

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Turkmenistan

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency General Sapamurat A Niyazov, President of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan which falls on 27 October, 2006. — *MNA*

Clarification on laying down the detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaw and the Tatmadaw Chapter made

Plenary Session of National Convention continues



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

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

Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representative-elect, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady (See page 4)

YANGON, 26 Oct— Members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee read out the clarification on laying down the detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaw and the Tatmadaw chapter to be included in drafting the State Constitution made by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee at the Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presides over Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 27 October, 2006

Continue fighting AIDS

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, commonly known as AIDS, is a grave health hazard facing every nation in the world. It is a viral disease caused by HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) that kills and damages cells of the body's immune system. HIV progressively destroys the body's ability to fight infections.

About 65 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV so far. In Myanmar, an HIV-infected person was first reported in 1988 and an AIDS patient in 1991. At first, the disease was common among those with behaviour that can increase the risk of HIV infection. But now it has spread to some in the general public.

The Ministry of Health, in cooperation with social organizations, has been taking various measures on public health care for HIV-positive persons and their families. Moreover, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Nurses Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society are giving house-to-house treatment to TB patients by enlisting the professional assistance of the Ministry of Health.

According to the results of a workshop on HIV/AIDS held in Yangon in 2005, it was found that HIV infection rate in Myanmar in 2000 was 1.5 per cent and it was reduced to 1.3 per cent in 2005.

In Myanmar, the Ministry of Health and other related ministries, under the guidance of the National Health Committee, have been staging the anti-AIDS campaign as a national movement since 1989. As a result, HIV transmission rate in the country can now be checked to a considerable extent. But we are determined to continue working in concert with the international community till the disease has been wiped out of the surface of the earth.

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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

Commander and wife participate in Kathina robes offering ceremony of Yangon Command

YANGON, 25 Oct — Yangon Command Headquarters held the 17th communal Kathina robes offering ceremony at Sangyoung Monastery in Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Kalewa Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitakadhara Dwipitakakovida Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Turkmenistan

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Rashit Meredov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan which falls on 27 October, 2006. —MNA

The commander, wife and congregation offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Later, the Joint-Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

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Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attends 17th Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony of Yangon Command. — MNA

Tasks of Mongyawng, Mongphyat Township WAOs, MCWAs inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Chairperson of Shan State (East) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the Commander of Triangle Region Command Daw Kyu Kyu Hla met members of Mongyaung Township Women's Affairs Organization and MCWA and local women at the hall of Mongyawng Township MCWA Office on 20 October.

Joint-Secretary of the Township MCWA Daw Mya Mya Lwin reported on tasks being carried out by Township WAO and MCWA.

Chairperson Daw Kyu Kyu Hla called on them to join hands with departmental personnel in carrying out social welfare and cultural tasks.

In Mongphyat, the Chairperson and party met with WAO and MCWA members and local women at the office of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

Chairperson of Mongphyat Township MCWA Daw San San Wai briefed them on tasks of the township association and Township WAO member Daw Nan Shèn Phu on functions of the Township WAO.

Patron of Shan State WAO Daw Kyu Kyu Hla explained maternal and children welfare, education, health and social affairs, and attended to the needs.

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Religious Affairs Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Mr PAD Samarasekera, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, at the ministry, here, today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint and officials concerned.

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NPED Minister meets Singaporean Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met with Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore Mr Robert Chua at the ministry, here, today.

Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and officials were also present at the call. —MNA

C America-China forum to set up friendship association

MEXICO CITY, 25 Oct— The first Central America-China forum agreed on Monday to set up a people-to-people friendship association in next February.

The decision was announced at the conclusion of the two-day gathering held in Mexico City to promote people-to-people ties between Central American countries and China.

Sponsored by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with

Foreign Countries and the S a l v a d o r - C h i n a Friendship Association, the forum also attracted personages from Panama, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras.

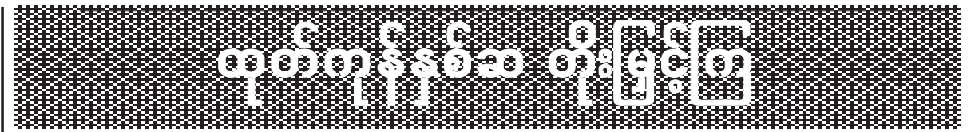
A declaration issued at the end of the forum said participants had discussed ways to help their governments develop political, economic, cultural and tourism ties between Central American countries and China.

In the declaration,

participants voiced unanimous support for the one-China principle, saying Taiwan is an inseparable part of China.

Central American countries see China as a powerful developing country and its development a guarantee for world peace, the document said, adding that Central American people are ready to work with the Chinese people to promote their friendship, development and cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua



Visiting French President Jacques Chirac (R) and Chinese President Hu Jintao review the honour guard during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, on 26 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Surayud visits Philippines

MANILA, 24 Oct — Visiting Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont committed to speed up the restoration of political normalcy in his country during talks with Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on Monday.

“Let me take this opportunity to reiterate that with your support, the Royal Thai Government is determined to expedite Thailand’s path to the full restoration and revitalization of democracy,” Surayud said during his talks with Arroyo at the Malacanang Presidential Palace.

Arroyo earlier expressed the Philippines’ and the international community’s desire for Thailand to return to political normalcy after martial law was imposed as former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted in a bloodless coup last month.

“We had a very excellent and candid discussion with us, very enlightening discussion Your Excellency and we would like to congratulate as you very clearly presented your roadmap to constitutional democracy which you hope to complete within a year’s time,” Arroyo said in the talks with Surayud.

Surayud also expressed his sincere appreciation for the warm welcome by Arroyo and the Filipino people on his first visit to the country. — MNA/Xinhua



Halloween pumpkins are on sale at a store in Shanghai on 23 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

Vietnam, Cambodia to foster comprehensive cooperation

HANOI, 24 Oct — Vietnam and Cambodia agreed to deepen their all-round cooperation, aiming to bring practical benefits to the two peoples, said the two countries’ leaders.

