is learnt that there were no heroic words at that press meet like the ones held three years ago.

**The British Prime Minister Tony Blair is being forced to step down after he has served for ten years in the post as the US policy and stance are being criticized even by its allies.** The reason why he is being forced to resign is none other than his strongest support for the Bush administration. Former US President Jimmy Carter himself slammed Tony Blair for his allegiance and support to Bush as well as for his behaving like a slave to Bush. Therefore, the two are referred to as the two B's. The people of Britain are thumbing their nose at Tony Blair as his policy is exactly the same as Bush's. Even his own party is against him. So he had to announce that he would resign. This is the result of his copying the US foreign policy.

At a paper reading session held in Washington DC on 12 December 2005, the paper of Jakul Grygie, an expert in international relations, analyzes the US's unilateralism (also called power ranger policy). It is stated in the paper that Bush's Republican administration is leaving an evil legacy of egoism, being isolated and marginalization to future generations.

According to international affairs analysts, Washington's being isolated has become more pronounced as it has committed many a mistake in its policy, especially regarding Iraq War and dogmatic practice of unilateralism. That is why the international community has ostracized the US.

**In fact, the US is now facing challenges in maintaining the support of its allies.** According to political analysts, such a problem facing the US government is not only due to its arrogant diplomatic relations and mistaken policy. But it is also because of its

attempt to influence other countries militarily, economically and politically. It is therefore not a temporary problem being faced by the Bush administration. **The summit of Non-Aligned Movement that was recently held in Havana, Cuba, also objected the US foreign policy.** Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez stated on 23 May that the US government was trying to harm international peace and security. By referring to the Iraq war, he criticized Bush saying that they were concerned that the US was always trying to strengthen its empire and arming for war. And it was attempting to annihilate the peaceful world.

Recently, the US and its allies engineered a scheme to put Myanmar on the agenda of UN Security Council in order to pressure the country which refused to accept their influence. However, certain farsighted countries realizing the objective condition of Myanmar are opposed to their act. **The international community considers that Myanmar is not the country to be put on the UNSC agenda, let alone taking any action against her.**

1. Nowadays, Myanmar is on its way to multiparty democracy with market-oriented economy after abolishing single party socialism.
2. In comparison with the previous eras, today's Myanmar has seen significant development of the whole infrastructure with the system of market-oriented economy. There have been 10 legitimate political parties in the country.
3. As the present government has been able to build national reconsolidation and make peace with the 17 national race armed groups, the entire nation including far-flung areas are enjoying fruits of development. The drive for elimination of narcotic drugs also becomes more successful.
4. The seven-step Road Map of the State has been laid down in order to shape a democracy, and the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is in progress representing the entire people. A referendum will be held after the constitution has been drawn in accord with the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the NC. Then the nation will be transformed into a democratic State according to the seven-step Road Map.
5. Now is the time when Myanmar is strengthening cooperation with her neighbours, regional countries and those farsighted countries from the international community. Moreover, Myanmar has never interfered in the internal affairs of other countries nor has it invaded them. She is always following and respecting the basic principles of the UN. Myanmar is a member country of the Non-Aligned Movement. The President of NAM sent a letter to the UNSC saying that the decision by the Security Council to initiate a formal or informal discussion on the situation in any Member State of the United Nations or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to Article 24 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Movement does not consider that the situation in Myanmar constitutes a threat to international peace and security and opposes the attempts by a member of the Council to categorize the situation of Myanmar as such.

All in all, no matter how the US and its allies put pressure on Myanmar in order to put her issue on the UNSC agenda ignoring the objective conditions of the country, no foreign pressure will be able to obstruct the process of the seven-point Road Map which is designed in accordance with Myanmar norms and standards.

(Translation: TS+ST)

## Suggestions of delegates concerning...

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  - (b) (1) Members of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall take oaths before the Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw at the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw
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  - (b) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall convene regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw at least once a year. The interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months
5. (a) The following matters are carried out at the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
    - (1) Recording the address delivered by the President
    - (2) Reading out and recording the messages sent by the President and the messages permitted by the Speaker
    - (3) Submitting, discussing and making decision on a bill
    - (4) Discussing and deciding the matters the Pyithu Hluttaw shall implement in accord with the provisions of the Constitution
    - (5) Discussing, deciding and recording the reports presented to the Pyithu Hluttaw
    - (6) Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions
    - (7) Raising questions and giving replies
    - (8) Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw
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    - (7) Raising questions and giving replies
    - (8) Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw
6. (a) (1) The first day session of the Pyithu Hluttaw is valid if more than half the number of members who have the right to attend the Pyithu Hluttaw session, are present. If a session is not valid it shall be adjourned.
  - (2) The sessions that are adjourned under sub para (1) due to invalidity and the valid sessions that are extended are valid if at least one-third of the Pyithu Hluttaw members are present.
  - (b) (1) The first day session of the Amyotha Hluttaw is valid if more than half the number of members who have the right to attend the Amyotha Hluttaw session, are present. If the session is not valid it shall be adjourned.
  - (2) The sessions that are adjourned under sub-para (1) due to invalidity and the valid sessions that are extended are valid if at least one-third of the Amyotha Hluttaw members are present.
7. (a) (1) 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.
  - (2) The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker discharging duties as the Speaker at the Pyithu Hluttaw shall not vote in the first instance in the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the matters of an equality of votes.
  - (b) (1) 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.
  - (2) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker discharging duties as the Speaker at the Amyotha Hluttaw sessions shall not vote in the first instance in the sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the matters of an equality of votes.
8. (a) (1) The Pyithu Hluttaw may declare the seat of a member vacant in accord with the rules prescribed if he is absent, without asking the Pyithu Hluttaw for leave, from a session for 15 days successively. Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the session is prorogued or is adjourned.
  - (2) The Pyithu Hluttaw shall take action against a member in accord with the rules prescribed if the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw informed the Pyithu Hluttaw that that member is absent from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session for a period of 15 consecutive days without permission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
  - (b) (1) The Amyotha Hluttaw may declare the seat of a member vacant in accord with the rules prescribed if he is absent, without asking the Pyithu Hluttaw for leave, from a session for 15 days successively. Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the session is prorogued or is adjourned.
  - (2) The Amyotha Hluttaw shall take action against a member in accord with the rules prescribed if the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw informed the Amyotha Hluttaw that that member is absent from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session for a period of 15 consecutive days without permission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
9. (a) Even if there are vacant seats, the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the right to carry out its tasks. Moreover, the session 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.
  - (b) Even if there are vacant seats, the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the right to carry out its tasks. Moreover, the session 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.
10. (a) The functions and records of Pyithu Hluttaw shall be published for public information. But the functions and records restricted by a law or decisions of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall not be published.
  - (b) The functions and records of Amyotha Hluttaw shall be published for public information. But the functions and records restricted by a law or decisions of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall not be published.
11. (a) Of the matters included in the Union Legislative List, except the matters prescribed in this Constitution which shall be initiated exclusively in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the remaining matters shall be initiated in the Pyithu Hluttaw according to the prescribed provisions
  - (b) Of the matters included in the Union Legislative List, except the matters prescribed in this Constitution which shall be initiated exclusively in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the remaining matters shall be initiated in the Amyotha Hluttaw according to the prescribed provisions
12. (a) (1) After issuing a bylaw, rule or regulation in line with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the organ concerned shall distribute the bylaw, rule or regulation to the Pyithu Hluttaw members at the nearest regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw under the arrangements permitted by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
  - (2) If it is found that a bylaw, rule or regulation is not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, Hluttaw members can submit a proposal to annul or amend the bylaw, rule or regulation to the Pyithu Hluttaw within 90 days from the date that bylaw, rule or regulation is circulated.
  - (3) If the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw do not reach a consensus in making a decision to annul or amend a bylaw, rule or regulation, it shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
  - (b) (1) After issuing a bylaw, rule or regulation in line with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the organ concerned shall distribute the bylaw, rule or regulation to the Amyotha Hluttaw members at the

