

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Czech Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 28 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 Mr Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic which falls on 28 October, 2006. — MNA

Clarification made on adoption of detailed basic principles for Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights & Duties of Citizens” for drafting the State Constitution

Plenary Session of National Convention continues

YANGON, 27 Oct— Chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee read out the clarification on adoption of detailed basic principles for Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights & Duties of Citizens” for drafting the State Constitution made by 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 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, representa-

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

(East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay,

Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General’s Office, the Auditor-General’s Office, the Multi-party Democracy

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

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Roads and bridges — fundamental factor for economic development

A drive for social and economic development calls for such fundamental requirements as stability and peace, smooth transport, rich natural resources and swift commodity flow.

In the past, Rakhine State was accessible only by water and by air, and in consequence there were a lot of difficulties in transporting goods and passengers to and from other states and divisions as well as in it. For this reason, the government laid emphasis on ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union including Rakhine State.

So far, Rakhine State has been served with Yangon-Sittway, Yangon-Kyaukpyu, and Ngathaingyaung-Gwa highways and a large number of large and small bridges. Therefore, people now can travel in comfort in Rakhine State and to and from other states and divisions.

Thanks to Wunphaik Bridge on Taungup-Ma-ei-Kyaukpyu Road that was put into service by the Ministry of Construction on 26 October, local people can travel in convenience to Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions through Ma-ei by taking Taungup-Thandwe-Gwa-Ngathaingyaung Road, and to Sittway, and Mgway and Mandalay Divisions through Ma-ei-An Road.

Now, with such enterprises as large-scale offshore gas exploration, agriculture and fisheries along with smooth transport, Rakhine State has a good prospect to spread its wings in the economic sector.

Due to the earnest efforts the government is exerting to complete a network of roads and bridges, the nation has seen a total of 219 large bridges, each of which is 180 feet long or above, including Wunphaik Bridge. The emergence of a great number of new bridges and roads is making a significant contribution towards the commodity flow, and that will help the people enjoy economic and social development to a greater degree.

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People's Desire

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

A&I Minister receives Japanese, Egyptian Ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano at the ministry on 23 October.

Similarly, the minister received Egyptian Ambassador Mr Youssef Kamal Boutros Hanna at the ministry on the same day.

The calls were also attended by managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments under the ministry.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Ambassador of Egypt Mr Youssef Kamal Boutros Hanna. — A & I

Myanmar, Chinese businessmen hold talks

YANGON, 27 Oct — Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin and officials, on 7 October, held talks with a 17-member Chinese delegation led by Ruili Mayor Mr Gong Neng Zheng of Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China. The meeting focused on promotion of trade between the two countries, cooperation in the industrial sector, Myanmar businessmen to invest in Rueli Border Trade Zone, gems emporium to be held in Muse and transit trade.

Another Chinese delegation led by Deputy General Secretary Mr Zhao Zhou also met with Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and officials of UMFCFI and held talks on business matters.—MNA

Twelve year old lady golfer scores an ace

YANGON, 26 Oct — Ms K Thant Syn scored an ace from 125 yards at 12th hole at Myanmar Golf Club on 23-10-2006 while striking Wilson Staff No-2 ball with Gosen Wood No-5. Her partners were Daw Yin Maw Oung and Zwe Lynn Ngwe. — MNA

Rinnai gas stove and accessories introduced

YANGON, 26 Oct — A ceremony to introduce LPG used gas stoves and accessories jointly organized by Rinnai Corporation and Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd was held at Traders Hotel this afternoon with an extended greetings by President Mr Ito of Rinnai Machinery (Japan).

Overseas Marketing Director Mr Ogawa of Rinnai Corporation (Japan) explained facts about the corporation and its products. Next, the service manager of the company explained Rinnai gas stove, warranty card together with after sales and customer care services. Later, responsible persons presented prizes to three lucky draw winners.

The address of the Rinnai Showroom & Service Centre is No A/3, Aung San Sadium (north-east wing), Upper Pansodan Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph: 245543 and 245925. Everyone can buy Rinnai gas stoves and its accessories being distributed by Myanmar Kowa International Co Ltd in Yangon and other towns. — MNA



President Mr Ito of Rinnai Machinery (Japan) extends greetings at a ceremony to introduce LPG used gas stoves and accessories. — MNA

China to push for relations with Sri Lanka

BEIJING, 26 Oct—China was ready to work with Sri Lanka to lift the bilateral relations into a new high, said a senior official with the Communist Party of China (CPC) here Wednesday.

Wu Guanzheng, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, made the remarks at a meeting with a delegation of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

China and Sri Lanka enjoy long-term history of friendly exchanges, Wu said, noting that since forging diplomatic ties 49

years ago, the two nations have witnessed fruitful cooperation in politics, economy and culture, and the two peoples have established profound friendship.

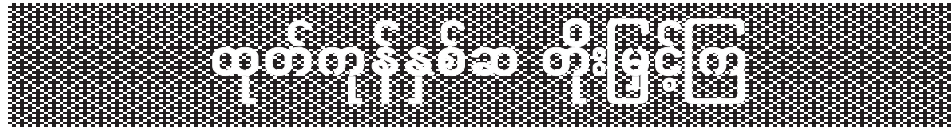
Next year would mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of China-Sri Lanka diplomatic ties, and also the year of China-Sri Lanka friendship.

“China would take this as an opportunity to join in Sri Lanka to enrich the traditional friendly and cooperative relations between the two nations,” Wu noted. Wu expressed his appreciation for Sri

Lanka’s firm support to China in the issues concerning Taiwan, Tibet and human rights.

Speaking highly of the China-Sri Lanka party-to-party relations, Wu said the CPC always attached great importance to the relations with the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, and was ready to increase exchanges and cooperation between the two parties, in an effort to push for the China-Sri Lanka relations.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hands with visiting French President Jacques Chirac during a signing ceremony in Beijing, on 26 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

Costa Rica public workers protest CAFTA trade deal

SAN JOSE, (Costa Rica), 25 Oct—Thousands of doctors, teachers and telephone workers marched on Costa Rica’s congress on Monday, kicking off a two-day strike to protest a free-trade deal with the United States.

Public workers’ unions also demonstrated in other Costa Rican towns and cities to try to persuade the government to scrap the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which has been signed but not ratified by congress.

Costa Rica is the only participant not to have ratified the measure and the government hopes to have a deal passed by the end of the year.

The treaty would create a free-trade zone between the United States and the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

In his election campaign earlier this year, now-President Oscar Arias promised to pass the accord, which his predecessor negotiated but was unable to get past lawmakers. Unions and civic groups in Costa Rica have held other strikes and marches against CAFTA, which they say could hurt standards of living as imported farm products compete with local produce.

Some worry the trade deal will lead to the privatization of the state-run telephone company and



Costa Ricans march in protest against the Free Trade Agreement in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 24 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

hurt the social security system.

“I think CAFTA is not going to benefit Costa Rica. There is a group of people who want to exploit public companies,” said striker Enrique Bustamante, a systems analyst in the country’s school system. —MNA/Reuters



The Shanghai World Financial Centre, is seen under construction near Jin Mao Tower, China’s tallest building, in Shanghai’s Lu Jia Zui financial district on 24 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

Man who fell asleep on railway track run over by train

TANAH MERAH, 26 Oct—A 34-year-old factory worker who had fallen asleep by the railway tracks was killed after being hit by a train in Tanah Merah early this morning. The man who hailed from Machang, died after his body was ripped apart by the Gua Musang-bound train at about 4.20am near Jalan Wan Ahmad.

Tanah Merah district police chief Deputy Superintendent Anuar Muhamad said initial findings suggested that the man had fallen asleep on the tracks behind a restaurant near the Tanah Merah town centre.

“The train’s conductor did not see the man lying on the tracks until it was too late.”—Internet

Latin American ministers seek breakthrough at UN

UNITED NATIONS, 26 Oct—Foreign ministers from Guatemala and Venezuela seek to break the deadlock on Thursday in their countries’ battle for a seat on the UN Security Council but initial soundings show no sign of a compromise.

The goal is to find an alternate candidate that could fill an open Latin American seat on the council, the most powerful UN body, following 41 rounds of inconclusive voting and sharp divisions among the 35 Latin

American and Caribbean nations.

For Venezuela, the race is one against what it calls US dominance over developing nations. Washington has lobbied for Guatemala, a country that has never had a seat on the council.

In an attempt to break the impasse, Foreign Ministers Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela and Gert Rosenthal of Guatemala confer on Thursday. Both have said they would withdraw providing they could

agree on an acceptable substitute.

“The pressure is on them now. They cannot possibly leave New York empty-handed,” said Mexico’s UN ambassador, Enrique Berruga, whose country supports Guatemala.