During the talks between Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem and his visiting Cambodian counterpart Hor Namhong on Monday, the two sides pledged to continue their close cooperation at the international forums and in the sub-regional and regional frameworks such as the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS), and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

They also highly appreciated the historical

significance of their border marker installation at the Moc Bai-Ba Vet international border gate in September, demonstrating the two countries’ determination to complete the installation along their border line before late 2008.

During the four-day visit starting on Monday, Hor Namhong is scheduled to meet with General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nong Duc Manh and Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, and attend the 8th meeting of the Vietnam-Cambodia Joint Committee. —MNA/Xinhua

Australia plans major solar plant

CANBERRA, 25 Oct— Australia is to build one of the world’s biggest solar power plants as part of a major new strategy by the government to combat climate change.

Canberra said it would be contributing A\$75m (US\$57m) to the A\$420m plant due to be built in the state of Victoria.

The government also announced A\$50m in funding towards a major project to reduce carbon emissions from coal.

Australia, a leading exporter in coal — has been criticised for failing to sign the Kyoto Protocol.

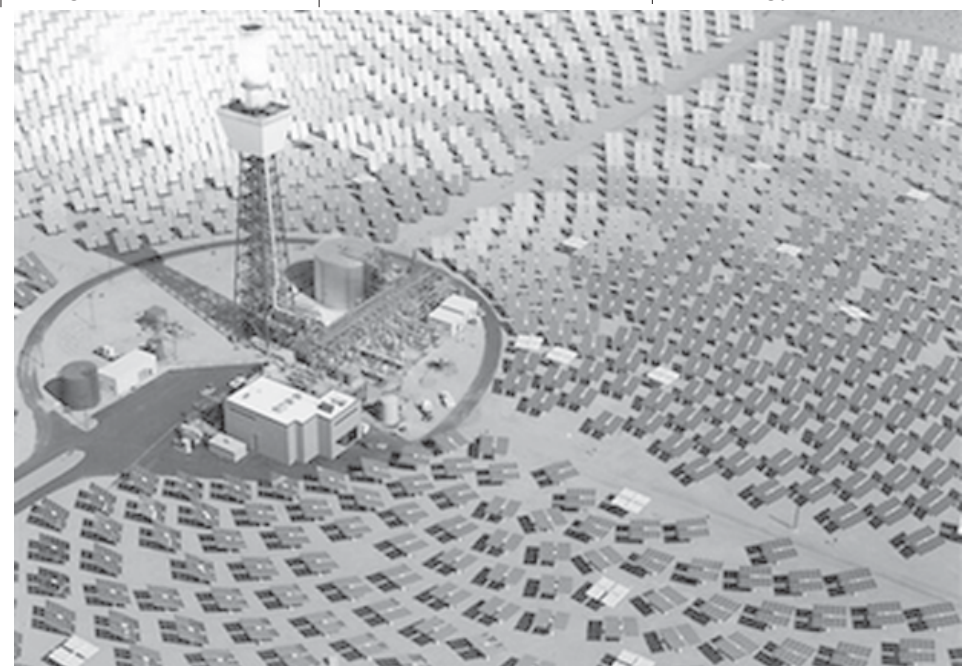
The government had argued that the 1997 agreement on greenhouse gas emissions would damage the domestic economy.

But the country has been forced to confront the issue of climate change with a prolonged drought—the worst in a

century —that is destroying the livelihoods of thousands of farmers.

On Monday, Prime Minister John Howard

announced that the government would be investing A\$500m (US\$379m) in clean technology. —Internet



In this undated handout photo from Solar Systems shows a solar power plant in the Mojave Desert with panels reflecting light up to a central tower, similar to the one the Australian government announced on 25 Oct, 2006 will help build the largest solar power plant in the world as part of a new strategy to combat global warming. —INTERNET

Clarification on laying down...

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Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (North) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group,



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

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

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

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the Plenary Session of National Convention and Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 1,071 out of 1,081 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 99.07 per cent, and the plenary session commenced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

First, NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarified matters on laying down the detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaw in drafting the State Constitution.

Next, Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Deputy Attorney-General U Aye Maung read out the clarification made by the chairman on laying down the detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaw in drafting the State Constitution and the Plenary Session took a break.

When the Plenary Session resumed at 10 am, Secretary of NCCWC U Thaug Nyunt read out the clarification made by the chairman on laying down the detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaw in drafting the State Constitution.

(Clarification made by NCCWC Chairman U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Deputy Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Member of NCCWC U Thaug Nyunt will be reported.)

Afterwards, Member of NCCWC Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin read out the clarification made by the chairman on laying down the detailed basic principles for the Tatmadaw chapter in drafting the State Constitution and the Plenary Session went into recess at 10.50 am.

(The presentation made by NCCWC Member Deputy-Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin will be reported.)

The Plenary Session continues tomorrow at 9 am. **MNA**



Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1...

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Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Than Oo (Kan Pwint Joss Stick); K 500,000 by May & Mark Gems Chairman Daw Khong Nan; and K 500,000 by U Yup Zaw Khaung-Daw Shadong Khong Taung (Jade Land Co Ltd), and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Afterwards, NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman of NCCC Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Chairman of NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Joint Secretary-1 of NCCC Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint accepted assorted traditional medicines worth K 1 million donated by Myanmar Pharmaceutical Entrepreneurs Association, 1,100 copies of books entitled "Difficulty and Victory" written by Chit Naing (Psychology) by U Tin Myint Htwe-Daw Theingi Oo (Thein Than Oo Press); 20 bags of rice worth K 600,000 by U Nyein-Daw Ohn Kyin (Pulses and Beans Trading); K 500,000 each

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Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung accepts cash presented by a donor at cash donation ceremony to hail National Convention. — MNA



Attorney-General U Aye Maung accepts cash presented by a donor at cash donation ceremony to hail National Convention. — MNA



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung expresses gratitude at cash donation ceremony.

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NCCC Chairman Secretary-1...

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by 21 wellwishers; traditional medicines worth K 350,000 by U Thaung Lwin (Kalya Traditional Medicine Clinic); K 300,000 each by nine wellwishers; 300 viss of tilapia fish worth K 300,000 by Chairman U Than Lwin of Ngwesin Pale Co; K 200,000 each by 14 wellwishers; K 100,000 each by 19 wellwishers, and other donors, and gave certificates of honour to them.