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nearest regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw under the arrangements permitted by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

- (2) If it is found that a bylaw, rule or regulation is not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, Hluttaw members can submit a proposal to annul or amend the bylaw, rule or regulation to the Amyotha Hluttaw within 90 days from the date that bylaw, rule or regulation is circulated.
- (3) If the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw do not reach a consensus in making a decision to annul or amend a bylaw, rule or regulation, it shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- 13.(a)(1) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sends the bills submitted by a Union level organization formed under the Constitution to the Pyithu Hluttaw in accordance with prescribed provisions, they shall be presumed that the bills are initiated in the Pyithu Hluttaw and shall be discussed and passed resolution in the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (2) Of the matters stated in the Union Legislation List, except the matters prescribed in the Constitution for which bills shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to make a decision, members of the Pyithu Hluttaw have the right to initiate the bills related to the remaining matters in the Pyithu Hluttaw. Such bills shall be under discussion at the Pyithu Hluttaw in line with the prescribed provisions.
- (3) The bills approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be forwarded to the Amyotha Hluttaw for holding discussions and making a decision.
- (b) (1) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sends the bills submitted by a Union level organization formed under the Constitution to the Amyotha Hluttaw in accordance with prescribed provisions, they shall be presumed that the bills are initiated in the Amyotha Hluttaw and shall be discussed and passed resolution in the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) Of the matters stated in the Union Legislation List, except the matters prescribed in the Constitution for which bills shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to make a decision, members of the Amyotha Hluttaw have the right to initiate the bills related to the remaining matters in the Amyotha Hluttaw. Such bills shall be under discussion at the Amyotha Hluttaw in line with the prescribed provisions.
- (3) The bills approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw shall be forwarded to the Pyithu Hluttaw for holding discussions and making a decision.
14. (a)(1) After receiving a bill sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw can make a decision that it agrees or disagrees, or agrees with amendments. The Pyithu Hluttaw shall return the bill together with its decision to the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) When the Amyotha Hluttaw returns the bill, sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw, with amendments, the Pyithu Hluttaw shall forward the bill to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it accepts the amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (3) The Pyithu Hluttaw shall seek the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it disagrees with the Amyotha Hluttaw in dealing with the bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (b) (1) After receiving a bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw can make a decision that it agrees or disagrees, or agrees with amendments. The Amyotha Hluttaw shall return the bill together with its decision to the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (2) When the Pyithu Hluttaw returns the bill, sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw to the Pyithu Hluttaw, with amendments, the Amyotha Hluttaw shall forward the bill to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it accepts the amendments of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (3) The Amyotha Hluttaw shall seek the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it disagrees with the Pyithu Hluttaw in dealing with the bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw.
15. (a) Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—
- (1) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw with the permission of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw
- (2) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committee, commission and bodies of the Pyithu Hluttaw with the permission of the heads of these committee, commission and bodies
- (b) Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—
- (1) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw with the permission of the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw
- (2) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committee, commission and bodies of the Amyotha Hluttaw with the permission of the heads of these committee, commission and bodies
16. (a) The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the right—
- (1) to supervise sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw
- (2) to invite the President of the Union if he informs his desire to deliver a speech at a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw
- (3) to invite members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution to a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw if necessary for a matter under way at a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw
- (4) to discharge other duties and functions prescribed under the Constitution or a law
- (b) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the right—
- (1) to supervise sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw
- (2) to invite the President of the Union if he informs he wishes to deliver a speech at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw
- (3) to invite members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution to a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw if necessary for a matter under way at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw
- (4) to discharge other duties and functions prescribed under Constitution or a law
- 17.(a) (1) Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech and vote in the Pyithu Hluttaw and the committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the Pyithu Hluttaw. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (2) Members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution who are permitted to attend or invited to a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw or a committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech in the Pyithu Hluttaw or the committees of the Pyithu Hluttaw, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the Pyithu Hluttaw. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (3) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub paras (a) and (b) in accordance with the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges.
- (b) (1) Members of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech and vote in the Amyotha Hluttaw and the committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the Amyotha Hluttaw. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) Members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution who are permitted to attend or invited to a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw or a committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech in the Amyotha Hluttaw or the committees of the Amyotha Hluttaw, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the Amyotha Hluttaw. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (3) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in accordance with the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges.
- 18.(a) (1) If there arises a need to arrest a Pyithu Hluttaw member attending a Pyithu Hluttaw session or a person attending the Pyithu Hluttaw session with the permission or at the invitation of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. He shall not be arrested without prior permission of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

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- (2) **If there arises a need to arrest a member of a committee or commission or organization formed by the Pyithu Hluttaw attending a session of the committee or commission or organization, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the committee or commission or organization concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior permission of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.**
- (3) **If there arises a need to arrest a member of Pyithu Hluttaw or committee, commission or organization when the Pyithu Hluttaw or the committee or the commission or the organization is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.**
- (b) (1) **If there arises a need to arrest a Amyotha Hluttaw member attending a Amyotha Hluttaw session or a person attending the Amyotha Hluttaw session with the permission or at the invitation of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker. He shall not be arrested without prior permission of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.**
- (2) **If there arises a need to arrest a member of a committee or commission or organization formed by the Amyotha Hluttaw attending a session of the committee or commission or organization, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker thorough the head of the committee or commission or organization concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior permission of the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.**
- (3) **If there arises a need to arrest a member of Amyotha Hluttaw or committee, commission or organization when the Amyotha Hluttaw or the committee or the commission or the organization is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.**
- 19. (a) **The reports, publications and records published by the Pyithu Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged.**
- (b) **The reports, publications and records published by the Amyotha Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged.**

### Esteemed delegates,

Regarding the clarification, among the seven political parties of the delegate group of political parties of the National Convention, the National Unity Party discussed "Concerning the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, the Work Committee Chairman has thoroughly presented 92 points including 19 points and sub paras.

"The first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days from the commencing date of general elections.

"The term of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall come into force on the commencing date of the Pyithu Hluttaw, and the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall be convened as soon as possible after its term has come into force.