Voting was conducted three days last week and on Wednesday when Guatemala received between 100 and 109 votes, compared with Venezuela’s range of 72 to 84 votes.

But Guatemala was

not able to get the required two-thirds majority in the 192-member General Assembly. Balloting will resume next Tuesday.

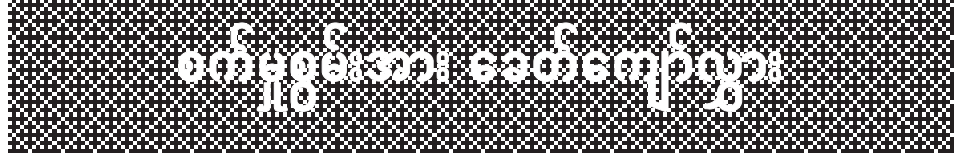
“They accept in principal that they will withdraw their candidacies. But they are not set on a third country,” Brazilian Ambassador Ronaldo Moto Sardenberg told reporters.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said his ally Bolivia would be a good compromise, which he called a “brother nation.”

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Farmers wave a straw-made dragon in Hongxin Village of Shexian County, east China's Anhui Province, on 25 Oct, 2006, to celebrate the harvest season according to the local custom.—XINHUA



China-Africa cooperation has broad prospects

ALGIERS, 25 Oct—The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has yielded gratifying results since its founding and it holds out broad prospects for development, Algeria's Minister of Justice and Keeper of

the Seals Tayeb Belaiz said in a recent interview with *Xinhua*.

Noting the fast-growing Chinese economy, Belaiz said China's important role in inter-national affairs and its economic vigour will not only contribute to the African continent's economic revival, but have also laid the foundation for closer friendly and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two sides in various

fields.

Under the framework of FOCAC, China has written off more than 1 billion US dollars of matured debts owed by 31 African countries and pledged to help African countries train 10,000 personnel, he said, adding China-Africa cooperation will be conducive to maintaining the social stability of the African continent and help achieve its goal of sustainable economic development.

MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows US Republicans losing crucial swing voters

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct—Independent voters overwhelmingly favour Democrats to take over the US House of Representatives in the 7 November election and back them on major issues, a new *Washington Post*-ABC News poll said on Monday.

The independents surveyed said they plan to support Democratic congressional candidates over Republicans by a roughly 2-to-1 margin — 59 per cent to 31 per cent — the largest gap in the poll this year, *The Washington Post* said.

Forty-five per cent said it would be good if Democrats recaptured the House majority, 10 per cent said it would not and the rest said it would not matter, the newspaper reported.

With Republicans fighting to retain control of the US Congress, the choice of independents may be pivotal because most Democratic and Republican voters said they plan to support their party's candidates, the newspaper said.

The growing independent support for Democratic House candidates found in the poll is a significant shift

since the 2004 election, when the Democrats held only a narrow advantage, the *Post* said.

Twenty-seven per cent of those polled said the single most important issue in their vote for Congress this year is the war in Iraq, compared to 14 per cent who said terrorism ranked first.

Independents said they strongly trust Democrats

on most major issues by margins ranging from 14 percentage points on terrorism to 23 percentage points on Iraq and North Korea, the *Post* said.

The *Post* said independent voters favouring Democrats appeared to be motivated by dissatisfaction with Republicans rather than enthusiasm for the other party.

MNA/Reuters

EU to punish environmental crimes

LONDON, 25 Oct—EU Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas is due to set out plans to impose criminal penalties for breaches of environmental law.

The move comes as a Dutch company faces legal action after a ship it chartered released toxic waste in Ivory Coast.

Ten people died and many thousands more needed treatment after the dumping.

The European Commission has long wanted to see serious environmental offences criminalised but EU governments have resisted.

Now the Commission

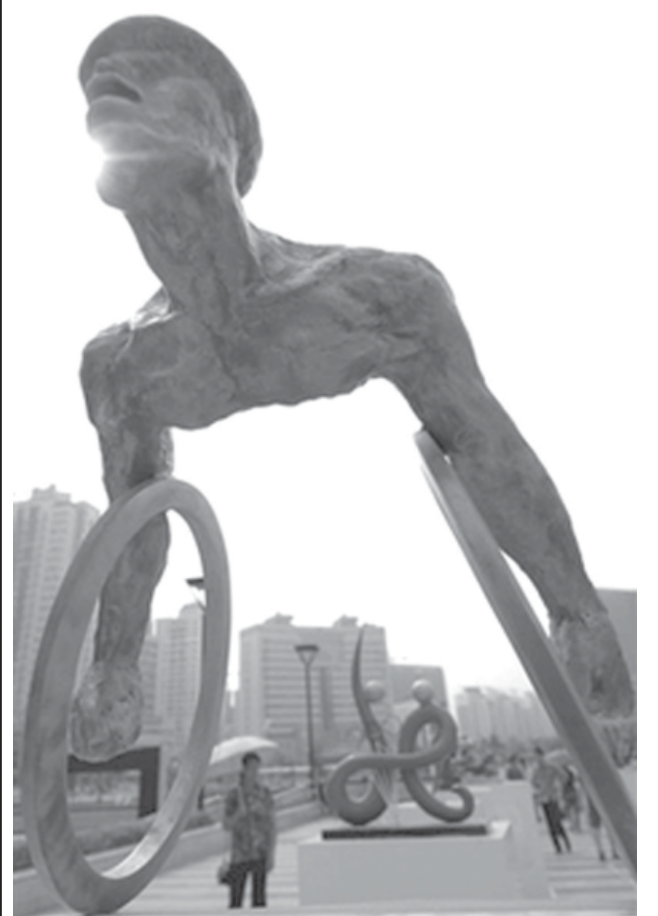
believes it has the case to show why such penalties are needed.

Under European law, EU member states are banned from shipping their toxic waste to less developed countries.

Mr Dimas has said the case was a crime and should be treated as a crime.

He will put forward legislation by the end of the year on criminalising serious environmental offences, including the illegal shipment of waste.

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In this photo provided by China's Xinhua News Agency, a bronze statue depicting a disabled athlete is on display, as part of an international touring exhibit featuring statues representing Olympic athletes and events in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 24 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



A train roars on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway in Damxung County of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 25 Oct, 2006. As it has come into the winter, snow covers the vast grassland on the altiplano in the north Tibet.

XINHUA

Two US Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct—Two US Marines were killed Monday during combat action in Iraq's volatile Anbar Province, the US military said on Tuesday.

"Two Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team 5 died Monday from injuries sustained due to enemy action while operating in Al Anbar Province," the military said in a statement.

The latest deaths were part of a surge in US fatalities in October, bringing the US soldiers killed to 89, the highest toll for any month this year.

About 2,795 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media counts.—MNA/Xinhua

Shan State (North) Special Region-1 (Kokang) Administrative Committee strongly condemns the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs, resorting to political oppression

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—The Shan State (North) Special Region-1 (Kokang) Administrative Committee on 25 September issued a declaration on its stance over the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of the Shan State (North) Special Region-1 (Kokang) Administrative Committee

25 September 2006

1. Recently, according to foreign media, it was learnt that the US under the pretext of human rights and democracy submitted a proposal to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC accusing the country of infringing human rights, democracy and freedom. The US did so with the intention of imposing more economic and political sanctions against the country. We are deeply saddened by such a decision and we strongly protest against such act of the US and express our attitude towards it.

(a) The Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation, and it is in the process of transition to democracy. Progress has been made in all spheres in this regard.

(b) The government is implementing the seven-point Road Map. The country is making progress in political and economic sectors as well as in national consolidation and democratization.

(c) The imposing of sanctions against the country by the US is just an act of putting the former in chaos.

2. Therefore, we absolutely declare our stance as follows:

(a) We are opposed to any form of political oppression. We are in favour and support of new moves such as peace, democratization and national consolidation in the country.