On behalf of the wellwishers, NC delegate U Maung Maung explained the purpose of the donations. Later, NCCMC Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung expressed gratitude.

Today's donations — K 21,225,000 and other donations worth K 3,265,000 — by 75 wellwishers totalled K 24,490,000.

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14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts ...

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contest and eight in the girls' xylophone contest.

At the lecture hall of the same university, three students competed in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' donmin contest, five in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' donmin contest, four in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' donmin contest and one in the (aged 5-10) girls' donmin contest.

At the Convocation Hall, five contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' violin contest and one in the girls' con-



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin enjoys basic education level oboe contest. — MNA

test. In the afternoon, six students participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' violin contest and three in the (aged 5-10) boys' violin contest.

All the schedules of the competitions were completed successfully in the afternoon.

The ceremony to present prizes to the winners will be held in Nay Pyi Taw in the near future.

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Lover of festivity

**Cooked rice,
In a hurry
When it's done,
Apply thanakha in motley
Let's go upfront,
Let's go sit
Come along sister-in-law,
Let's go to the fest
Tonight's dancer is more handsome.**

Yan Naing Oo (Trs.)

Myanmar Entertainment Steeped in Tradition

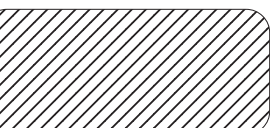
Way back, long long ago
Man originated, as primates
Our land, our race, our ancestors
Great tradition of Myanmar
Here exists our ancestral birthplace
These instances the world has known.

This land where Myanmar existed
Birthplace of relations, brothers
Blood brothers, friends
By the hundreds, depended
Very friendly national groups
Represented
In this beautiful Union.

For years long, helping each other
In solidarity, inventing, innovating
Birthplace, developing, prospering
Pride of place, it's been for long
Great tradition of heritage collected
Culture and arts, music
Protected and safeguarded, variegated
If there's attempt, for alien domination
We won't accept, go along
Won't countenance will bitterly reject.

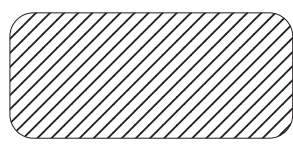
In the waters of the wide ocean
There are windward and leeward bluffs
Massive winds are blowing
That's just for a while, an instant
Will meet the onslaught of the storm
With strength, vigour, bravery,
And full of firm basis and original stance
With due gusto shall be ever victorious
Myanmar's resolve strong as rock in the ocean.

Po Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi) (Trs.)



Audience enjoys basic education level oboe contest.

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Wunphaik Bridge put into service on Taungup-Maei-Kyaukpyu Road in Rakhine State

YANGON, 26 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate Wunphaik Bridge, built by Wunphaik Bridge Construction Project Special Group, was held at the pandal near the bridge on Taungup-Maei-Kyaukpyu Road in Yanbye Township, Kyaukpyu District, Rakhine State this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, departmental personnel, guests and local people.

In his address, the commander said that

Government has built 219 bridges whose lengths exceed 180 feet in the entire nation including Wunphaik Bridge after 1988. Likewise, over 19,020.6-miles of roads have been constructed across the nation. Efforts are being made for opening Kyauktan Bridge in Rakhine State. The Government has spent K 1,844 million and US\$ 0.2837 million on construction of Wunphaik Bridge.

On behalf of the local people, U Aung Tin Thein spoke words of thanks.

Next, the commander, the minister and Commodore Maw Thein of the local station formally opened the



Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein, Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and party pose for a documentary photo at inauguration ceremony of Wunphaik Bridge. — MNA



Newly-opened Wunphaik Bridge on Taungup-Maei-Kyaukpyu Road. — MNA

struction of the bridge, local people will have easy access to Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions through Taungup-Thandwe-Gwa-Ngathaingchaung Road via Maei, and to Sittway, Magway and Mandalay Divisions through Maei-An road. Local people can transport marine products and vegetables from Rakhine State to the markets in time. The bridge will contribute to improving living standard of the local people.

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Wunphaik Bridge is the 10th facility of its kind on Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway and the 35th bridge in Rakhine State. Thanks to construction of highways in Rakhine State, produce such as paddy, pepper, rubber and physic nut can be distributed to other regions.

The Government is building infrastructures such as roads and bridges, dams and reservoirs, schools, hospitals and dispensaries for fulfilling the requirements of the people.

Next, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an address. He said that the

bridge. The commander unveiled the stone plaque and sprinkled scented water on it together with the minister.

Wunphaik Bridge is a reinforced concrete bridge supported by bored pile foundation at the lower structure and steel frame reinforced concrete at the upper structure. The bridge is 827 feet and three inches long. It has 24 feet wide motor road flanked by three-foot wide pedestrian ways. Its clearance is 100 feet wide and 14 feet high. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

Thanks to con-

Priority given only to quantity instead of correctness in collecting public signatures

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — The organizing group of the National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division held its meeting at the house of U Maung Maung Than, joint secretary of the group, at Hemazala ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division, on 20 October.

At the meeting, vice-chairman U Thein Tan of Mandalay Division NLD organizing group said that the NLD central fixed the last date to collect public signatures on the 22nd of October. He said that the chairmen or secretaries of township organizing groups should send the collected public signatures to U Maung Maung Than's house that has been temporarily opened as liaison office of Mandalay Division NLD on 23 October the latest.

Members of the so-called 88 generation students group and the NLD in collecting public signatures gave priority only to numbers or quantity instead of correctness in the names and signatures.

Concerning the signature collection campaign, some members of the Kyauktada Township NLD in Yangon Division criticized the NLD on 22 October, saying that they were participating in the campaign only because of the duty assigned to them by the party; that some of them were using false names and false signatures to compile the doctored collections; and that the NLD failed to realize the goal in launching such campaign in the past.