"The State Peace and Development Council shall convene regular sessions and the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, speakers of respective Hluttaws shall convene future sessions, taking oaths by Hluttaw members, Hluttaw session shall be convened

at least once a year and the interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months.

"The points on functions to be carried out at the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, validity of sessions, making decisions through voting are in conformity with the principles prescribed for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Respective Hluttaws have stated their functions clearly.

"The points on validity of sessions, and making decisions through voting at the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw have been stated clearly.

So, the NUP want to make no further suggestions about these points".

The party also suggested, "If a period of 15 days a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw is, without permission of the Hluttaw concerned, absent from all sessions, the Hluttaw concerned may, in accordance with the procedures, declare his seat vacant.

"Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw live in different regions across the nation. With respect to the computing of the said period, sometimes a member may find it difficult to inform about his absence within 15 days due to various reasons. Thus, the period of absence without permission of respective Hluttaws should be extended from 15 to 30 days.

"It says that in declaring vacancies in the member-

**The period of absence without permission of respective Hluttaws should be extended from 15 to 30 days.**

ship due to such absence without permission, steps are to be taken in accordance with the procedures. So, it should assess the causes of why permissions cannot be sought within the permitted period.

"In this regard, as soon as a vacancy in membership is declared, there may be temporary disconnection and representation between the Hluttaw member and those who are represented by that Hluttaw member. In addition, it will need to fill the vacancy, and if so, that will cost much time and money. Furthermore, electorate will have to be under a responsibility to elect a Hluttaw member who will represent them. Such acts can have impacts to an extent on the State and the people as well as on the Hluttaw members concerned.

"If a Hluttaw member is absent more than permitted period, due investigation should be made into the case to find out whether the Hluttaw member is absent deliberately, or it is due to natural disasters or other incidental cases. The seat of the Hluttaw member should be declared vacant only when it has been found out that he is absent deliberately.

"Hluttaw members and persons who are attending a session at invitation have freedom of speech, and action shall be taken against such persons in accordance with the existing law if they commit physical attacks on

**Regarding the detailed basic principle "The first regular session that gives birth to the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days from the commencing date of general elections", time limit should be 45 days rather than 90 days.**

others. We submit these points as discussed in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to take them into consideration".

The Union Pa-O National Organization suggested that 28 detailed basic principles for functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, 19 detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and 23 detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Region and State Hluttaw clarified by the Work Committee Chairman be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization in its suggestions said, "When we study the detailed basic principles for the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw clarified by Work Committee Chairman U Aung Toe, we noticed the 19 detailed basic principles. These 19 detailed basic principles are found appropriate with sufficient facts, so they should be

adopted as detailed basic principles".

Lahu National Development Party said that the 19 detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw the Work Committee Chairman presented are consistent with constitutions of world nations, and the functions they practised, 1947 constitution, and 1974 constitution, and will harmonize with prevailing situations of the motherland. So, we would like to suggest that the 19 detailed basic principles be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Union Kayin League said the Work Committee Chairman has made thorough clarification to the detailed basic principles for legislative functions. So, it has no further suggestions on the legislative sector. It suggested that the 28 points on legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the 19 points on legislation of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and the 23 points on legislation of the Region or State Hluttaw should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said that the detailed basic principles explained by the Work Committee Chairman on legislative functions and relations of Hluttaws are firm and precise and there are systematic links on functions of the Hluttaws (between one Hluttaw and another). They thoroughly cover current international and internal situations in the political and social aspects. It said that it has thus no further suggestions to the explanations.

It suggested that the functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaws, 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.

Wa National Development Party said that the 19 points on detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw are found appropriate, so they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

### Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers submitted by the delegate group of representatives-elect, the stances of the representatives of the National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization have been presented through the coordination of the political parties concerned of the delegate group of political parties. The suggestions of respective representatives are the same as those discussions.

Representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township constituency in Chin State, representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency in southern Shan State and representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township constituency in Shan State (North) from the delegate of representatives-elect said that the clarifications of the Work

Committee Chairman are appropriate. They suggested that in sub para (A) of para (1) "The first regular session that gives birth to the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days from the commencing date of general elections", time limit should be 45 days rather than 90 days. The remaining points should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

They separately suggested that the nation's present condition in peace and stability is different many times from that of the 1947. Peace and stability has been restored throughout the nation and the people can travel from one place to another at any times. And at such a time when the nation has enjoyed all-round development including the communication sector, the

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**The 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” should be laid down**

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time limit of 90 days for important steps of elections such as counting, scrutinizing, approving and announcing the votes is long unnecessarily. They expressed their view that there will be no problems although the time limit is fixed 45 days. So, “The first regular session that gives birth to the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days from the commencing date of general elections” should be “The first regular session that gives birth to the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 45 days from the commencing date of general elections”.

Independent representatives-elect of the delegate groups of representatives-elect — U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township constituency-2—suggested that the 19 points regarding the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw to be included in the chapter “Legislation” in framing State constitution explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

As a separate suggestion, they said that one of the detailed basic principles of the Hluttaws is “The session of a Hluttaw shall not be annulled, even if the acts of a person who was not entitled to do so, sat or voted or took part in the proceedings are discovered later”.

The purpose is to avert possible effects on the decisions and activities carried out by the Hluttaw concerned due to the acts that such a person.

Making a decision through voting and approving a matter in Hluttaws is of great importance. That is part of democracy system. So, it doesn't matter if the vote of a person who is not entitled does not have any effect on the decision or approval. But, it does matter if a matter is approved or annulled due to his vote. It's food for thought. In other words, if his vote may be the decisive vote. For instance, the Hluttaw Speaker has to cast a vote in the matter of an equality of votes due to his vote. And, originally the number Hluttaw members present does not meet half or two-thirds of a sufficient number, but it is so due to his attendance.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The delegate group of national races suggested that the points presented by the Work Committee Chairman regarding legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should be adopted.

As a separate suggestion, a Hluttaw member has the right to cast a vote for or against or abstention, and that is also practised at the Hluttaws of world nations and at the UN.

It has been suggested that the 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” should be laid down.

And in the clarification of the Work Committee Chairman, it was suggested that “A Hluttaw member has the right to stay neutral if he does not wish to cast a vote” should be added to No 8 (A) of

the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, para 7 (A) (1) and 7 (B) (1) of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and No 8 (A) of the Region or State Hluttaw.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The delegate group of peasants said that the 19 points discussed by the Work Committee Chairman regarding legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw are thorough and appropriate, so these points should be adopted as detailed basic principles. It said that it had no further suggestions about the points and was in support of the clarification.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The delegate group of workers made suggestion that the 19 points discussed by the Work Committee Chairman regarding legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia said that the 19 points discussed by the Work Committee Chairman regarding legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

As a separate suggestion, it said that the words “casting vote” stipulated in sub para (2) of para 7 (A), and sub para (2) of para 7 (B) should be replaced with the words “decisive vote” and the phrase “a person who is not entitled”, with the phrase “a person or persons who are not entitled”.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The delegate group of State service personnel suggested that the 19 points discussed by the Work Committee Chairman regarding legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

**Esteemed delegates,**

The delegate group of other invited persons said that at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 14 December 2005, the Work Committee Chairman clarified the 19 detailed basic principles that should be adopted for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

Members of the group said they conducted a thorough study on the points and found out that some points are suggested with vision as follows:

- the date on which the terms of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and the first regular sessions shall be convened are

fixed specifically.