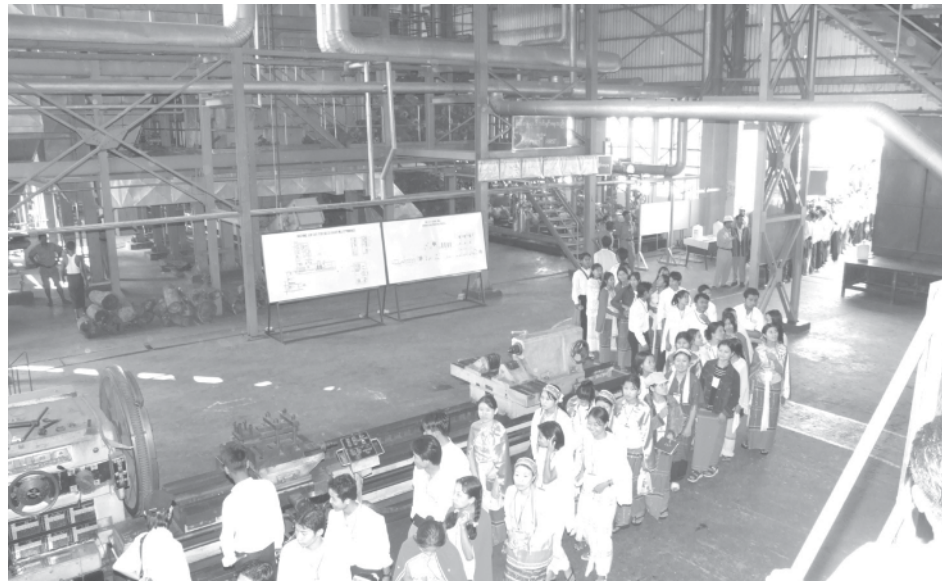
(b) We together with the government will march towards the national goal in line with Our Three Main National Causes. And we will do our bit in building a peaceful, modern, developed and democratic nation.

(c) We strongly condemn the US interference in the country's internal affairs, resorting to political oppression.

**U Phon Kya Shin
Chairman**

**Shan State (North) Special Region-1
(Kokang) Administrative Committee**

Artists, managers and national cultural troupes visit Nay Pyi Taw



Team managers, artists and national cultural troupes to 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions visit the sugar mill (Pyinmana).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — Contestants and managers from States and Divisions who participated in the 14th Myanmar traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and representatives of national cultural troupes

group from Kachin, Kayah and Chin States together with Chairman of subcommittee for holding the competitions, administration and welfare Pyinmana Station Commander Lt-Col Naing Aung and members and officials

visited Paunglaung Dam and hydel power station, No 2 Sugarcane Mill, Hotel Zone and Myoma market in Pyinmana and viewed environs of Nay Pyi Taw Airport and Kantkaw staff quarters in this morning.

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Fugitive from Yunnan Province handed over to Chinese authorities



Fugitive Bi Yougmei.—MNA

430.2kilos of narcotic drugs and paraphernalia on 18 September in Yunnan Province.

Upon interrogation, it is learnt that a woman identified as Bi Yougmei who was the prime suspect involved in both drug cases fled to Myanmar. Exchanging information, authorities of the two countries hand in hand

managed to arrest the woman fugitive at the house of U Li Hsan of Konbaung Village, Hopeik Village-tract, Lashio Township on 15 October.

Upon interrogation, it is learnt that she is Bi Yougmei (a) Hua Yougmay (a) Ti Yougmay born in a village of Yunnan Province on 23 July in 1979; that she got married with Xhan Xhi

Yan, a Chinese national, in 2004, and that she was involved in both drug cases.

A team led by Head of Muse District Police Force under Myanmar Police Major Sein Win handed over the fugitive to a team led by Head of Foreign Affairs Division Mr Yu Bin in Kunming on 25 October. — MNA



Fugitive Bi Yougmei being handed over to Head of Foreign Affairs Division Mr Yu Bin and party in Kunming.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—Police of Myanmar together with their counterparts of China arrested a drug fugitive on 25 October, and officials from Myanmar side handed over the fugitive to the Chinese officials.

Officials of the Yunnan Province Public Security Division of the People's Republic of China arrested three suspects together with 2,126.6kilos of Ephedrine on 30 August and 16 suspects together with

Most persons refuse to sign public signatures paper Almost all of signatures collected through tricks

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — A group led by in-charge of NLD-LsA (North) Mya Maung (a) Aung Kyaw Zaw launched a signature collection campaign in Shweli-Kyeigaung in China at the border with Myanmar beginning 10 October.

The group tricked merchants, traders, vagabonds and persons doing odd jobs into giving their signatures. But most of them refused to sign the paper. Only about ten persons who are members of the anti-government groups taking refuge in Shweli-Kyeigaung and vagrants signed the paper.

Johnny (a) Kyagyi of Myinpat ward, Pyawbwe, under order of Pyawbwe NLD Secretary U Aung Than Win went to a house in Shwepyi Yanaung ward on 25 October and asked the couple there to sign the paper. But the couple refused to give their signatures. So he visited a nearby house and deceived the housewife into signing the paper, without explaining the matter.

U Tun Shein of Ward-2, Pazundaung Township, Yangon, visited a local tea shop in the same ward on 21 October and tried to collect public signatures. But no one in the tea shop signed the paper.

They all looked at him as a bizarre person and jeered at him. — H

Clarification made on adoption of detailed basic principles for Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" for drafting the State Constitution

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General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Develop-

ment Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group, Nyeinchayay Myothit Group from Hpa-an

atives-elect, delegates of the National Races, Peasants, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, State Service Personnel, and Other Invited Per-

sons, signed attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall. First, NCCWC member Brig-Gen Mya Win read out the clarification on adoption of detailed basic principles for Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" for drafting the State Constitution made by the Chairman



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

ment Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited persons 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, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Bud-

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, representa-



Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

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sons, 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

menced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

First, NCCWC member Brig-Gen Mya Win read out the clarification on adoption of detailed basic principles for Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" for drafting the State Constitution made by the Chairman

of NCCWC.

Next, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarified matters on adoption of detailed basic principles for Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" for drafting the State Constitution. The Plenary

Session went into recess at 10 am.

(Presentation made by Brig-Gen Mya Win and clarification made by Chief Justice U Aung Toe will be reported.)

The Plenary Session continues at 9 am on 30 October.

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Woman human trafficker gets 12 years imprisonment

YANGON, 27 Oct — A 41-year old woman human trafficker was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment in Tachilek, Shan State (East) on 3 October.

Nang Aye Naw of Pahlyan ward 1 of Tachilek organized two young women of the same ward with false promise to find jobs for them at a restaurant in Maesai in Thailand.

According to investigation, Nang Aye Naw took the two young women to a border town in Malaysia via Bangkok, and sold them into prostitution there.

Tachilek District Court sentenced Nang Aye Naw, daughter of U Hsam Gwet, 12 years imprisonment under section 24 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects agricultural...

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New Goktwin Bridge is 190 feet long and it is a reinforced concrete structure. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

At the toll gate in Kyaukme, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with departmental officials and heard their reports. Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut gave a supplementary report.

On his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win instructed officials to extract bio-diesel from physic nut in coming rainy



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects construction of new Sint-in bridge.— MNA

season for contribution from 40 per cent to 60 per cent to fuel consumption of agricultural tasks.

So far, Kyaukme District had put 164,388 acres of paddy exceeding the target of 164,375 in 2006-07. The plan is under

way to grow 5,200 acres of summer paddy.

At new Kyinthei Creek Bridge Construction Project site, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on progress of the project. After giving instructions, he inspected maintenance

of the old Kyinthei Creek Bridge.

New Kyinthei Bridge will be a reinforced concrete one, and it will be 210 feet long. The bridge will withstand 60-ton loads. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win also inspected 470-

foot Hsipaw Bridge. The commander submitted reports on arrangements for construction of the new bridge and maintenance of the current bridge.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win looked into construction of Sint-in Bridge near Sint-in Village. Sint-in Bridge

will be 296 feet long and its motorway is 28 feet wide. It can withstand 60 tons, and the pedestrian way on either side will be three feet wide.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected agricultural tasks on 1,000 acres of highland in Lashio Station. — MNA

Jade auction attracts over 3,200 merchants



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint views the sale of jade lots at MCC.

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YANGON, 27 Oct — Jade auction of the Mid-Year Myanma Gems, Jade and Pearl Emporium for 2006 continued today at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhama Road, Mayangon Township, here as the fifth day and 36 jade lots were

sold this morning.

The mid-year auction organized by Myanmar Gems Enterprise attracted 3,220 merchants at home and abroad and continued this evening, and 51 jade lots were sold through tender system yesterday.

Patron of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint visited the auction today and greeted merchants. The auction will continue tomorrow at the same venue. — MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Czech counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexandr Vondra, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic which falls on 28 October, 2006. — MNA

Rare and unique jade boulder to be sold through offer price at Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium

YANGON, 27 Oct — The Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium has been held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhama Road, Mayangon Township, here since 19 October drawing hordes of local as well as foreign merchants. It has been arranged at the Emporium to sell a rare and unique jade boulder through offer price.

The jade was mined from Hmawsisarhmaw Block-330 in Lonekhin Phakant gem land undertaken by Tun Yadana Seinn Co. It measures 44 inches by 24 inches by 52 inches and it is triangle shaped. It weighs 1,188 kilograms and three fifths of the upper part of the boulder

A rare and unique jade boulder to be sold through offer price.
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was partially cut to show its fine quality.