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When Hluttaws come into being under the future State Constitution, it is very important to make sure that those who are not entitled to attend Hluttaw sessions cannot do so and vote



Member of National Convention Convening Work Committee Brig-Gen Mya Win. — MNA

YANGON, 26 Oct—*The following is the clarification made at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, yesterday by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee for adoption of detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw to be included in the chapter "Legislation" for drafting the State Constitution.*

At the National Convention plenary session held on 15 December 2005, the Work Committee Chairman clarified the points that should be adopted as detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw to be included in the State Constitution. In this regard, NC delegates have submitted their proposals and held discussions on the clarification. Such delegate groups of the National Convention as delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of State service personnel, delegate group of other invited persons, and such parties of the delegate group of political parties as Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro(or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and Wa National Development Party and delegate group of representatives-elect presented the principles for the legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. They are:

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



Member of National Convention Convening Work Committee Dr Tun Shin. — MNA

- (b) (1) **The State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw after the Constitution comes into force.**
- (2) **The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accord with provisions of this Constitution shall convene first regular sessions for the next terms of the Amyotha Hluttaw.**
3. (a) (1) **Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall take oaths before the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw at the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw**
- (2) **The members of the Pyithu Hluttaw, who have not taken oaths, shall take oaths before the Speaker of the Hluttaw at the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw they first attend.**
- (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.**
- (2) **The members of the Amyotha Hluttaw, who have not taken oaths, shall take oaths before the Speaker of the Hluttaw at the session of the Amyotha Hluttaw they first attend.**
4. (a) **The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall convene regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw at least once a year. The interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months.**
- (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**



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- 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 making replies;**
- (8) **Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.**
- (b) **The following matters are carried out at the sessions of the Amyotha 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 Amyotha Hluttaw shall implement in accord with the provisions of the Constitution;**
- (5) **Discussing, deciding and recording the reports presented to the Amyotha Hluttaw;**
- (6) **Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions;**
- (7) **Raising questions and making replies;**
- (8) **Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.**
6. (a) (1) **A 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 on the first day of the session. If a session is not valid it shall be adjourned.**
- (2) **The sessions that are held under subparagraph (1) due to invalidity of the sessions and the sessions that are extended due to validity of the sessions are valid if at least one-third of the Pyithu Hluttaw members are present.**
- (b) (1) **A 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 on the first day of the session. If the session is not valid it shall be adjourned.**

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- (2) The sessions that are held under subparagraph (1) due to invalidity of the sessions and the sessions that are extended due to validity of the sessions 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 at the Pyithu Hluttaw 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 at the Amyotha Hluttaw 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 permission of the Pyithu Hluttaw, from a session for 15 days consecutively. 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 a 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 permission of the Amyotha Hluttaw, from a session for 15 days consecutively. 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 member is absent from a 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 functions and duties. Moreover, the session shall not be annulled, even 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 functions and duties. 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 the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be published for public information. However, 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. However, 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 as bills 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 as bills 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 rule, regulation or a bye-law in line with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the organ concerned shall distribute the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Pyithu Hluttaw members at the nearest regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw under the arrangements permitted by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (2) If it is found that a rule, regulation or bye-law is not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, Hluttaw members may submit a proposal to annul or amend the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Pyithu Hluttaw within 90 days from the date that rule, regulation or bye-law 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 rule, regulation or bye-law, it shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (b) (1) After issuing a rule, regulation or bye-law in line with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the organ concerned shall distribute the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Amyotha Hluttaw members at the nearest regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw under the arrangements permitted by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) If it is found that a rule, regulation or bye-law is not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, Hluttaw members may submit a proposal to annul or amend the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Amyotha Hluttaw within 90 days from the date that rule, regulation or bye-law 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 rule, regulation or bye-law, 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 accord with prescribed rules, 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 rules.
- (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 accord with prescribed rules, 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 shall be under discussion at the Amyotha Hluttaw in line with the prescribed rules.
- (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.

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- (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 Amyotha Hluttaw to the Pyithu Hluttaw.
15. (a) Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—
- (1) to explain and discuss the bills or 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 or other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committees, commissions and bodies of the Pyithu Hluttaw with the permission of the head of the committee, commission and body concerned.
- (b) Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—
- (1) to explain and discuss the bills or 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 or other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committees, commissions and bodies of the Amyotha Hluttaw with the permission of the head of the committee, commission and body concerned.
16. (a) The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw—
- (1) shall supervise sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw;
 - (2) shall invite the President of the Union if he informs he desires to deliver a speech at a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw;
 - (3) has the right 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) shall discharge other duties and functions prescribed under the Constitution or a law.
- (b) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw —
- (1) shall supervise sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw;
 - (2) shall invite the President of the Union if he informs he wishes to deliver a speech at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw;
 - (3) has the right 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) shall discharge other duties & 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 the 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 the Pyithu Hluttaw.

- (3) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in accord 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 the 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 the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (3) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in accord 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 Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (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 body, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw through the head of the committee or commission or body concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (3) If there arises a need to arrest a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw when the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Pyithu Hluttaw committee or the commission or the body formed by the Pyithu Hluttaw is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (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 Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) If there arises a need to arrest a member of a committee or commission or body formed by the Amyotha Hluttaw attending a session of the committee or commission or body, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw

Speaker through the head of the committee or commission or body concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

- (3) If there arises a need to arrest a member of the Amyotha Hluttaw when the Amyotha Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw committee or the commission or the body formed by the Amyotha Hluttaw is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
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.”

Now, separate suggestions made by the delegate groups will be presented.

The National Unity Party from the delegate group of political parties in its suggestion said, “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 accord with the procedures, declare his seat vacant.

“Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw live in various regions across the nation. With respect to the computing of the said period, sometime a member may find it difficult to report 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”.

Indeed, that has been already explained since the clarification to legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was made. Here, the period of 15 days means absence for consecutive 15 days without permission, not a designation of a period for asking in advance for leave. The date for the commencement of a Hluttaw session is announced in advance. So, a Hluttaw member has enough time to ask in advance for leave.

It said, “In declaring vacancies in the membership due to such absence without permission, steps are to be taken in accord 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 no 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, the people of the constituency 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 electorate 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 inadvertently, 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 inadvertently”.

To respond to the suggestion, under the new State Constitution, the Hluttaws will have to work in accord with the laws and bye-laws relating to them. Necessary procedures will be prescribed sufficiently in the laws and bye-laws to take action against such Hluttaw members.