- it is designated that the State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first sessions of Hluttaws in accordance with the programmes of the State's seven-step Road Map after the State constitution comes into force.
- it is stated taking oaths by Hluttaw members,
- the periods in which regular sessions of the two Hluttaws shall be convened,
- same eight work programmes of the two Hluttaws,
- the principle regarding the quorums of the two Hluttaws for validity of sessions,
- the principle regarding voting to make decisions of the two Hluttaws,
- the principle regarding action taken against Hluttaw members for their absence from sessions of the two Hluttaws,
- the principle for ensuring validity of the proceedings of the two Hluttaws notwithstanding vacancies in membership and attendance of a person who is not entitled, and
- the principle for issuing activities of the two Hluttaws for public knowledge.

Moreover, there have been stated the right to submit bills and duties and powers of the speakers of the two Hluttaws as follows:

- the rights of the two Hluttaws to submit bills,
- the rights of the two Hluttaws regarding by-laws, rules and regulations,
- the rights of the Hluttaws to make decisions on bill through reciprocal relations,
- the rights of members of a organization representing a Union level body to take part in discussions at Hluttaw sessions,
- designation of four duties and powers each for speakers of the two Hluttaws,
- freedom of speech, vote and discussion for Hluttaw members and power to take action,
- power to arrest a person attending a Hluttaw session, and
- privileges of reports, documents and records of Hluttaws.

They said that these points are, in fact, check and balance of functions and powers between the two Hluttaws. So, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, and they are in support of these points.

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## Performing Arts Competitions Leading Committee Chairman meets managers of State and Division teams

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct —Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin met with managers of State and Division Performing Arts teams at Transit Centre (Ywadow), here, this evening.

Also present at the meeting were chairmen of subcommittees Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo, Secretary of the Work Committee U Hsan Win and members, the vice-chairmen and officials of the subcommittees.

In his speech, the commander said that re-

spective committees and subcommittees had made arrangements for organizing the performing arts competitions in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time. Direction signboards were put up at the junctions near Yezin area. Furthermore, respective universities open inquiry units to assist the performers. In the competitions, the organizing subcommittee will award deserving prizes to the winners.

Next, managers of States and Divisions together with chairmen and officials of the subcommittees participated in the meeting. Later, the commander gave concluding remarks.

After the meeting, the commander viewed shops at Transit Centre (Ywadow).

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## Cetana Night School opens in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 13 Oct — A ceremony to open the Cetana Night School for 2006-07 and to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2006, organized by Thakayta Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was held at Thakayta Township MCWA Office

this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai gave a speech and accepted cash donations from wellwishers and MCWA membership applications from Township MCWA Chairperson Daw San Yi. Next, the Chairper-

son of Yangon Division MCWSC and Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein presented prizes to the outstanding students.

Chairperson of Yangon East District

MCWSC Daw Nan Shwe Yin presented exercise books to students.

In Dawbon Township, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted membership applications from responsible persons.

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## Unusual birthday celebrated

YANGON, 13 Oct — The 61st birthday of U Aye Tha Aung, Secretary of Committee for Representing the People's Parliament (CRPP), was celebrated at Sasana Theikpan Monastery of Chaukhtatgyi Phaya-gyitaik in Bahan Township yesterday.

Alms were offered to members of the Sangha and offertories were also presented to them.

Present were CEC members of National League for Democracy, representatives-elect, members of central women's work committee, members of divisional organizing committee, party members of some townships, members of CRPP, so-called veteran politicians, members of "88" generation youth group, Miss Kin of information centre of the US Embassy and relatives.

12 October 2006 is the founding anniversary of dissolved Rakhine Democracy League. On that day Rakhine Democracy League was formed. It was regarded as an unusual birthday because the correct 61st birthday of U Aye Tha Aung is 10 December 2006, it is learnt.— H

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased



## Judges receive free medical check-up

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — Elderly judges of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions received free medical check-up here today.

As part of special programme of Ministry of Health, a group of specialists led by Medical Superintendent of Nay Pyi Taw's 300-bed hospital went to the transit centre (Ywadow) and provided free medical treatment to judges aged 65 and above. — MNA

## Stalls set up for artistes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — Market stalls have been set up at the transit centre here to sell goods at reasonable prices to participants of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions.

Ministry of Industry-1, Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Nay Pyi Taw Command, cooperative societies and families of the Tatmadaw members kept open stalls at the centre where participants of performing arts competitions from states and divisions are accommodated. — MNA

## 37 quit Dabayin Township NLD that never served interests of the State and people

YANGON, 13 Oct — A total of 37 members of Dabayin Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division including Township NLD Chairman U Maung Maung resigned from the party of their own accord on 17 June.

They sent resignation letter to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letter they sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that the NLD never served the interests of the State and the people; they had lost trust and faith in the NLD and its acts; and that was why they resigned from the party of their own accord.

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### POEM

## On new journey

For development of our nation  
 Unitedly we think  
 To render constitution into being  
 Unwaveringly it is shaping up.  
 With seven-step Road Map  
 Proceeding according to this era's thinking.  
 In keeping with Six Objectives  
 Not resting once again.  
 Marching forward in good pace  
 Alert and firm.  
 Standing abreast Kahin, Chin, Rakhine,  
 Shan, Kayin, Mon, Bamar—  
 all nationalities  
 Gathered around Mother Myanmar  
 With loving-kindness shining bright  
 Full throttle we shall move  
 On new journey.  
 Seven groups parleying in unison  
 There will be pride untarnished.

Win Mya Aye (Trs)

(Hailing the National Convention in progress)

## China to develop powerful carrier of new generation

BEIJING, 12 Oct—China plans to develop non-toxic, pollution-free, high-performance, low-cost and powerful thrust carrier rockets of the new generation in the coming five years, according to a white paper released on Thursday.

The white paper, titled "China's Space Activities in 2006", says China aims

to increase the carrying capacity of near-Earth orbiters to 25 tons, and that of geostationary orbiters to 14 tons.

Introducing the major tasks of China's space industry in the coming five years, the white paper says China will develop in an overall way the 120-ton thrust liquid-oxygen/kerosene engine and the

50-ton thrust hydrogen-oxygen engine, and increase the reliability and adaptability of the present *Long March* carrier rockets.

The 8,500-character white paper, the second of its kind since 2000, is released by the Information Office of the State Council, China's Cabinet, illustrating the development of China's space industry over the past five years and its plans for the near future.