Jade merchants visiting the Emporium said it would be difficult to find such a fine quality jade boulder for many years to come and they had never seen such a jade

boulder either.

This jade boulder is the showcase of Myanmar blessed with valuable natural resources and a significance of the Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium, it is learnt.

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Ceremony to mark 100th issue of Good Health Journal held

YANGON, 27 Oct — A ceremony to mark the 100th issue of Good Health Journal took place at Parkroyal Hotel this evening, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalist Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairman U Than Maung (Than Maung) and the

officials, the Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association and members, Consultant editor Dr Tin Tun Oo, Editor-in-Chief Dr Khin Moe Moe and editorial staff of the Journal and guests.

Firstly, the consultant editor explained purposes of

holding the ceremony.

Next, Dr Tin Tun Oo and wife Dr Khin Moe Moe presented K 400,000 for MWJA, MMA and Committee for construction of Saya Zawgyi bronze statue to responsible persons After the ceremony, those present were served with dinner. — MNA

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 6. (a) The Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw concerned may convene special session or emergency session of Region or State Hluttaws if necessary.
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 8. (a) Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting in the Region or State Hluttaw shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.
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 9. If for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of the Region or State Hluttaw is, without permission of the Hluttaw, absent from a session of the Region or State Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw can declare the seat of the member vacant in accord with prescribed rules. 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.
 10. Even if there are vacant seats, the Region or State Hluttaw shall have the right to carry out its tasks. 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.
 11. The functions and records of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be published for public information. But, the functions and records restricted by a law or decisions of the Region or State Hluttaw shall not be published.
 12. The Region or State Hluttaw has the power to make laws for the whole or any part of the Region or State concerning the matters stated in the Region or State Legislative List.
 13. (a) When the Region or State Hluttaw enacts a law, it may —
 - (1) entrust the right to issue rules, regulations and bye-laws related to the law to a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution.
 - (2) entrust the power to issue notifications, orders, directives and procedures related to the law to the organization or authority concerned.
 - (b) The rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures issued with the right vested by a law shall be consonant with the provisions contained in the Constitution and the law concerned.
 - (c) After issuing a rule, regulation or bye-law enacted under the law by the Region or State Hluttaw, the organization concerned shall circulate the rules, regulation or bye-law to Hluttaw members during the nearest regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw with the arrangements permitted by the Hluttaw Speaker.
 - (d) If a rule, regulation or bye-law is found not consonant with the provisions of the law concerned, Region or State Hluttaw members can submit a proposal to annul or amend the rules, regulation or bye-law to the Region or State Hluttaw within 90 days from the date they are circulated.
- (e) If a decision is made by the Region or State Hluttaw to annul or amend a rule, regulation or bye-law, the decision shall not affect the matters implemented under the rules, regulation or bye-law.
14. (a) Matters that require decision, assent and approval of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be implemented as follows:
 - (1) If the Region or State Hluttaw is in session, the matter shall be decided at that session.
 - (2) If the Region or State Hluttaw is not in session, the discussions and decisions on the matter shall be made at the nearest Region or State Hluttaw session.
 - (3) A special session or an emergency session shall be convened to discuss and decide the matters which need prompt action for public interest.
 15. (a) Of the matters included in the Region or State Legislative List, the Region or State level organizations formed under the Constitution have the right to submit bills on matters implemented under their managements to the Region or State Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed provisions.
 - (b) Bills on Region or State plans, annual budgets and taxation which are to be submitted exclusively by the Region or State Government shall be submitted to the Region or State Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed provisions.
 16. Of the matters included in the Region or State Legislative List, except those prescribed under the Constitution to be submitted exclusively as bills by the Region or State Government, the Region or State Hluttaw members have the right to submit bills on the remaining matters in accord with the prescribed provisions.
 17. The Region or State Hluttaw shall make a decision when the Region or State Government submits Region or State budget in accord with the prescribed provisions.
 18. (a) The Region or State Chief Minister shall—
 - (1) sign the bill approved by the Region or State Hluttaw and promulgate it into a law, within seven days after receiving it.
 - (2) sign the bill approved by the Self-Administered Region leading body and promulgate it into a law, within 14 days after receiving it.
 - (b) If the Region or State Chief Minister does not sign the bill and promulgate it into a law within the fixed time, the bill shall come into force in like manner as if he had signed it on the last date of the fixed time.
 - (c) The bills signed by the Region or State Chief Minister and bills which have come into force in like manner as if they were signed by him, shall be promulgated in the official Gazette. The laws shall come into force on the date of such promulgation unless the contrary intention is expressed.
 19. (a) Of the members of an organization representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution, the organization members who are not members of the Region or State Hluttaw shall have the right of discussing and voting concerning bills or matters related to the organization concerned in the Hluttaw sessions.

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- (b) Of the members of an organization representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution, those members who are not Region or State Hluttaw members while attending the session with the permission of the Hluttaw Speaker shall have the right of discussing concerning bills or matters related to the organization concerned.
20. The Speaker of Region or State Hluttaw shall:
- (a) supervise Region or State Hluttaw sessions.
- (b) invite the Union President if he informs him of his desire to address the Region or State Hluttaw session.
- (c) make necessary arrangements when the Region or State Chief Minister informs him of his desire to deliver an address.
- (d) have the right, if necessary, to invite members or persons of an organization representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution to the Region or State Hluttaw session to make clarification as regards matters under discussion.
- (e) perform other duties and responsibilities entrusted by the Constitution or a law.
21. (a) Subject to the provisions stated in the Constitution or in the Region or State Hluttaw Law, members of the Region or State Hluttaw have freedom of speech and voting at the Region or State Hluttaw committee and organization. Concerning the discussions and functions, a Region or State Hluttaw member shall be privileged except under the Region or State Hluttaw Law.
- (b) Subject to the provisions stated in the Constitution or in the Region or State Hluttaw Law, members or persons representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution who are permitted or invited to attend a Region or State Hluttaw session have freedom of speech at the Region or State Hluttaw or Region or State Hluttaw committees and bodies. Concerning such discussions, they shall be privileged except under the Region or State Hluttaw Law.
- (c) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) in accord with the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges.
22. (a) If there arises a need to arrest a Region or State Hluttaw member attending a Region or State Hluttaw session or a person attending the Hluttaw session with the permission or at the invitation of the Hluttaw Speaker, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Hluttaw Speaker. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Hluttaw Speaker.
- (b) If there arises a need to arrest a member of a committee or a body formed by the Region or State Hluttaw attending a session of the committee or body, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the committee or body concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Hluttaw Speaker.
- (c) If there arises a need to arrest a member of the Region or State Hluttaw while the

Hluttaw or the committee or the body formed by the Hluttaw is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Region or State Hluttaw Speaker.

23. The reports, documents and records published by the Region or State Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged.

The National Unity Party presented a separate suggestion, saying, a detailed basic principles states, "If for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of the Region or State Hluttaw is, without permission of the Hluttaw, absent from a session of the Region or State Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw may declare the seat of the Region or State Hluttaw member vacant in accord with prescribed provisions."

As the Hluttaw members are the residents of respective Regions and States, transport and communication are easier for them if compared with the members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw. So, the period of 15 consecutive days is appropriate for this matter.

But the declaration of the seat of the Region or State Hluttaw member vacant in accord with prescribed provisions should be made only if it has been ascertained that the cause is due to the member himself.

As regards the suggestion, necessary measures will be taken in accord with the prescribed provisions, if for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of the Region or State Hluttaw is, without permission of the Hluttaw, absent from a session of the Region or State Hluttaw. The expression "necessary measures will be taken in accord with the prescribed provisions" means the case will be systematically handled. The said prescribed provisions will be included in the laws and rules of the Hluttaw concerned when they are enacted.

The NUP also made another suggestion, saying, The party finds that the detailed basic principle, which says that if the rules, regulations and bye-laws are found not consonant with the provisions of the law concerned, a proposal can be submitted to annul or amend the rules, regulations and bye-laws is comprehensive and in harmony with the procedures of the central level Hluttaws.

As there are differences in legal essence, the matters that are to be annulled or amended should be scrutinized to ascertain whether errors are made inadvertently or not, and a study should be conducted to measure the extent of the adverse effects caused by the mistake.

It has already been explained the matter in connection with the suggestion in the clarification in connection with the legislation of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Rules, regulations or bye-laws require annulments or amendments not because of mistakes only, but because of the time and situation also. Anyhow, the legal expression "the decision shall be without prejudice, however, to the validity of any action previously taken under the rules, regulations or bye-laws" is for the validity of any action previously taken under the rules before making any annuls or amendments.

Points contained in the matters that require decision, assent and approval of Region or State Hluttaw and the submission of bills by the Region or State level organizations formed under the Constitution are appropriate.