The party said, “Hluttaw members and persons who are attending a session at invitation have freedom of speech, and action shall be taken against such persons in accord with the existing law if they commit physical attacks on others. We submit these points as discussed in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to take them into consideration”.

In its suggestion about the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the party said, “If Hluttaw members commit physical assaults, they shall be liable to punishment according to the existing laws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw” should be added to the paragraph

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concerned. Now, it also suggested the phrase "rules and regulations and procedures of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw" should be added to the paragraph concerned. This suggestion is in conformity with the already-laid down principle with better meaning. In that regard, the Work Committee held discussions with members of the Panel of Chairmen. The members of the Panel of Chairmen coordinated with fellow members of the delegate groups concerned, and submitted the case to the Work Committee. Regarding the rights to participate in discussions at Hluttaw sessions, many delegate groups suggested that sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph (17) (A) should be "Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in accord with the rules and regulations and procedures of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges", and sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph (17) (B) should be "Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in accord with the rules and regulations and procedures of the Amyotha Hluttaw and the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges."

The delegate group of national races said, "A Hluttaw member has the right to cast a vote for or against or an abstention, and that right is also practised at the assemblies of nations and at the UN assemblies."

"We have suggested the point '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' should be adopted as a detailed basic principle".

In addition, it also 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, paragraph 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.

In response to the suggestion, paragraph (7) (A) (1) and 7 (B) (1) of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw the Work Committee Chairman explained mean the regulation to be abided by, regarding matters on decisions to be made at Hluttaws. "The right to stay neutral if he does not wish to cast a vote" is, indeed, the right that has been already bestowed on a Hluttaw member each. Therefore, it is no need to state the matter in the detailed basic principle.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia said that the term "casting vote" stipulated in sub paragraph (2) of paragraph 7 (A), and sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 7 (B) should be replaced with the term "decisive vote" and the phrase "a person who is not entitled", with the phrase "a person or persons who are not entitled".

I would like to first reply to the suggestion sub paragraph (2) of paragraph 7 (A) of the legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw, and sub paragraph (2) of paragraph 7 (B) of legislative functions of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

What the Work Committee Chairman explained means that in the matters of an equality of votes at a session, when the person who discharges duties as the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw casts vote, one side wins over the other side. So, the vote of the Speaker is called "casting vote". The term "casting vote" is also used in the 1947 constitution. That has been explained since legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw were clarified. I would say mentioning the vote as "casting vote" makes the expression more meaningful and clear.

In response to the suggestion of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia concerning sub paragraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (9), the phrase "a person who is not entitled" is mentioned in the explanation of the Work Committee Chairman, as used in drawing constitutions. In sub-paragraph (B) of paragraph (6) of the Interpretation of Expressions Law, 1973, it is said that a singular noun also means a

plural form. According to the Interpretations of Expressions Law 1973, it shall be presumed that the expression having singular meaning is also relevant to the expression having plural meaning, the expression having plural meaning is also relevant to the expression having the singular meaning. Hence, some person means one person or more than one person.

Mr Chairman,

The representatives of political parties of the delegate group of representatives-elect presented their stances.

Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township constituency in Shan State (North) from the group said, "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 progress in the communication sector, the time limit of 90 days for important steps of elections such as counting, scrutinizing, approving and declaring 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 principle "The first regular session that bring the Pyithu Hluttaw into force shall be convened within 90 days from the commencing day of general elections" should be "The first regular session that gives birth to the Pyithu Hluttaw into force shall be convened within 45 days from the commencing day of general elections".

To respond to this suggestion, in the explanation of the Work Committee Chairman, it is stated that the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days from the commencing day of the elections. In the 1947 Constitution, it was mentioned "within 60 days from the polling day". In this regard, there might be disputes if it is designated "from the polling day". So, it is designated "from the commencing day of elections". Today's population of Myanmar is more than three times that at the time of formulating that Constitution. And the number of constituencies is more than at that time. So, it will take more time to count, scrutinize, confirm and declare votes systematically as well as to make preparations to launch Hluttaw sessions. So, 90 days is a reasonable and sufficient period of time.

Independent representatives-elect of that delegate group—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—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 be able to avert possible effects on the decisions and activities carried out by the Hluttaw concerned due to the acts of 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 has to be approved or annulled due to his vote. It's food for thought. In other words, 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".

It is a good suggestion. When Hluttaws come into being under the future State Constitution, it is very important to make sure that those who are not entitled to attend Hluttaw sessions cannot do so and vote. The organizations concerned will take great

care to be able to avert such undesirable incidents. So, this suggestion will be recorded.

Therefore, the points:

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.**
 - (2) **The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall be convened within seven days after the commencement of the term of the Hluttaw.**
2. (a) (1) **The State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw after the Constitution comes into force.**
 - (2) **The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accord 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 comes into force.**
 - (2) **The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accord with provisions of this Constitution shall convene first regular sessions for the next terms of the Amyotha Hluttaw.**
3. (a) (1) **Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall take oaths before the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw at the first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw**
 - (2) **The members of the Pyithu Hluttaw, who have not taken oaths, shall take oaths before the Speaker of the Hluttaw at the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw they first attend.**
- (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.**
 - (2) **The members of the Amyotha Hluttaw, who have not taken oaths, shall take oaths before the Speaker of the Hluttaw at the session of the Amyotha Hluttaw they first attend.**
4. (a) **The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall convene regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw at least once a year. The interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months.**
 - (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 making replies;**
 - (8) **Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.**
- (b) **The following matters are carried out at the sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw.**
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- (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 Amyotha Hluttaw shall implement in accord with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - (5) Discussing, deciding and recording the reports presented to the Amyotha Hluttaw;
 - (6) Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions;
 - (7) Raising questions and making replies;
 - (8) Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
6. (a) (1) A 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 on the first day of the session. If a session is not valid it shall be adjourned.
 - (2) The sessions that are held under subparagraph (1) due to invalidity of the session and the sessions that are extended due to validity of the sessions are valid if at least one-third of the Pyithu Hluttaw members are present.
 - (b) (1) A 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 on the first day of the session. If the session is not valid it shall be adjourned.
 - (2) The sessions that are held under subparagraph (1) due to invalidity of the sessions and the sessions that are extended due to validity of the sessions 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 at the Pyithu Hluttaw 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 at the Amyotha Hluttaw 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 permission of the Pyithu Hluttaw, from a session for 15 days consecutively. 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 a 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 permission of the Amyotha Hluttaw, from a session for 15 days consecutively. 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 a 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 functions and duties. Moreover, the session shall not be annulled, even 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 functions and duties. 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 the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be published for public information. However, 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. However, 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 as bills 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 as bills 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 rule, regulation or a bye-law in line with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the organ concerned shall distribute the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Pyithu Hluttaw members at the nearest regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw under the arrangements permitted by the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
 - (2) If it is found that a rule, regulation or bye-law is not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, Hluttaw members may submit a proposal to annul or amend the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Pyithu Hluttaw within 90 days from the date that rule, regulation or bye-law 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 rule, regulation or bye-law, it shall be presented to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (b) (1) After issuing a rule, regulation or bye-law in line with the law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the organ concerned shall distribute the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Amyotha Hluttaw members at the nearest regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw under the arrangements permitted by the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
 - (2) If it is found that a rule, regulation or bye-law is not in conformity with the provisions of the law concerned, Hluttaw members may submit a proposal to annul or amend the rule, regulation or bye-law to the Amyotha Hluttaw within 90 days from the date that rule, regulation or bye-law 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 rule, regulation or bye-law, 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 accord with prescribed rules, 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 rules.
 - (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 accord with prescribed rules, 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.