Over the past five years, *Long March* rockets independently developed by China have made 24 consecutive successful flights, and their major technological functions and reliability have been notably upgraded, says the white paper.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese man adjusts robots capable of performing dance routines during a robotics expo held in Beijing, China, on 12 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## 13 feared dead in French train crash

ZOUFFTGEN (France), 12 Oct—A double-decker passenger train from Luxembourg collided head-on with a goods train in north eastern France on Wednesday, killing as many as 13 people, state SNCF railways said.

Rail officials said the trains were travelling on the same stretch of track because of maintenance work on an adjoining line, and slammed into each other in a wooded area.

More than four hours after the crash, some bodies were still trapped in the mangled wreck and emergency services did not rule out finding more victims.

"It is terrible," said Patrick Hatzig, a vice-president of the Lorraine regional council.

"There was a head-on collision. Some people were seriously injured and have been moved (to hospital). Others are still trapped in there," he told *Reuters* from the site of the crash.

The passenger train consisted of just three carriages and was heading from Luxembourg to the

French city of Nancy.

Seconds after crossing into France, at around 11.45 am (0945 GMT), it slammed into the goods train, which had 22 wagons and was making its way to Luxembourg.

"We imagine that the trains were travelling at a high speed," said SNCF spokesman Guillaume

Pepy.

The SNCF said "about 10 passengers" died as well as the two drivers of the trains. A workman was killed by the trackside. The official death toll was put at just five, but police said this figure did not take into account bodies still to be recovered.

MNA/Reuters

Rescuers examine the wreckage of a train near the station of Zoufftgen, France on 11 Oct, 2006. A passenger train from Luxembourg collided head-on with a goods train in north eastern France on Wednesday, killing around 13 people, state SNCF railways said.

INTERNET



A man and his grandson visit the photo exhibition about the Long March, in Kunming, on 12 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Vietnam's three biggest mobile operators to go public next year

HANOI, 12 Oct—Vietnam's three biggest mobile phone operators, VinaPhone, MobiFone and Viettel, will be equitized in early 2007, according to local newspaper *Vietnam News* on Wednesday.

MobiFone would be the first to go public since its equitization plan would be completed by the end of this year, the newspaper quoted Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Tran Duc Lai as saying. The state would hold controlling stake in MobiFone, Lai said.

The equitization of the operators would lower the state's investment burden, and help them renew technologies and improve service quality, he said, noting that it would transform the local telecommunications

industry into a business with much bigger revenue.

After the equitization, shares of VinaPhone and MobiFone are expected to be listed in the local stock market. Now, many foreign firms are planning to buy shares of Vietnamese tele-

communications companies. Specifically, Comvick of Sweden, Telenor of Norway, France Telecom of France, and two British companies have shown intention to buy MobiFone shares, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korea actor Ahn Seung-gi, right, and actress Moon Keun-young speak during the opening ceremony of the 11th Pusan International Film Festival in Busan, South Korea, on 12 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Pickup-tanker collision kills nine, injures 15 in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 Oct—Nine people were killed and 15 others injured in a pickup-tanker head-on collision in northwestern Pakistani district of Kohat on Wednesday, local media reported.

The road mishap occurred in Lachi of Kohat District, some 64 kilometres south of Peshawar, the provincial capital of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, when a Kohat-bound pickup hit a tanker coming from the opposite direction near Lachi on Indus highway, reports said quoting police. Among the nine passengers who died on the spot, three were badly mutilated and couldn't be identified. —MNA/Xinhua

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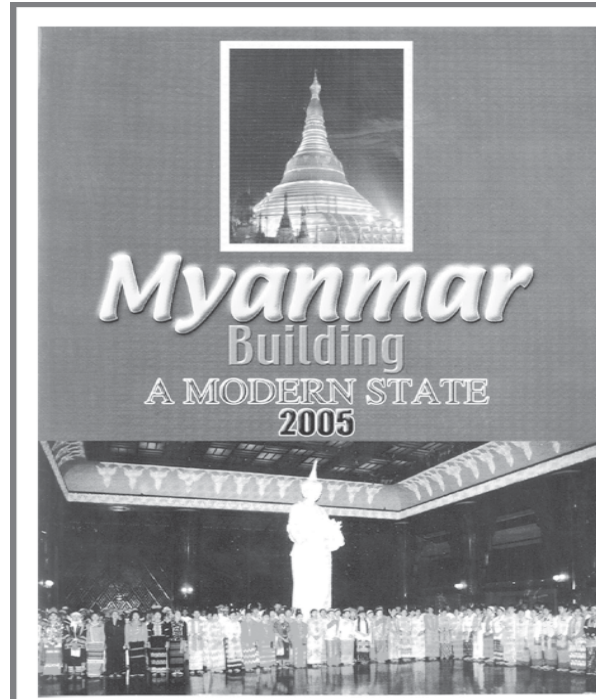
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**Indian kids to get sex, drugs lessons**

NEW DELHI, 12 Oct— Schools in conservative India will teach children as young as five years old about sexual health and drugs from next year to boost awareness of the dangers they face in a changing society, a newspaper reported on Wednesday. India's national examination board is set to introduce a new programme teaching pupils at kindergartens and schools about drug and sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS, hygiene and nutrition, the *Times of India* daily reported.

"Topics related to sexual changes at puberty, substance abuse, myths concerning the reproductive growth of a child and sexually transmitted diseases will be part of the curriculum," Usha Ram, a school principal involved in developing the programme said.— *MNA/Reuters*



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**Austrian kidnap woman wants to meet captor's mother**

VIENNA, 12 Oct — Austrian kidnap victim Natascha Kampusch said she wanted to meet her captor's mother and let her live in the house where she was locked up for eight years before escaping seven weeks ago, according to a newspaper interview.

The 18-year-old, who was kept in a windowless cell beneath the garage, said she did not want Wolfgang Priklopil's house in a quiet commuter town outside Vienna turned into a tourist site. "I don't want the house to become a curiosity, a sort of shrine where they sell ash trays and coffee mugs," Kampusch said in an interview in the daily *Kurier's* Wednesday edition.

"I would leave the house to Mrs. Priklopil," she said. "I am going to meet her when the time is right."

Wolfgang Priklopil, a 44-year-old communications technician, snatched the freckle-faced 10-year-old on her way to school in 1998. When she escaped while vacuuming his car on August 23, he killed himself by jumping under a train.

Kampusch spent several

weeks in hospital and is now living in a flat with special carers in the Austrian capital.

She said that after her years of isolation, she had caught feverish colds twice in the past few weeks and always had ear plugs and sunglasses ready to keep out noise and light. Kampusch, who found herself at the centre of a media frenzy after her escape, said she had had

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*MNA/Rwuters*

**Chinese students welcomed in Japan for exchange tour**

TOKYO, 12 Oct—Japanese Foreign Ministry Wednesday welcomed a group of 197 Chinese high school students in Tokyo, who will start their nine-day exchange tour in Japan.

"During Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's recent visit to China, the two countries have agreed on enhancing exchanges between juniors," Katsuhito Asano, Senior Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign affairs said at the welcoming ceremony.

