

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Turkey

NAY PYI TAW, 29 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 Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October, 2006. —MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects progress of agriculture and construction tasks in Lashio, Kunlong Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut, inspected installation of machinery at the physic nut oil extraction mill of Hnin Hnin Khaing Co Ltd and physic nut plantations at highland farmland No 1 near Lashio-Hsenwi Road in Lashio Township on 26 October.

The mill will be installed with two machines to produce 200 gallons of physic nut oil per day.

At the toll gate near Namsalat Village, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with Tatmadawmen and family members of the local station.

At the construction site near Narti Village, they heard reports on construction of Hsenwi-Kunlong bypass presented by officials.

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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

Camp Commandant's Office of Ministry of Defence holds 53rd communal Kathina

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — The 53rd communal Kathina of Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence was held at KanU Pariyatti Sarthintaik Dhammayon (Yezin) in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Present on the occasion were members of the Sangha led by Joint Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Visarindabhivamsa of KanU Pariyatti Sarthintaik, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and wife, senior military officers and Tatmadaw members.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visarindabhivamsa. members of the Sangha recited the Parittas.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and wife and senior military officers presented Kathina robes and offerings.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visarindabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. Families of the Camp Commandant Office of the Ministry of Defence donated padethabins to the monastery. Next, alms were offered to members of the Sangha.—MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo offer 'soon' to a Sayadaw at 53rd Kathina robes offering ceremony of Camp Commandant's Office of Ministry of Defence. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Build more modern factories

As the industrial sector plays a pivotal role in the national development drive, relentless efforts are being made for industrial development. The State-run and private industries are building more mills and factories to produce import-substitute items and satisfy the public requirements.

Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 opened two factories which produce generators and meters in Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division (West), on 14 October.

The Generator Factory (Sinde) produces 41 kinds of items. And it is expected to produce over 1,800 generators per year. Likewise, the Three Phase Watt Hour Meter Factory (Sinde) is expected to produce 10,000 three phase watt hour meters a year.

Nowadays, the Ministry of Industry-1 is building personal and household good factories such as paper and pulp factory, textile factory, fire brick factory, cement factory, steelware factory and foodstuff factory.

Similarly, the Ministry of Industry-2 is building a large number of modern factories and mills at the respective industrial regions.

The emergence of a large number of factories and mills will contribute much towards gaining the production techniques and creating job opportunities for local people. And it is incumbent upon all the industries and mills to produce quality items aspired by the State for industrial development.

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Peoples' Desire

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

Commander attends prize-giving ceremony of Taunggyi Township DAC

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye and wife attended the prize-giving ceremony of Taunggyi Township Development Affairs Committee at the town hall in Taunggyi on 21 October afternoon.

First, Shan State DAC Director U Thaug Sein and Taunggyi Township DAC Executive Officer U Maung Soe handed over outstanding awards of the township DAC to the commander.

The committee had won the awards in the coordination meeting of Development Affairs Committees in 2006.

Next, the commander accepted K 10 million donated by U Sein Than Oo of Yaksawk Township; K 10 million by U Sai Hla Win of Shan State Special Region-3 and other wellwishers.

Afterwards, the commander presented gifts to Shan State DAC Director U Thaug Sein and officials, and gave necessary instructions.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers. — MNA

Social Welfare Department, Paloptoke Journal hold prize presentation ceremony

YANGON, 28 Oct — The 10th prize presentation ceremony for pre-primary level painting contest of Paloptoke Journal jointly organized by Social Welfare Department and the Journal was held at No 4 Pre-Primary School in Ahlon Township this morning, with an address by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

Also present were Daw Tin Tin Nwe, wife of the minister, departmental heads and officials, Editor-in-Chief Dr Tha Tun Oo of the journal, prize winners and family members.

The minister and wife presented awards to winners, and Dr Tha Tun Oo gave gifts to members of the panel of judges. After the ceremony, the minister and party viewed the prize winning works.

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Foreign Minister felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct — On the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October, 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Abdullah Gul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

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Relay stations air MRTV programmes in Ywangan, Heinda

YANGON, 28 Oct — Construction of relay stations at Ywangan in Shan State (South) and Heinna in Taninthayi Division have been completed on 21 and 24 October respectively. The Ywangan station is now broadcasting Myanmar Radio and Television programmes as from 22 October and the Heinna station is also airing the programmes as from 25 October.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents award to a winner in painting contest (Pre-primary school level). —MNA

Three members of Sagaing Township NLD quit due to loss of trust in party leaders

YANGON, 28 Oct — Members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy U Than Gyaung, U Tin Thaug and U Win Bo of Sagyin Village in Sagaing Division resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 17 July. They sent their letters of resignation to the Headquarters of NLD and local authorities.