According to the point "The Region or State Hluttaw shall make a decision when the Region or State Government submits Region or State budget in accord with the prescribed provisions" it seems that the Region or State Hluttaw can make decisions without holding any discussions or coordination.

In addition, it is said the submission of annual budgets and revenues shall be discussed and decided in

accord with the procedures. The annual budget is important for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as well as the Region or State Hluttaw.

Thus, thorough discussion and coordination should be made. Hence, it is suggested to add the words "hold discussions" in the said point as follows:

"The Region or State Hluttaw shall hold discussions and make a decision when the Region or State Government submits Region or State budget in accord with the prescribed provisions"

As regards the suggestion, the paragraph 15 (b) of the legislation of the Region or State Hluttaw states, "Bills on Region or State plans, annual budgets and taxation which are to be submitted exclusively by the Region or State Government shall be submitted to the Region or State Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed provisions." As the paragraph 17 states, "The Region or State Hluttaw shall make a decision when the Region or State Government submits Region or State budget in accord with the prescribed provisions", the addition of the words "hold discussions" is not necessary.

The party also said, the functions of the Chief Minister cover the task to make contacts with the Region or State Hluttaw concerned. The President in signing and issuing bills passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has the right to send his comments on the bills.

The President is the Head of State. The Chief Minister can be presumed the head of the Region or State concerned. Although the Head of State or the Chief Ministers send back the bills with amendments, it is only the Hluttaw that has the power to make final decisions whether to make amendments or not. In our opinion, it will be in the interest of the nation and the Region or State if the Head of State or the Chief Minister makes amendments due to significant occurrence in the short period of time. Hence, the Chief Minister should have the right to send their opinions and hold discussions on the bills passed by the Region or State Hluttaw.

Concerning the suggestion, it is to be clarified that according to the adopted basic principles, the President is the Head of State, the highest official position in the entire nation. Hence, it is stated in a detailed basic principle that the President have the right to send his comments about the bills passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. An adopted detailed basic principle on sharing of the Executive Power states, "The President shall sign the laws passed and enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after taking action according to the provisions of the Constitution. Such signed laws shall be promulgated in the official Gazette." There is a harmony between the detailed basic principles.

According to the adopted basic principles, the level of a Chief Minister is designated equivalent to that of a Union Minister. Although he is the Head of the Region or State, he should not be entrusted with the powers that are the same level of a president. According to the 1947 Constitution, any of the State Councils after passing a bill had to submit it to the President for signature and issuance. The State Council Chairmen had no right to sign and issue a bill.

In our view, it is appropriate that members of the Region or State Hluttaw have freedom of speech and voting at the Region or State Hluttaw as well as at Region or State Hluttaw committee and body. But suggestions are made concerning the action taken against the members of physical assaults.

It is required to amend the subparagraph (c) of the paragraph 21 as "Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) in accord with the existing laws and the rules and regulations of the Region or State Hluttaw if they make physical assaults in enjoying the privileges."

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The Work Committee Chairman's explanation says, "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". However, the National Unity Party suggested that the phrase "rules and regulations and procedures of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw" should be added to the paragraph. This suggestion is in conformity with the already-laid down principle conveying clear meaning. In this 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 stances of the delegate groups to the Work Committee. Regarding the rights to participate in discussions at Hluttaw sessions of the Region or State Hluttaw, many delegate groups suggested that "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 Region or State Hluttaw and the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges" should be added as sub-paragraph (C) of paragraph (20).

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

In response to the suggestion, sub-paragraph (A) of paragraph (8) of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw the Work Committee Chairman explained means the regulation to be abided by, regarding matters on decisions to be made at Hluttaws by a majority of votes of the members present'. "The right to stay neutral if he does not wish to cast a vote" is, indeed, the right that has been already empowered to a Hluttaw member each. So, it is no need to state the matter separately as a detailed basic principle.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia said, "The paragraph (8) mentions that a matter is to be determined by a majority of votes of the members present if there needs to make a decision at Hluttaw sessions, and the person serving as the Hluttaw Speaker shall not vote in the first instance, but shall exercise a casting vote in the matters of an equality of votes. In the clarification, the vote the Speaker has to cast is mentioned "casting vote". The term "casting vote" is correct in meaning, but in essence, it means it is in favour of one side, whereas in favour against the other side. So, we think the term "decisive vote" is more suitable than the term "casting vote". It is preferable to use the term "decisive vote" to the term "casting vote". If so, the meaning of the term is more significant and clear, and that will enhance the role and prestige of the Speakers and chairmen.

My explanation means that in the matters of an equality of votes at a session, when the person serving as the Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw casts vote, one side wins over the other side. So, it is called "casting vote".

It is used so to enhance the meaning. The term

"casting vote" is also used in the 1947 constitution as well as in the constitutions of some countries. 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. It has been already explained that in my clarification regarding the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The delegate group said, "Among the detailed basic principles, paragraph 9 mentions declaring the seat of a Hluttaw member vacant if he is absent for a period of 15 consecutive days without permission of the Hluttaw concerned at sessions, and computing the period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the session is adjourned. Paragraph 10 mentions for ensuring that the session shall not be annulled, even if the acts of a person who is not entitled sat or voted or took part in the proceedings are discovered later. Here, regarding the point stated in paragraph 10, we would like to suggest that "a person who is not entitled" may be a person or a group of persons. So, it would be more appropriate if it is "a person or persons".

To respond to the suggestion, the phrase "a person who is not entitled" mentioned in the explanation of the Work Committee Chairman is used in drafting the Constitutions. The phrase "a person who is not entitled" is mentioned in the explanation of the Work Committee Chairman, as used in drafting the Constitutions. According to the 1973 Interpretations of Expressions Law, 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.

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

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".

"We think 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. So, systematic measures should be taken to scrutinize Hluttaw members".

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:

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- (b) **The first regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be convened within 15 days after the commencement of the term of the Hluttaw.**
2. (a) **The State Peace and Development Council shall convene the first regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw after the Constitution comes into force.**
- (b) **The Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accord with the provisions of the Constitution shall convene the first regular session for the next terms of the Region or State Hluttaw.**
3. (a) **Members of the Region or State Hluttaw shall take oaths before the chairman of the Region or State Hluttaw at the first regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw.**
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 - (d) **Submitting, discussing and making decision on a bill;**
 - (e) **Discussing and deciding the matters the Region or State Hluttaw shall implement in accord with the provisions of the Constitution and any of the existing laws;**
 - (f) **Discussing, deciding and recording the reports presented to the Region or State Hluttaw;**
 - (g) **Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions;**
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 - (i) **Implementing matters permitted by the Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw;**
6. (a) **The Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw concerned may convene special session or emergency session of Region or State Hluttaws if necessary.**
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- (b) The sessions that are held under sub-paragraph (a) 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 Hluttaw members, who have the right to attend a session of the Region or State Hluttaw are present.
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9. If for a period of 15 consecutive days a member of the Region or State Hluttaw is, without permission of the Hluttaw, absent from a session of the Region or State Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw can declare the seat of the member vacant in accord with prescribed rules. 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.
10. Even if there are vacant seats, the Region or State Hluttaw shall have the right to carry out its tasks. Moreover, the session shall not be annulled, even if the acts of some person who was not entitled to do so at or voted or took part in the proceedings are discovered later.
11. The functions and records of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be published for public information. But, the functions and records restricted by a law or decisions of the Region or State Hluttaw shall not be published.
12. The Region or State Hluttaw has the power to make laws for the whole or any part of the Region or State concerning the matters stated in the Region or State Legislative List.
13. (a) When the Region or State Hluttaw enacts a law, it may —
- (1) entrust the right to issue rules, regulations and bye-laws related to the law to a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution.
 - (2) entrust the power to issue notifications, orders, directives and procedures related to the law to the organization or authority concerned.
- (b) The rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures issued with the right vested by a law shall be consonant with the provisions contained in the Constitution and the law concerned.
- (c) After issuing a rule, regulation or bye-law enacted under the law by the Region or State Hluttaw, the organization concerned shall circulate the rules, regulation or bye-law to Hluttaw members during the nearest regular session of the Region or State Hluttaw with the arrangements permitted by the Hluttaw Speaker.
- (d) If a rule, regulation or bye-law is found not consonant with the provisions of the law concerned, Region or State Hluttaw members can submit a proposal to annul or amend the rules, regulation or bye-law to the Region or State Hluttaw within 90 days from the date they are circulated.
- (e) If a decision is made by the Region or State Hluttaw to annul or amend a rule, regulation or bye-law, the decision shall not affect the matters implemented under the rules, regulation or bye-law.
14. (a) Matters that require decision, assent and approval of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be implemented as follows:
- (1) If the Region or State Hluttaw is in session, the matter shall be decided at that session.
 - (2) If the Region or State Hluttaw is not in session, the discussions and decisions on the matter shall be made at the nearest Region or State Hluttaw session.
 - (3) A special session or an emergency session shall be convened to discuss and decide the matters which need prompt action for public interest.
15. (a) Of the matters included in the Region or State Legislative List, the Region or State level organizations formed under the Constitution have the right to submit bills on matters implemented under their managements to the Region or State Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed provisions.
- (b) Bills on Region or State plans, annual budgets and taxation which are to be submitted exclusively by the Region or State Government shall be submitted to the Region or State Hluttaw in accord with the prescribed provisions.
16. Of the matters included in the Region or State Legislative List, except those prescribed under the Constitution to be submitted exclusively as bills by the Region or State Government, the Region or State Hluttaw members have the right to submit bills on the remaining matters in accord with the prescribed provisions.
17. The Region or State Hluttaw shall make a decision when the Region or State Government submits Region or State budget in accord with the prescribed provisions.
18. (a) The Region or State Chief Minister shall—
- (1) sign the bill approved by the Region or State Hluttaw and promulgate it into a law, within seven days after receiving it.
 - (2) sign the bill approved by the Self-Administered Region leading body and promulgate it into a law, within 14 days after receiving it.
- (b) If the Region or State Chief Minister does not sign the bill and promulgate it into a law within the fixed time, the bill shall come into force in like manner as if he had signed it on the last date of the fixed time.
- (c) The bills signed by the Region or State Chief Minister and bills which have come into force in like manner as if they were signed by him, shall be promulgated in the official Gazette. The laws shall come into force on the date of such promulgation unless the contrary intention is expressed.
19. (a) Of the members of an organization representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution, the organization members who are not members of the Region or State Hluttaw shall have the right of discussing and voting concerning bills or matters related to the organization concerned in the Hluttaw sessions.
- (b) Of the members of an organization representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution, those members who are not Region or State Hluttaw members while attending the session with the permission of the Hluttaw Speaker shall have the right of discussing concerning bills or matters related to the organization concerned.
20. The Speaker of Region or State Hluttaw shall:
- (a) supervise Region or State Hluttaw sessions.
 - (b) invite the Union President if he informs him of his desire to address the Region or State Hluttaw session.
 - (c) make necessary arrangements when the Region or State Chief Minister informs him of his desire to deliver an address.
 - (d) have the right, if necessary, to invite members or persons of an organization representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution to the Region or State Hluttaw session to make clarification as regards matters under discussion.
 - (e) perform other duties and responsibilities entrusted by the Constitution or a law.
21. (a) Subject to the provisions stated in the Constitution or in the Region or State Hluttaw Law, members of the Region or State Hluttaw have freedom of speech and voting at the Region or State Hluttaw as well as at Region or State Hluttaw committee and organization. Concerning the discussions and functions, a Region or State Hluttaw member shall be privileged except under the Region or State Hluttaw Law.
- (b) Subject to the provisions stated in the Constitution or in the Region or State Hluttaw Law, members or persons representing a Region or State level organization formed under the Constitution who are permitted or invited to attend a Region or State Hluttaw session have freedom of speech at the Region or State Hluttaw or Region or State Hluttaw committees and bodies. Concerning such discussions, they shall be privileged except under the Region or State Hluttaw Law.
- (c) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) in accord with the rules and regulations and procedures of the Region or State Hluttaw and existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges.
22. (a) If there arises a need to arrest a Region or State Hluttaw member attending a Region or State Hluttaw session or a person attending the Hluttaw session with the permission or at the invitation of the Hluttaw Speaker, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Hluttaw Speaker. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Hluttaw Speaker.
- (b) If there arises a need to arrest a member of a committee or a body formed by the Region or State Hluttaw attending a session of the committee or body, the reliable evidence shall be submitted to the Hluttaw Speaker through the head of the committee or body concerned. He shall not be arrested without prior approval of the Hluttaw Speaker.
- (c) If there arises a need to arrest a member of the Region or State Hluttaw while the Hluttaw or the committee or the body formed by the Hluttaw is not in session, reliable evidence in support of such arrest shall promptly be submitted to the Region or State Hluttaw Speaker.
23. The reports, documents and records published by the Region or State Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged.

are adopted as detailed basic principles for the legislative functions of the Region or State Hluttaw.

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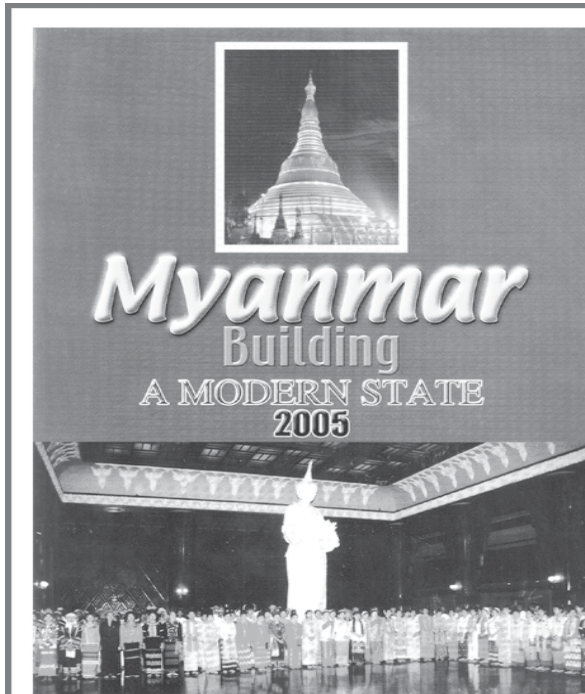
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**Colliery explosion
leaves 11 dead in
N-W China**

CHANGCHUN, 27 Oct— Eleven miners were killed in gas blast that occurred in a coal mine in northeast China's Jilin Province early Thursday morning, rescuers confirmed.

The blast occurred at 2:16 am in Xinyu Coal Mine in Baishan City's Jianguyuan District, trapping 11 miners who were working underground.

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**Six killed in
Madagascar air
crash**

ANTANANARIVO, 26 Oct— Six people died when their light plane crashed shortly after takeoff in the southwest of Madagascar, the Transport Minister said on Wednesday.

Both Mada-gascan pilots and all four foreign passengers, whose nationalities were not known, died, he said.

"A small plane belonging to a private airline, la Societe de Transport Aerien, crashed at about 4.15 am in Toliara... killing 6 people," Roland Randriamampionona, Minister of Transport and Public Works, said on national radio.

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Grapefruit-sized stone removed from Israeli woman

JERUSALEM, 26 Oct— Israeli doctors have removed a grapefruit-sized stone from the bladder of an Israeli woman after she left it untreated for years, possibly breaking world records.

The stone, removed in its entirety, had a diameter of 13 centimetres (5.1 inches) and weighed almost one kilogramme (2.2 pounds), doctors who treated the 48-year-old woman at the Western Galilee Hospital in northern Israel said.

“When I saw the stone, I was stunned,” patient Moneera Khalil said in a statement released by the hospital. “I could not believe such a thing was inside my body. I am happy everything ended well and that the pain is gone.”

The *Guinness Book of World Records* lists a bladder stone weighing 260 grammes (0.6 pound) with a diameter of eleven centimetres (2.75 inches), taken from a man in Yemen in 1998, as the largest ever removed.

Haim Farhadian, the physician who removed Khalil’s stone, said the woman had been hospitalized three years ago after suffering similar

pains but had refused treatment.

Dehydration can often cause dissolved minerals in a person’s urine to form masses inside their kidneys, ureters or bladder. Such “stones” causes abdominal pain by obstructing urine flow.

The stones usually do not grow beyond two inches and are often passed naturally.

MNA/Reuters



The grand Longmen Grottoes, built in the Northern Wei Dynasty (386-534), have attracted many domestic and foreign tourists in recent years. —INTERNET



The photo taken on 25 Oct, 2006 shows the sculptures of Antony Gormley’s “Another Place” in Liverpool. —XINHUA

Survey shows British voters want troops home by year-end

LONDON, 26 Oct— A majority of British voters want their troops pulled out of Iraq by the end of this year, according to a *Guardian/ICM* poll published on Tuesday.

A total of 61 per cent of voters say they want British troops to leave this year, even if they have

not completed their mission and the United States wants them to stay, whereas 30 per cent support Tony Blair’s commitment to keeping troops in Iraq as long as necessary.

Some 45 per cent of the 1,000 interviewed want British soldiers out of Iraq immediately and a further 16 per cent want them to leave by the end of the year.