Asano said that he hoped teenage students know more about Japan and make Japanese friends through their tour in Kyoto, Osaka, as well as Ehime, Okayama, Hyogo prefectures and other places in Japan.

Akie Abe, the wife of the Premier, also attended the ceremony. She said that, during her visit to Beijing on Sunday, she learned that some Chinese students from Beijing Yuetan High School had visited Japan before. "They lived with

Japanese families and had a better understanding of Japan," Akie said, "I hope the new visitors can have a good memory of the trip through contacts with local people."

Kong Xuanyou, acting ambassador for Chinese

Embassy in Japan, said he hoped the students can take the opportunity to learn about Japanese people and make friends, and tell them about China. "I hope you can be ambassadors for China-Japan friendship," he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

**One killed, 19 wounded in three car bombings in Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 12 Oct— A civilian was killed and 19 people wounded Wednesday when three car bombs went off separately in Baghdad, a well-informed Interior Ministry source said. "A car parked in the Ghadier neighbourhood went off near a police patrol, wounding seven people, including three policemen," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"Two car bombs also detonated successively near the Ministry of Labour and Social Work in the central neighbourhood of Waziriyah," the source said. The first car blast occurred at about 10:00 am (0700 GMT), and then a nearby car went off, killing one and wounding 12, including three policemen, the source said. The blasts also damaged several nearby cars and buildings, the source said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

*This undated photo shows a new bird that has been discovered in a previously unexplored Andean cloud forest, conservation groups have announced, Bogota, Colombia, on 9*



*Oct, 2006. The bright yellow and red-crowned Yariguies brush-finch was named for the indigenous tribe that once inhabited the mountainous area where it was discovered and which committed mass suicide instead of submitting to Spanish colonial rule.—XINHUA*

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# Desai becomes youngest female Booker winner

LONDON, 13 Oct— Indian writer Kiran Desai has succeeded where her mother failed and became the youngest woman ever to win the Booker Prize, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards.

Thirty-five-year-old Desai, whose mother and fellow writer Anita was shortlisted for the Booker three times, has won the 50,000 pound (\$A125,000) prize at her first attempt for her sweeping novel *The Inheritance of Loss*.

She has fought off stiff competition from Australia's Kate Grenville (*The Secret River*) and MJ

Hyland (*Carry Me Down*).

Also on the shortlist were Sarah Water's *The Night Watch*, Edward St Aubyn's *Mother's Milk*, and Hisham Matar's *In The Country of Men*.

The previous youngest woman winner was Arun-dhati Roy, who won the prize in 1997 when just a month short of her 36th birthday. The youngest ever winner was Ben Okri, who landed the Booker in 1991 at the age of 32.

Desai's novel tells the story of an embittered judge who wants to retire in peace in his crumbling house in the Himalayas.

But his life is turned upside down with the arrival of his orphaned granddaughter.

The judges say Desai, who was educated in India, England and the United States, had taken eight years to write the carefully crafted novel that has now catapulted her into the literary limelight.

The prize, founded in 1969, rewards the best book of the year by a writer from Britain, Ireland or a Commonwealth country.

It guarantees the winner instant literary fame and a place in bestseller lists around the globe.

Internet



Kiran Desai has won the Booker Prize at her first attempt. INTERNET

## Private sector leads scientific R&D in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 12 Oct— Private sector in Singapore is leading the research and development (R&D) in science and technology, said a Singapore minister here on Wednesday.

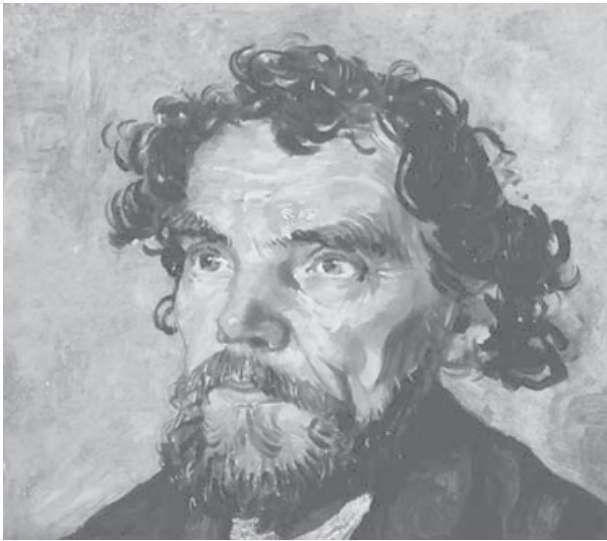
According to a national survey of R&D in Singapore, the private sector spent 3.03 billion Singapore dollars (about 1.91 billion US dollars) on R&D last year, an increase of 17 per cent over the previous year.

"This shows that more companies in Singapore are investing in R&D to create a competitive advantage as they shift to higher value activities," said Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports. He made the remarks at the National Science and Technology Awards dinner, where he gave away the highest honour in science and technology to 16 outstanding researchers and young scientists.

He said that R&D by the biomedical sector, while still relatively small, has grown very rapidly at 51.3 per cent over the previous year.— MNA/Xinhua

## Experts inspect 'fake' Van Gogh

LONDON, 11 Oct—The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) expects to know by the end of



Experts in Amsterdam are currently examining Head of a Man.—INTERNET

the year whether its Van Gogh painting, *Head of a Man* is a fake.

Doubts about the painting's authenticity were raised in August while the work was on loan to the Dean Gallery in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The NGV has owned the painting since 1940 and it is believed to be worth around \$20 million.

The picture is currently being examined by experts at the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam.

The NGV's director, Gerard Vaughan, says the gallery will accept the museum's verdict.

"The criticisms made by those who have commented on the picture has not dissuaded me from my belief that this is an authentic work by Van Gogh," he said.

"But if the scientific analysis proves otherwise, we will accept the results of the process."

Internet

## Father claims Madonna adopts African child

LONDON, 12 Oct— Pop star Madonna has adopted a one-year-old African boy, his father claimed, saying he was happy his son would escape a life of poverty in Malawi, British tabloid newspapers reported on Wednesday.

*The Sun* splashed a picture of the singer dressed in a safari hat and smiling, with a young child it said she had chosen at an orphanage strapped to her back.

Last week, a

spokeswoman for Madonna denied comments by officials in the African state that the performer had adopted a child. A spokeswoman in Britain did not immediately return calls for comment on the latest reports.

*The Sun* and the *Daily Mail* said Madonna had chosen 13-month-old David Banda, whose mother died of complications after giving birth.

The boy's father, Yohane Banda, 32, was

quoted in both newspapers as saying: "I am very happy. As you can see there is poverty in my village."

Banda, who said he

could not afford to bring up his son, did not meet Madonna but was told his boy was being adopted by a "famous US musician".— MNA/Reuters

## Nigeria, UNICEF collaborate on girls education

LAGOS, 12 Oct — A northern Nigerian state has collaborated with UNICEF for girl enrollment into primary schools, the official *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Tuesday.

Alhaji Hussaini, a high ranking official from northern Nigerian state Jigama, told reporters that the collaboration was being facilitated through the Girls Education Project (GEP).