In their resignation letter sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said owing to loss of trust in the party leaders, they had quit the NLD, which has committed the acts detrimental to the State and the people.

MNA

India's PM hints at growth rate of 10%

MAHABOONAGAR, 27 Oct— India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday expressed confidence that the Indian economy would expand by 10 per cent in the near future and poverty afflicting

millions be eradicated in the next 10-20 years. "Today, India is developing at a rapid pace. A growth rate of 8-9 per cent, which was not considered feasible a few years ago, is not only possible now but we can

hope to grow at 10 per cent in the near future", he said after laying the foundation stone of the four-lane road at Kothakota near Mahaboobnagar in the western Indian state Andhra Pradesh. The Planning Commission's Approach Paper for the 11th Five-Year Plan has already set a growth target of 10 per cent in the final year of the plan (2011-12).

"With such a rapid growth, it is our expectation that in the coming 10-20 years, we will be in a position to remove the ancient scourges of poverty, illiteracy and unemployment from our country", he said.

MNA/PTI

Officials say NATO bombs kill scores of Afghan civilians

KABUL, 27 Oct — NATO warplanes killed at least 50 civilians, mostly women and children, in bombing in southern Afghanistan during a major Islamic holiday, local leaders said on Thursday.

The incident happened on Tuesday, the middle of the Eid al-Fitr festival marking the end of the Muslim fasting month, in Panjwai, an area where the alliance said it had killed hundreds of guerillas in a two-week offensive last month.

NATO says it killed 48 guerillas during heavy fighting in the area in Kandahar Province on Tuesday and had received credible reports several civilians were killed in the operation.

The Defence Ministry has sent a team to investigate.

"It was late at night — that might be the reason they

didn't know where to bomb," said provincial assembly member Agha Lalai.

"They have bombed residential houses." Visiting the wounded in hospital, tribal elder Naik Moham-mad said 60 civilians had died. Villagers also said 60 died and another member of the provincial assembly put the toll at 80. — MNA/Reuters

US raids kill five in Baghdad's Sadr City

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct — Overnight US raids in the Shiite district of Sadr City in Baghdad killed five and wounded at least six people, witnesses and morgue officials said on Wednesday.

The US military had no immediate comment on the activity in the sprawling Sadr City, a stronghold of the Mehdi Army militia loyal to firebrand cleric Moqtada al Sadr. Witnesses said aircraft launched strikes in the area. It was not immediately clear



Residents look at a car damaged in a US raid in Baghdad's Sadr city, on 25 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

if there was any connection to the hunt for a US soldier who went missing on Monday.

"We are putting all our assets into finding the soldier," said Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Stoder. "We haven't done any airstrikes (in the hunt for the soldier)," he added, declining to say which areas of the city the search was focused on.

A security cordon around the central Karrada District, where troops have



A woman demonstrates Japan's NEC Corp and NTT Corp's personal robot prototype "PaPeRo", which can send video and sounds to a mobile phone, during a news conference in Tokyo, on 25 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Two British children found dead in Corfu hotel

ATHENS, 27 Oct — Two British children were found dead and their parents alive but in a coma in a hotel room on the Greek island of Corfu on Thursday and investigators said they may have taken strong poison. The two children, a 5-year-old boy and his 7-year-old sister, and their parents were discovered early on Thursday by a maid at their four-star, beachfront hotel on the Ionian Sea island, which is popular with British tourists, police said. — MNA/Reuters

Authority says Bulusan Volcano in Philippines life threatening

MANILA, 27 Oct — Bulusan Volcano in the central Philippines spewed mud and ash Thursday, as authority warned local residents that a life-threatening lahar flow might be triggered by heavy rain.

At least four families were evacuated to safer ground on Thursday morning to avoid the danger around Bulusan Volcano, the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) of Sorsogon said in a Press release. — MNA/Xinhua

Bus plunges into ravine in Indonesia injuring 12

JAKARTA, 27 Oct — A bus plunged into a 25-metre-deep ravine close to Indonesia's East Java Province Thursday, injuring all the 12 people aboard.

Police believed the driver lost control of the bus as he felt asleep, reported the national Antara news agency. The bus, which plied between the provincial capital of Surabaya and nearby town of Banyuwangi, was damaged after it hit the wall of the bridge, the police said. — MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct — An American soldier died of wounds sustained on Tuesday in a roadside bomb blast in Baghdad, the US military said on Wednesday in a statement. "A Multi-National Division — Baghdad soldier died at approximately 2:15 am today from wounds he received when his patrol was struck by an improvised-explosive device in central Baghdad," said the statement. — MNA/Xinhua

Six missing as boat capsizes in southwest China

GUIYANG, 26 Oct — Six people are missing after a fishing boat capsized in southwest China's Guizhou Province on Tuesday, local authorities said.