The findings came amid a call on Monday by visiting Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih urging Britain and the United States not to “cut and run... and leave the Iraqis to face these difficult challenges on our own”.

MNA/Xinhua

China becomes world’s biggest producer, consumer of fertilizer

BEIJING, 26 Oct— China has become the world largest producer and consumer of fertilizer, said the China Agricultural Production Means Circulation Association on Tuesday.

China produces about one third of the world fertilizer every year and consumes about 35 per cent, said the association.

China uses 67 per cent of its fertilizers on grain crops and nearly 50 per cent of its grain produce comes from the use of fertilizers.

China is also a big importer and exporter of fertilizers. Statistics show that, in the January-September period, the country imported 7.71 million tons of fertilizer

and exported 3.44 million tons.

Imports are expected to reach 12.5 million tons for the whole year and exports 4.5 million tons.

China produced 11.25 million tons of phosphate fertilizer last year and consumed 11.67 million tons, ranking first in the world on both counts.

MNA/Xinhua

2,300-year-old tombs discovered in central China

LUOYANG, 26 Oct— While Greek sculptors made the legendary Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the world’s Seven Wonders, in Turkey over 2,300 years ago, Chinese kings and aristocrats were building hundreds of tombs in this ancient capital of the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770-256 BC).

Up to 397 tombs and 18 sacrificial pits for horses and horse-drawn vehicles of the time have been found lying within a mere 6,000-square-mile area in Luoyang City in central China’s Henan Province. Historians believe the mausoleum was destroyed as early as the 11th century.

Archaeologists found the tombs at a construction site in the central square in the downtown city.

The site is referred to as graveyards for noble families of the period in local records.

A sacrificial horse pit,

believed to be the largest of its kind discovered so far in Luoyang, is under excavation with experts on hand eager to unravel its secrets. Horses and vehicles used to be buried alongside human bodies to indicate the dead person’s status in ancient China. — MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe’s power giant gets \$3.1 m for spare parts

HARARE, 26 Oct— The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has advanced 3.1 million US dollars to Hwange Power Station (HPS), the country’s biggest power plant, for the procurement of critical spare parts required for refurbishment of six generators at the plant, *The Herald* reported on Tuesday.

The funds released are part of the 30-million-dollar package that the central bank approved for the major overhaul of the plant, the newspaper said.

The station’s Managing Director Norbert Matarutse confirmed that they had received the money and refurbishment of the plant was expected to begin next April. Dilapidated equipment and shortage of critical spare parts have been the major reasons of breakdowns. Although the generators were repaired, the plant is still operating way below the capacity.

MNA/Xinhua



A model wears a pair of Luminette glasses in Brussels on 25 Oct, 2006.

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SPORTS

Real confident on Beckham deal despite departure rumours

MADRID, 27 Oct — Real Madrid president Ramon Calderon remains confident that David Beckham will sign a contract renewal with the club despite reports the former England captain may leave the Primera Liga side.

"I believe that Beckham will stay, I'm almost certain and I form part of the agreement," Calderon told reporters when presenting an agreement between the club and the Spanish Olympic Committee (COE) to foster Olympic ideals on Thursday.

"It's normal that these things (rumours about Beckham's departure) happen. I believe David is happy at Real Madrid and we are happy with him and so it would be normal for us to continue together.

"We are a well-matched marriage, just like that between Real Madrid and the Spanish Olympic Committee."

MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Gabriel Paletta scores against Reading during the English League Cup third round soccer match at Anfield stadium, Liverpool, England, on 25 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Barcelona coach Rijkaard praises Gudjohnsen's Cup double

MADRID, 27 Oct — Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard is delighted that striker Eidur Gudjohnsen rediscovered his scoring touch with a double in his side's 2-1 victory over Third Division Badalona in the King's Cup on Wednesday.

The former Chelsea striker, who has been covering for the injured Samuel Eto'o in the starting line-up, has come under fire for his failure to convert his chances particularly in last week's 2-0 defeat at Real Madrid.

"I'm really pleased for him," Rijkaard said after the first leg match in Badalona.

"It's important for strikers to get on the scoresheet."

Skipper Carles Puyol echoed Rijkaard's comments about the Iceland in-

ternational whose goals provided the only bright spots in an otherwise forgettable performance.

"We have always had confidence in him," said the defender.

"He is a great player and the important thing is

that he creates chances because with the quality he has got the goals will come."

Gudjohnsen has scored two goals in the league and two in the Cup, but has yet to get off the mark in Europe.

MNA/Reuters



Marseille's forward Franck Ribery (L) challenges Saint-Etienne's defense during their French League Cup clash in St Etienne. Marseille lost 4-1.—INTERNET



Bayern Munich's player Bastian Schweinsteiger, left, and Kaiserslautern's Balasz Borbely, from Slovakia, center, challenge for the ball during the German Soccer Cup (DFB-Pokal) match between first division FC Bayern Munich and second division team 1. FC Kaiserslautern at the Allianz Arena in Munich, southern Germany, on 25 Oct, 2006. Munich won the match 1-0.—INTERNET

Bayern sneak through on night of more Cup surprises

BERLIN, 26 Oct — Holders Bayern Munich beat Kaiserslautern 1-0 to sneak into the German Cup third round on Wednesday but there was no such luck for Bayer Leverkusen and Borussia Moenchengladbach on a night of scandal and surprises.

Bayern midfielder Andreas Ottl headed the only goal in the 49th minute of a dreadful match in front of 50,000 people at the Allianz Arena.

There was much more drama in the game between Stuttgarter Kickers and Hertha Berlin, however.

The referee abandoned the match in the 86th minute, with Hertha leading 2-0, when a linesman was hit on the head by something thrown from the stands.

Moenchengladbach lost 2-1 at amateur club VfL Osnabrueck after Congolese striker Addy-Waku Menga got both goals for the home side, who play in the regional Third

Division.

Leverkusen, who at the weekend became the first team this season to be beaten by Hamburg SV, lost 3-2 at MSV Duisburg after extra time.

Duisburg, relegated from the Bundesliga last season, were the better team throughout and clinched victory when Mohamadou Idrissou set up substitute Klemen Lavric for the winner in the 113th minute.

Bundesliga co-leaders Schalke 04 went out after losing 4-2 in extra time against Second Division Cologne in the other big second round upset on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Queen forced to cancel opening Arsenal Stadium

LONDON, 27 Oct — Britain's Queen Elizabeth cancelled plans to open Arsenal's new Emirates Stadium on Thursday because of a strained muscle in her back.

Ken Friar, the long-time Arsenal club secretary and a driving force behind the development of the 60,000 all-seater stadium, confirmed that she had pulled out. "The Queen has injured her back and can't be with us," he said ahead of the opening of the stadium in north London.

A spokeswoman at Buckingham Palace said "there is no cause for concern" for the 80-year-old

monarch, who has just returned from a three-country trip to the Baltic states.

The Queen had been scheduled to meet Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and captain Thierry Henry on a tour of the ground.

Prince Philip later officially opened the 390-mil-

lion-pound (734.9-million-US-dollar) stadium in north London where he was introduced to the Arsenal squad by France striker Henry.

Buckingham Palace said the Queen had sustained the back injury while staying at her Balmoral

country residence. "It has not improved during a busy two weeks of engagements," the spokeswoman added. "Doctors advised Her Majesty to reduce her workload today and will review her progress on a daily basis," she added.

Arsenal began playing at the new stadium in July with an opening match against Ajax Amsterdam after leaving their former home at Highbury at the end of last season.

They had moved there in 1913 after beginning life in south London. The club was formed by workers at the Royal Arsenal in 1886 and after initially using the name Dial Square taken from one of the workshops there, were then known as Royal Arsenal from 1886 to 1891.—MNA/Reuters



China forward Chen Tao (C) shoots against Japan goalkeeper Shusaku Nishikawa (R) and defender Masahiko Inoha during their Under-21 international friendly soccer match in Tokyo, on 25 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Hertha awarded win after German Cup abandonment

BERLIN, 27 Oct — Hertha Berlin have been awarded a win over Stuttgarter Kickers following the abandonment of their German Cup tie, the national soccer association (DFB) said on Thursday.