MNA/Xinhua



A model places Sony Corp's new Walkman on its new HDD component 'Net Juke' during an unveiling in Tokyo on 12 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

# SPORTS



**Table tennis world champion Kong Linghui formally announced on Thursday his retirement and his intent to compete for a China Table Tennis Team coach position, reports sina.com on 12 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA**

## Russia to send U-17s to Georgia despite tensions

**TBILISI, 13 Oct —** Russia have agreed to send their national youth team to Georgia for a Euro 2007 championship qualifier despite high tensions between the two nations.

The Georgians have been at odds with their northern neighbours after the tiny Caucasus nation detained four Russian Army officers on spying charges for a time last month.

Georgia are hosting a four-team Under-17 qualifying tournament, also involving Germany and Macedonia, which starts on Friday. "We're sending our youth team to Georgia but only after we received full guarantees from UEFA and the Georgian Government," Russian soccer chief Vitaly Mutko told *Reuters* on Thursday.

"Of course, we've been very concerned for their safety in Georgia. Don't forget we are talking about very young athletes and we don't want them to suffer abuse from Georgian fans or the public in any way or form."

Nodar Akhalkatsi, president of the Georgian soccer

federation, expressed full confidence in his country's ability to host their first European soccer tournament.

"I'm sure the Russian team, just like any other team that comes here, will receive a warm welcome from Georgian people," he told *Reuters*.

"In fact, unlike the politicians, we have always had good relations with all our Russian colleagues."

Russia are the reigning European champions in this age group after winning the Under-17 title at this year's finals in Luxembourg.

"Being the defending champions puts extra responsibility on us to defend this title on the field of play instead of not attending by using some political excuses," Mutko said from St Petersburg, where he was attending Wednesday's Euro 2008 qualifier between Russia and Estonia.—*MNA/Reuters*



**Andy Roddick of the US serves to Jose Acasuso of Argentina during their match at the Vienna Open tennis tournament in Vienna on 11 Oct, 2006. INTERNET**

## Zidane named on FIFA Player of Year shortlist

**LONDON, 13 Oct —** Former France playmaker Zinedine Zidane, sent off in the World Cup final in Berlin, was named on a 30-man shortlist on Thursday for FIFA's World Player of the Year award.

Zidane retired from soccer after France lost to Italy in the final on 9 July, his career seemingly ending in disgrace following his head-butt on defender Marco Materazzi 10 minutes before the end of extra time.

The incident ensured he missed the penalty shootout that decided the match in Italy's favour.

Zidane, Barcelona's Brazilian playmaker Ronaldinho and Inter Milan's Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo are the only men on the shortlist to have previously won the FIFA award.

Ronaldinho is bidding to lift the trophy for the third year in a row.

Zidane has already landed the honour three times, as a Juventus player in 1998 and 2000 and with Real Madrid in 2003. Figo won the award in 2001 during his time with Real Madrid.—*MNA/Reuters*



**Portugal's Costinha (R) fights for the ball with Poland's Maciej Zurawski during their Euro 2008 Group A qualifying soccer match in Chorzow, southern Poland, on 11 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Petrov quits Bulgaria, unhappy with Stoichkov

**SOFIA, 13 Oct —** Bulgaria captain Stilian Petrov quit international soccer on Thursday, saying he did not want to play under national coach Hristo Stoichkov.

"I don't want to play under the guidance of Hristo Stoichkov," the Aston Villa midfielder said in a statement. "My decision comes as a result of many events since Stoichkov took over."

Earlier, Stoichkov said there had been no row between the two men.

"There's no conflict between me and Stilian," said Stoichkov after returning from Wednesday's 1-0 win over Luxembourg in a Euro 2008 Group G qualifier.

"He is a very important figure in our squad, he's our captain and will remain our captain while I'm the coach."

Petrov said he would continue to support Bulgaria, who are second in

the group table, despite making his shock announcement.

*MNA/Reuters*



**Netherlands' Arjen Robben is held back by Albania's Adrian Aliaj during their Euro 2008 Group G qualifying soccer match in Amsterdam on 11 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Beckham may return to represent England

**LONDON, 13 Oct —** England manager Steve McClaren may recall David Beckham to represent England, his adviser Max Clifford disclosed on Thursday.

The Real Madrid player were required by some fans to be brought back follow-



**The Chinese men's football team defeat Palestine 2-0 in the 5th round Asian Cup qualifying match at the Jordanian King Abdullah Stadium in Amman, Jordan, on Wednesday, getting a place in next year's Asian Cup finals.—XINHUA**

## McEnroe wins doubles match on Stockholm return

**STOCKHOLM, 13 Oct —** Twenty-two years after he launched one of the biggest outbursts of his stormy career, John McEnroe made a triumphant return to the Stockholm Open.

The 47-year-old American teamed up with home favourite Jonas Bjorkman in front of a sellout crowd to beat Andreas Vinciguerra and Johan Landsberg 6-3, 6-2 in a first-round doubles match on Thursday.

"It brings back nice memories," said McEnroe who was watched by

Bjorn Borg, his great rival of the 1970s and 1980s.

"It's going to get harder but it's nice to get a chance again to play with Jonas. Bjorn was there and so was Stefan (Edberg) and some of the other players came in which added to the excitement," he told reporters.

Bjorkman and McEnroe, who won the San Jose doubles title in February, outclassed their opponents with classic serve and volley tactics.

Vinciguerra and Landsberg were called in as replacements for fellow Swedes Joachim Johansson and Thomas Johansson.

Thomas Johansson, the 2002 Australian Open winner, pulled out because his wife was expecting a baby.

*MNA/Reuters*

ing the 2-0 defeat by Croatia.

Clifford was quoted by BBC Five Live Sport as saying: "If he's in tremendous form, the chance presents itself and it's best for England, that's all Steve's interested in."

"Steve McClaren is not

too proud to say 'look, David Beckham is playing particularly well at the moment'."

Clifford added: "Personally I don't think if Beckham had played yesterday it would have made a blind bit of difference, but I'm sure... a lot of journalists will say that.—*MNA/Xinhua*

# Oldest Cuban dies at 126

HAVANA, 13 Oct — Benito Martinez Abrogan, Cuba's oldest person and star of the government's efforts to promote healthy lives for its oldest citizens, died on Wednesday at the age of 126.

"He died this afternoon. He had been in intensive care, but old age was the main problem," said an official at Ciego de Avila Hospital in central Cuba.

Martinez, who attributed his longevity to a

healthy diet of fresh vegetables, some meat and only occasional consumption of alcohol, was born in Haiti in 1880 and migrated to Cuba to work on sugar cane plantations in 1925, according to his Cuban documents.

There was no definitive proof of his age as he had no birth certificate.

The toothless centenarian was the star attraction of Cuba's 120-Club, a group formed by President Fidel Castro's personal physician Eugenio

Selman to promote healthy lives for Cuba's elderly.

Communist Cuba proudly boasts it has raised life expectancy to 77 years, equal to that of rich industrialized nations and a major feat for a developing country.