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Hluttaw in line with the prescribed rules.

- (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 Amyotha Hluttaw to the Pyithu Hluttaw.
15. (a) Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—
- (1) to explain and discuss the bills or 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 or other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committees, commissions and bodies of the Pyithu Hluttaw with the permission of the head of the committee, commission and body concerned.
- (b) Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—
- (1) to explain and discuss the bills or 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 or other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committees, commissions and bodies of the Amyotha Hluttaw with the permission of the head of the committee, commission and body concerned.

16. (a) The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw—
- (1) shall supervise sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw;
- (2) shall invite the President of the Union if he informs his desire to deliver a speech at a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw;
- (3) has the right 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) shall discharge other duties and functions prescribed under the Constitution or a law.
- (b) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw—
- (1) shall supervise sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw;
- (2) shall invite the President of the Union if he informs he wishes to deliver a speech at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw;
- (3) has the right 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) shall discharge other duties & 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 the 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 the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (3) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in accord with the rules and regulations and procedures of the Pyithu Hluttaw and 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 the Amyotha Hluttaw.
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- speeches, except under the law of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
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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 Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (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 body, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw through the head of the committee or commission or body concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (3) If there arises a need to arrest a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw when the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Pyithu Hluttaw committee or the commission or the body formed by the Pyithu Hluttaw is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
- (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 Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (2) If there arises a need to arrest a member of a committee or commission or body formed by the Amyotha Hluttaw attending a session of the committee or commission or body, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the committee or commission or body concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
- (3) If there arises a need to arrest a member of the Amyotha Hluttaw when the Amyotha Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw committee or the commission or the body formed by the Amyotha Hluttaw is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
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.”

are adopted as detailed basic principles for the legislative functions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

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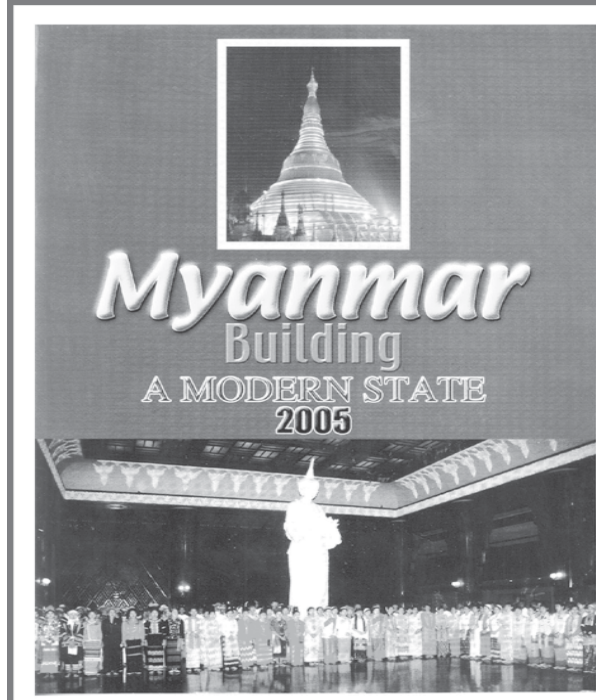
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၂	ဈ/၁၁၂၄	ဟီးနီးကေအမ်	၁ စီး	။
၃	ည/၉၉၅၇	မီးသတ်ယာဉ်	၁ စီး	။
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၄။ ချိပ်ပိတ်တင်ဒါများကို တင်ဒါစည်းကမ်းချက်များအတိုင်း (၁၇-၁၁-၂၀၀၆)နေ့ (၁၂:၀၀)နာရီအချိန်တွင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်ဌာန၊ အနောက်ကြို့ကုန်း၊ အင်းစိန်မြို့နယ်တွင် လေလံတင်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့မှ တင်ဒါဖွင့်ဖောက်ကြေညာပေးမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းရမည့်နေရာ - ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များချိပ်ပိတ်တင်ဒါရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့၊ မော်တော်ယာဉ်ဌာန၊ အနောက်ကြို့ကုန်း၊ အင်းစိန်၊ ဖုန်း- ၆၈၀၇၅၅၊ ၆၈၀၇၆၄

ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက် လုပ်ငန်းသုံးစက်ပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက် အသုံးပြုရန် လိုအပ်သော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ လုပ်ငန်းသုံးစက်ပစ္စည်းများကိုယှဉ်တွဲပါ အရေအတွက်များ အတိုင်းဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်-

- (1) A4 Printer 4 Nos
- (2) A3 Printer (HP 5100 TN) 2 Nos
- (3) Plain Paper Copier 3 Nos
- (4) Computer PIV 10 Nos
- (5) Digital Satellite Receiver 20 Nos
- (6) Maintenance Equipment for 9 Regional Zone 1 Lot
- (7) 3 Head Stereo Cassette Recorder 3 Nos
- (8) Radio Receiver 7 Nos
- (9) 7.5 KVA Generator 4 Nos