A DFB sports tribunal handed Hertha a 2-0 victory over their Third Division opponents after linesman Kai Voss was knocked out on Wednesday by a beer-filled plastic cup thrown from the Stuttgarter fan area in the 81st minute. Referee Michael Weiner, who had earlier sent off a player from each side, ended the second-round match nine minutes early with the Bundesliga team 2-0 up.—MNA/Reuters



Shahar Peer of Israel returns the ball to Nadia Petrova of Russia during their Generali Linz second round tennis match in Linz, on 25 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

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

အသက်(၁၈)နှစ်ပြည့် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား လျှောက်ထားရာတွင် ပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ

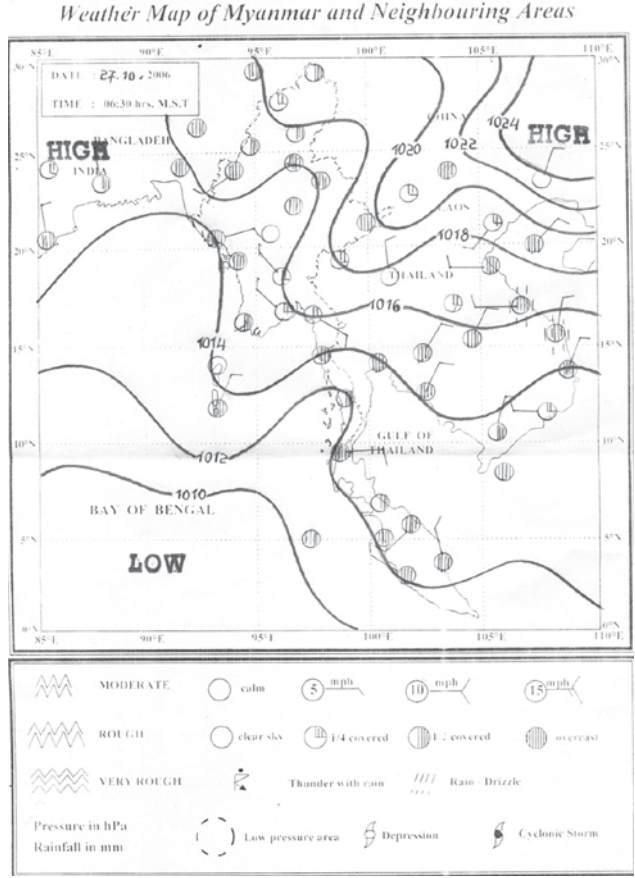
- ၁။ ကာယကံရှင်ကိုယ်တိုင်လာရောက်လျှောက်ထားရမည်။
- ၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူအမည်စာရင်းပါ အိမ်ထောင်စုလူဦးရေစာရင်း အိမ်လက်ခံမူရင်းနှင့် မိတ္တူ(၁)စောင်စီ။
- ၃။ အသက်(၁၈)နှစ်ပြည့် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား ထုတ်ပေးရန်လျှောက်လွှာနှင့် ရုပ်ကွက်အတွင်း နေထိုင်ကြောင်း သက်ဆိုင်ရာ (ရယက) ထောက်ခံချက်မူရင်း ပါရမည်။
- ၄။ မိဘနှစ်ပါး၏ နိုင်ငံသား/အမျိုးသားမှတ်ပုံတင်လက်မှတ် မူရင်းနှင့်မိတ္တူ (၁)စောင်။
- ၅။ မွေးစာရင်း (သို့မဟုတ်) ကျောင်းထောက်ခံချက် မူရင်းနှင့်မိတ္တူ ပါရမည်။
- ၆။ သွေးစစ်ချက်။
- ၇။ တစ်လက်မ X တစ်လက်မ အရွယ် ဓာတ်ပုံ(၄)ပုံ (မျက်မှန်မပါ) မှတ်ချက်။ ။ နိုင်ငံသားအရည်အချင်း ပြည့်မီသူမှန်လျှင် လျှောက်ထားသည့်ရက်မှ ၂၈ ရက်အတွင်း နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား မရရှိပါက ညွှန်ချုပ်၊ လဝက၊ နေပြည်တော်သို့ စာဖြင့်ရေးသား တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

California fire kills 4 firefighters

LOS ANGELES, 27 Oct — Four firefighters were killed and one injured Thursday in Southern California as they were battling a fast-moving wildfire in the Riverside Country, about 150 kilometres east of Los Angeles, officials said.

More than 700 fire fighters have been fighting the blaze, which was firstly reported at 1:12 am local time and turned out of control with the help of dry wood, high temperatures and strong winds, destroying homes and forcing hundreds of residents to flee. No cause was known, but officials said the fire was suspicious and the deaths would be investigated as homicides.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 27 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-shower have been scattered in Chin State and Mandalay Division, isolated in Shan State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mindat and An (0.71) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 26-10-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 27-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-10-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 26-10-2006 was 8.6 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 27-10-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (8) mph from Southeast at 15:30 hours MST on 26-10-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay 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 mode-rate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-10-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-10-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-10-2006: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of November 2006: During the coming weekend, isolated light rain or thundershowers are possible in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Myanma Port Authority warning of high tide

The public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.1 feet to 20.7 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 4th November to 7th November 2006.



Saturday, 28 October
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am**
7. လဂွမ်းပြင် ရေလှောင်တံ
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
5. Round up of the week's TV local news

- 12:55 pm**
6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:05 pm**
7. “စက်မှုဖွံ့ဖြိုး တိုးတိုးပြောင်အကူ” (ဖြူငွေရိုး၊ နိုးဒါ၊ ဆာနိုင်းရှမ်းပြည်၊ သာဇော်၊ နင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ-သူတေသီ)
- 1:30 pm**
8. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 1:45 pm**
9. Dance of national races
- 2:00 pm**
10. စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြည် အပူပိုင်းဒေသ နယ်မြေ
- 2:15 pm**
11. အဆိုဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:25 pm**
12. “ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတဲ့မီး” (ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ညိုညိုမင်းထက်၊ ဘုန်းလှ၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်လွင်၊ မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 2:35 pm**
13. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm**
14. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm**
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

- 5:00 pm**
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 5:10 pm**
6. Musical programme
- 5:20 pm**
7. Games for children
- 5:40 pm**
8. သာမောတင့်တယ် ကွမ်ရှီ ပြည်နယ် သဘာဝစံထား သာဓကအလှများ
- 6:00 pm**
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
11. အလှရာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဇာမာန်ဆောင်းရဲ နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 8:00 pm**
15. International news
- 8:00 pm**
16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm**
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၃၁)
- 8:00 pm**
18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးပိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ အရပ် ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 8:00 pm**
19. The next day's programme



Saturday, 28 October
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Baby
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-Just to be close to you
- 8:50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-Full circle ... Dolly Parton
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-Save the best for last... Vanessa Williams
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Music at your request/ lunch time music:
-Only you
-A message for your mind
-I know you too well
- 9:00pm** ASEAN news review
-Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10pm** Article
- 9:20pm** Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30pm** Souvenirs
-Gonna get back home somehow ... Elvis Presley
-Stand in ... Jin Reeves
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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Prime Minister felicitates Czech counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mirek Topola'nek, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic which falls on 28 October, 2006. — MNA

So far, Kyaukme District has put 164,388 acres of paddy exceeding the target of 164,375 in 2006-07. The plan is under way to grow 5,200 acres of summer paddy.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects agricultural progress, construction of bridges in Kyaukme District

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, inspected thriving monsoon and other crop plantations along both sides of Nawngkhio-Kyaukme-Lashio Road and maintenance of bridges and road section on 25 October morning.

At the hall of Asia World Co at Nawngkhio Toll

Gate, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on regional development and agricultural tasks presented by departmental officials. Next, he stressed the need to take measures for prevention of natural disasters, and he said that it is necessary to cultivate quality paddy strains for boosting the per acre yield.

A total of 33,476 acres of paddy was grown in Nawngkhio Township in 2005-06 and it yielded

3,124,993 baskets of paddy. As a result, the township has food sufficiency and surplus paddy.

Accompanied by Brig-Gen San Myint Oo of local station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected physic nut plantations, maintenance of Goktwin Bridge and construction of the new bridge on Nawngkhio-Kyaukme Road.

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It is appropriate that members of Region or State Hluttaw have freedom of speech and voting at the Region or State Hluttaw as well as at Region or State Hluttaw committee and body



Secretary of National Convention Convening Work Committee U Thaung Nyunt.

MNA

YANGON, 27 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 on adoption of detailed basic principles for legislative functions of the Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the chapter "Legislation" for drafting the State Constitution.

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 15 December 2005, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the detailed basic principles to be adopted for the legislation of the Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the chapter "Legislation".



Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung. — MNA

The delegates held discussions and made suggestions on the clarification.

The delegate groups — the delegate group of national races, the delegate group of peasants, the delegate group of workers, the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, the delegate group of State service personnel and the delegate group of other invited persons — and the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, the Wa National Development Party and the delegate group of representatives-elect have suggested to adopt the following detailed basic principles.

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Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA

Clarification on the Tatmadaw and "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights & Duties of Citizens" chapters will be published

YANGON, 27 Oct— Clarification made by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter "The Role of the Tatmadaw" and the Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights & Duties of Citizens" for drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, yesterday and today, will be published in dailies.— MNA