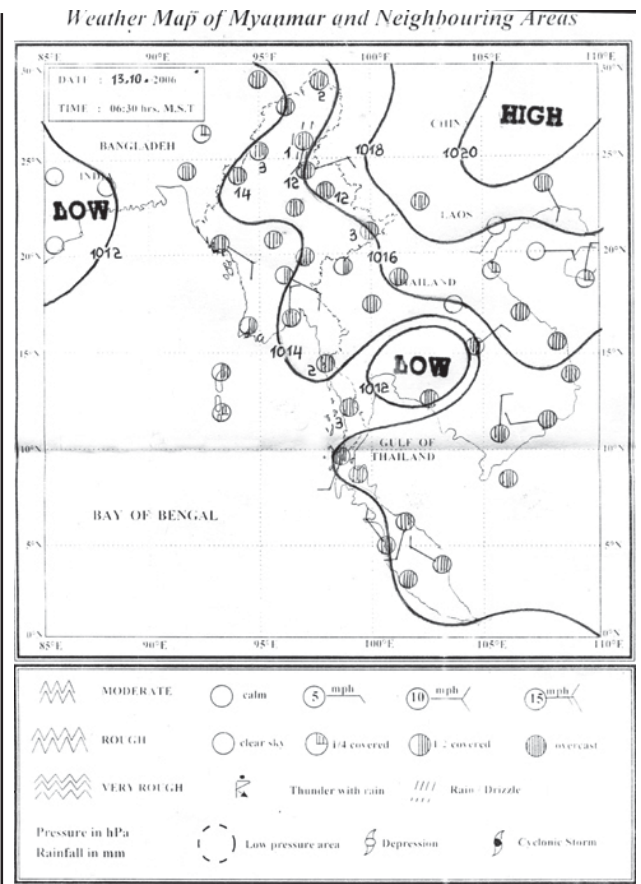
Martinez had a weak heart and used a cane to walk, but did not wear glasses and his hearing was good.

A recent study said more than 2,500 of Cuba's 11.2 million inhabitants are over the age of 100, most of them women. The study attributed the country's high number of centenarians to going easy on alcohol but indulging in sex, cigars and coffee.

MNA/Reuters



Top notch avant garde horticultural art will be on display at the Shanghai International Mosaiculture 2006 until 30 Nov, 2006.—INTERNET



## WEATHER

Friday, 13 October, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Shan, Chin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated in Kayin State, lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (1.14) inches, Mawlaik (0.94) inch and Kalewa (0.86) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-10-2006 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 13-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-10-2006 was (78%). Total sunshine hours on 12-10-2006 was (3.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 13-10-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon,(Nil) at Kaba-Aye and 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 South at (14:30) hours MST on 12-10-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14-10-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**State of the Sea:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Weather outlook for third weekend of October 2006:** During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are possible to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

### Flood Warning

**(Issued at 13:00 hr MST on 13-10-2006)**  
According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (727) cm. It may reach its danger level (750) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.



Saturday, 14 October

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Don't tell me
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -Endless love
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -You've got a friend in me
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -Beauty & the beast
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Music at your request -Give me love -Wanna be where you're -What about me
- 9:00pm ASEAN news review Exchange news from ASEAN member country
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Myanma Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30pm Souvenirs -It'll be me .. Cliff Richard -I really don't want to know .. Connie Francis
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Saturday, 14 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am 6. Musical programme
- 8:15 am 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. ယူးချောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am 3. News
- 11:40 am 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 1:30 pm 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းဆာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 1:45 pm 7. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:50 pm 8. "ပတ္တလားဝိညာဉ်" (ဦးအောင်ပြည့်၊ ဦးစောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ညီကျော်၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး၊ ခင်ဦးသာ) ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထူးအောင်(မြန်မာ့မီဒီယာ)
- 2:20 pm 9. Dance of national races
- 2:35 pm 10. "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာဆေးကင်းမှာ" (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မော့စ်၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်၊ ပွင့်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်၊ မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သရန်ကုန်)
- 2:45 pm 11. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:40 pm 4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm 5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:05 pm 6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:10 pm 7. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm 8. "လှေကားသုံးထစ်ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ" (အရိုင်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- သိန်းဟန်-စီးနစ်)
- 5:30 pm 9. Games for Children
- 5:50 pm 10. Sunday talk
- 6:00 pm 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm 14. Discovery
- 7:15 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမာန်ဆောင်းရဲနေရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 8:15 pm 17. International news
- 8:30 pm 18. Weather report
- 8:45 pm 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 8:55 pm 20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးပိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်
- 9:00 pm 21. The next day's programme

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# Commander inspects Ngalaik Dam in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — Accompanied by officials concerned, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspected the spillway and control tower of Ngalaik Dam in Pyinmana Township yesterday.

At the briefing hall of the dam, Assistant Director U Moe Myint Aung of Irrigation Department reported on irrigated acreage of the dam and work to be carried out by ID to the commander.

The commander

called upon them to maintain the dam for durability and to take systematic measures for fully irrigating the crop fields.

Naglaik Dam can irrigate 13,157 acres in Pyinmana Township and 4,610 acres in Lewe

Township respectively.

The commander and party proceeded to the site where Paung Laung Creek Dam will be built and the officials of Irrigation Department conducted the commander around the site.—MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin inspects the control tower of Ngalaik Dam.—MNA

## Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.



## Presentation on Region or State Hluttaws to be published

YANGON, 12, Oct— The presentation of the Panel of Chairmen made at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 11 October at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township on suggestions of delegates concerning detailed basic principles for legislation of the Region or State Hluttaws to be included in the State Constitution will be published in the dailies. — MNA

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**The US and its western allies used force to invade Iraq with the lame excuse that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq posing a threat to international security including the security of the US. Actually, there were no such lethal weapons in Iraq. So, they gave excuses that they had invaded Iraq for flourishing of democracy and human rights there. They did so breaching the UN Charter.**

## Peace group from Nyeinchanyay Myothit condemns US for interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct—The peace group of Nyeinchanyay Myothit in Hpa-an township, Kayin State on 23 September issued the declaration on its stance over the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

### The declaration of peace group of Nyeinchanyay Myothit on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN

23 September 2006

1. It is learnt that the US and its cohorts made a decision on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the US Security Council. The reason that Myanmar is posing a threat to international peace and stability is just a groundless and one-sided accusation. The accusation is contrary to Article-24 of the UN Charter and five principles of Bandung Declaration of NAM.
2. Peace and tranquillity prevails across Myanmar and the people are practically enjoying the fruitful results of development. The intentions of turning a blind eye to prevailing situation of the nation are:
  - (a) to harm Our Three Main National Causes
  - (b) to undermine the National Convention, and
  - (c) to jeopardize the already-achieved peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, national solidarity, development and process of transition to democracy.
3. That is why the peace group condemns and protests against the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool.

Phado Aung San  
Leader

The group that has exchanged arms for peace  
Nyeinchanyay Myothit in Hpa-an, Kayin State