၂။ တင်ဒါပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၃၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၆) ရက် (၁၆:၃၀) နာရီတွင်ပိတ်ပါမည်။
၃။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့်အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါလိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်စုံစမ်းဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်-

ပြည်တွင်း/ပြည်ပပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့်ထုခွဲရောင်းချရေးကော်မတီ
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ဖုန်း - ၅၃၇၆၅၅

Boat sinks in Vietnam, killing six, leaving at least seven missing

HANOI, 25 Oct—Six Vietnamese were killed and at least seven others went missing on Tuesday after a boat with over 20 people on board sank while going along a river in Vietnam's northern Phu Tho Province, Vietnam News Agency reported.
The boat sank on Tuesday noon in Da River in Thanh Thuy District, making people on it go deep into the river. Seven people on the boat were rescued.
Now, Vietnamese rescuers are still searching people missing. Meanwhile, local agencies are investigating the accident's cause.

MNA/Xinhua

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လူမျိုး
သစ်ပင်ကို
နှစ်စဉ်စိုက်
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Chavez supports Bolivia in seeking UNSC seat

CARACAS, 25 Oct— Bolivian President Evo Morales said on Tuesday that his Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez had agreed to support Bolivia in the race for the non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council, according to reports from the Bolivian capital La Paz.

Morales said that, after talking with Venezuela's ambassador by phone, Chavez had called him to say that he would propose

Bolivia as a candidate if Venezuela failed to get the two-thirds majority needed to win the race over US-backed Guatemala.

Venezuela was giving up its candidacy to Bolivia, he said.

"We're candidates for the Security Council," Morales said, expressing his hope that a consensus could be reached.

Commenting on Morales' remarks, Venezuela's ambassador to the UN said it was just one

possible solution.

In Caracas, however, Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro said his country would continue its efforts to win the rotating seat on the UN Security Council.

"There are... initiatives to seek consensus and we have said that Venezuela will not withdraw its candidacy," Maduro said.

"We can only discuss this other option if Guatemala withdraws," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



A man flies a 499-metre-long kite consisting of nine dragons' bodies and heads in Nanjing, capital of East China's Jiangsu Province on 24 Oct, 2006. XINHUA

Technical problem forced Thai airline to abort flight

BANGKOK, 25 Oct—A flight of Thailand's flagship air company was aborted before departing from capital Bangkok for northern city Chiang Mai on Tuesday, for which a failing hydraulic system to blame, according to a THAI statement.

Flight TG106 of Thai Airways International (THAI), due to depart Bangkok from Suvarnabhumi Airport at 10:20 am local time for Chiang Mai, was cancelled after a technical problem forced THAI to abort the flight and reassign its passengers to a new aircraft, which with all passengers on board left the airport at 11:45 am local time and had safely landed in Chiang Mai International Airport, the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

China's mobile phone subscribers hit 443 million

BEIJING, 25 Oct—China's legions of mobile phone subscribers swarmed to a new high of 443 million at the end of September, according to the latest figures from the Ministry of Information Industry. The figures suggest that as many as one in every three Chinese citizens now has a mobile, but in reality some people have more than one handset.

In the first nine months of the year, China's mobile phone subscribers increased by 49.75 million. That is a whopping 5.53 million

new subscribers per month. Fixed-line subscriptions are growing much more slowly, 2.10 million per month in the first three quarters. The country now has 369 million fixed-line phone subscribers.

For every 100 Chinese, there are now 33.9 mobile phones and 28.3 fixed-line phones. The telecommunications sector posted revenue of 479.93 billion yuan (60.75 billion US dollars) in the first nine months of the year, up 11.3 per cent year on year.

Robust growth in

TRADE MARK CAUTION
ASAHI KASEI
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MV JU YONG GUAN VOY NO (50)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV JU YONG GUAN VOY NO (50) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.10.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W.3 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV CARNATION VOY NO (116S)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV CARNATION VOY NO (116S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.10.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (415)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (415) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.10.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S EAGIE SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

US soldier kidnapped on family visit in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct— A US soldier who went missing on Monday was kidnapped by masked gunmen while visiting a relative's house in Baghdad outside the heavily-fortified Green Zone compound, the US military said on Tuesday. It said the soldier, a linguist assigned to a reconstruction team, was handcuffed and forced into a vehicle.

The soldier was reported missing on

Monday and was last seen the same afternoon at the Green Zone, which houses foreign embassies and US military forces.

The soldier was not named but a US Army official in Washington said the man was an American citizen of Iraqi descent. "He was reportedly at a relative's house at the time of the abduction when three cars pulled up to the residence.

MNA/Reuters

မြို့နယ်လူဝင်မှုကြီးကြပ်ရေးနှင့် အမျိုးသား မှတ်ပုံတင်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနမှူးရုံးသို့ လာရောက်ဆက်သွယ်၍ နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား ဆောင်ရွက်ရာတွင် ကြိုတင် တင်ပြရန် လိုအပ်မည့်အချက်များအား လျှောက်ထားသူကားယက်ရှင် များသိစေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်းအသိပေးကြေညာအပ်ပါသည်။

- အသက်(၁၀)နှစ်ပြည့်မှ အသက်(၁၈)နှစ်ပြည့် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား လဲလှယ် ဆောင်ရွက်ရန် လာရောက်လျှင် ပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ
- ၁။ ကာယကံရှင်ကိုယ်တိုင်လာရောက်ရမည်။
 - ၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူအမည်ပါသော အိမ်ထောင်စုလူဦးရေစာရင်း အိမ်လက်ခံမူရင်းနှင့် မိတ္တူ(၁)စောင်စီ
 - ၃။ ကာယကံရှင် ယခင် ကိုင်ဆောင်ခဲ့သော အသက်(၁၀)နှစ်ပြည့် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြားမူရင်း။
 - ၄။ မိဘနှစ်ပါးကိုဆောင်သော နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြားမူရင်းနှင့်မိတ္တူ
 - ၅။ ရပ်ကွက်အတွင်းနေထိုင်ကြောင်း သက်ဆိုင်ရာ ရယက၏ ထောက်ခံချက်။
 - ၆။ တစ်လက်မ X တစ်လက်မအရွယ် အဖြူအမဲဓာတ်ပုံ(၄)ပုံ (မျက်မှန်မပါ)



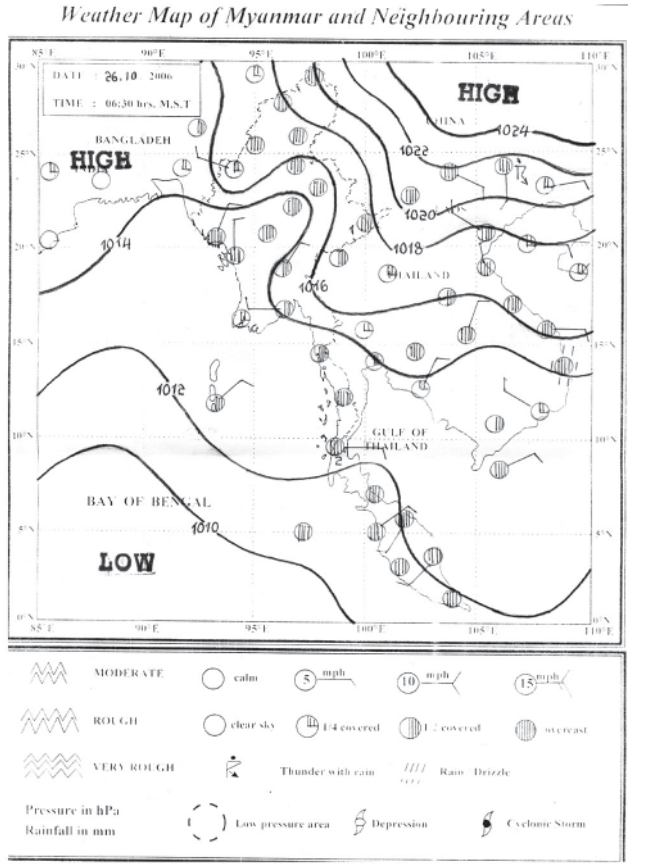
Visitors flock to the Badaling section of the Great Wall of China, north of Beijing, on 2 Oct, 2005. China has banned partying, stunts and other 'inappropriate behaviour' on the Great Wall to protect one of its top tourist attractions from erosion. — INTERNET

Indonesian tourist bridge collapses, five killed

JAKARTA, 26 Oct— Five people were killed and 24 injured when a pedestrian bridge packed with sightseers collapsed on Wednesday in a scenic Indonesian tourist area on central Java Island, police said.

The collapse of the steel bridge sent people hurtling down to the rocky river bed below, Baturaden police chief Sudrajat said.

Baturaden, around 300 kilometres east of the capital Jakarta, is located on the slopes of Gunung Slamet volcano and is popular in the tropical country for its cool climate. — MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 26 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Ayeyawady Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (0.55) inch, Pyapon (0.43) inch and Mindat (0.19) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-10-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-10-2006 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 25-10-2006 was 8.8 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 26-10-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 0.08 inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were 98.46 inches at Mingaladon and 111.61 inches at Kaba-Aye and 116.69 inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Southwest at 15:30 hours MST on 25-10-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South East Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 27-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-10-2006: Partly cloudy to cloudy.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-10-2006: Partly cloudy to cloudy.



Friday, 27 October Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Now I'm here
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Dance on
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I shall sing
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -(I do)³
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunchtime music -Cross my heart -I can't see nobody -All my love
- 9:00pm WOM -Spain, Belgium, Philippines, Laos, France
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request -It's alright with me -Shadows in the moonlight
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 27 October View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am 5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း</p> <p>7:55 am 6. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:10 am 8. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am 9. ရွှေလင်ပန်းတံတား</p>	<p>8:30 am 10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 11. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. Musical programme</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. Song of national races</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး</p> <p>5:25 pm 7. "သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂)(ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဆေ၊ ပိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ် လေပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)</p>	<p>5:35 pm 8. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>5:45 pm 9. ပန်းချီပန်းပု အနုပညာပြပွဲ အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်၊ မန္တလေး)</p> <p>6:00 pm 10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်</p> <p>7:00 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)</p> <p>8:00 pm 14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးပထမ ချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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Prime Minister felicitates Turkmenistan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency General Saparmurat A Niyazov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan which falls on 27 October, 2006. —MNA

Today's donations — K 21,225,000 and other donations worth K 3,265,000 — by 75 wellwishers totalled K 24,490,000.

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash and kind from wellwishers

YANGON, 26 Oct — Hailing the National Convention, a ceremony to donate cash and kind was held at the hall of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the NCCC

Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of the NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Commission members, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, members of the Panel of Chairmen of the National

Convention, guests from delegate groups and wellwishers.

Secretary of the Management Committee Col Win Naung acted as MC.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted cash donations from the NC delegates — K 1.5 million by Chairman of Zay Gabar Co Dr Khin Shwe; K 1 million by President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint; K 700,000 by U Aung Than-Thiri (See page 4)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash presented by a wellwisher at cash donation ceremony to hail National Convention. — MNA

14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue for final day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued here for the final day today.

Present on the occasions were Chairman of

the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minis-

ter for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Aung and U Nyi Tun, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command, maestros, cultural troupes of States and Divisions and local people.

At Forest Research Unit, six students each participated in the basic education level (aged 5-10) and (aged 15-20) boys' oboe contests.

At University of Agriculture, four contestants took part in the amateur level (second class) women's xylophone contest, and 11 students in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' xylophone (See page 5)



A contestant participates in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' violin contest. — MNA



A contestant participates in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' xylophone contest. — MNA

Clarifications on Region or State Hluttaw and the Tatmadaw chapter will be published

YANGON, 26 Oct — Clarification made by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on laying down the detailed basic principles for legislation of Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the chapter Legislation and the Tatmadaw chapter in drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today, will be published in the dailies. — MNA