The accident took place at about 11 am on Tuesday on Beipanjiang River near Dayang Township, Ceheng County, Bouyei-Miao Autonomous Prefecture of Qianxinan, a local government spokesman said.

The fishing boat was carrying people from one village to another, the spokesman said.

Rescuers are searching the area, he said. The cause of the accident is being investigated. — MNA/Xinhua



Models display invaluable diamonds during Cinzia Maini Jewelry Show held in Hong Kong, on 25 Oct, 2006. Cinzia Maini is a renowned jewelry designer from Italy. —INTERNET

Iran ready for talks on nuclear programme

Moscow, 26 Oct— Iran is preparing to enter into negotiations over its nuclear programme within the tightest deadlines, Iran's Ambassador in Moscow, Gholam-rezah Ansari, said on Tuesday.

"We proceed from the understanding that all issues can be discussed at such talks," Ansari was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

"We support any event and development, if it has logical backing. Teheran is an advocate of logic. However, we dismiss any pressure or violence," he said.

"Some very significant events have been happening in our region. The problems stem from the fact that some countries seek world domination. It is invalid and unacceptable that the approach to international relations based on the principle — the one who is not with us is our enemy," the Iranian ambassador said.

"The one who is not with us has the right to

existence, too. Normal relations emerge only when there is tolerance towards each other," Ansari said. The United States has been seeking to impose sanctions on Iran through the UN Security Council on the grounds that Teheran is developing a nuclear-weapons programme under the garb of a civilian-use programme.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors watch the painting 'Chairman Mao inspects the Guangdong countryside' by Chinese artist Chen Yanning at the 'Mahjong' exhibition of Contemporary Chinese Art at the Kunsthalle Museum in Hamburg on 25 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

A Playstation 3 display at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles in May 2006. Sony Corp warned that its flammable battery crisis would burn a deep hole in its profits this year.

XINHUA



US soldier killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct — A US soldier has died of wounds sustained from a combat northeast of the capital, raising to 97 the US troops' death toll in Iraq in October, the US military said Friday.

The soldier, assigned to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, was wounded in combat in Diyala Province on Thursday, "and later died of wounds", the military said in a statement. Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, more than 2,800 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to media count. — MNA/Xinhua

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A technician at the attemper center of the Three Gorges reservoir is monitoring the water level, on 27 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



Speedboat sink in Indonesia, five killed

JAKARTA, 26 Oct— At least five people were killed and many others went missing when a speedboat carrying 30 holidaymakers sank in Singkarak Lake in Solok District, West Sumatra, Indonesia, at 1:45 pm on Wednesday, police said.

Tens of search and

rescue workers and policemen were sent to the location to save the victims, *Antara* news agency quoted a local police spokesman as saying.

Until 3 pm, the rescue teams had picked up 11 of the speedboat passengers including the five dead

ones.

The cause of the tragedy was still being investigated.

MNA/Xinhua

The honeybee, a species that annually contributes billions of dollars to world's agricultural economy through pollination, originated in Africa and is evolving in surprising ways, a science consortium reported on 25 Oct, 2006.

XINHUA

US Congress campaign cost expected to set record

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct — US candidates and their political allies will spend a record 2.6 billion US dollars on campaigns for November elections that will determine control of Congress, a watchdog group said on Tuesday.

That comes to an average of 59 US dollars per vote in Senate races and 35 US dollars per vote in the House of Representatives, the non-partisan Centre for Responsive Politics said.

Control of both houses of Congress is on the line in the 7 November election, and a Democratic victory could make life much more difficult for President George W Bush and his fellow Republicans.

With such high stakes, it is unsurprising that candidates and outside groups are expected to raise and spend more money than ever, said Sheila Krumholz, the nonprofit group's acting executive director.

"The money in this campaign has been flowing fast and furiously," Krumholz told reporters on a conference call.

Despite a 2002 law that aims to limit the impact of money on the political process, the center found that candidates and outside political groups are raising more money than ever for television ads, travel, voter outreach efforts and other campaign activities. — MNA/Reuters



India, Russia seeking denial of safe heaven to terrorists

NEW DELHI, 27 Oct — Russia has joined India in demanding that no country should provide “safe heaven” to terrorists as the two countries decided to work together to counter the “emerging threat” to oil and gas installations from terror.

The two countries, at a meeting of Joint Working Group (JWG) on counter terrorism here, sought urgent implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1642 which prohibits incitement of terrorism and strongly

favoured early establishment by the UN of a global legal framework to fight the scourge. They underlined the need for more efficient measures to prevent propagation of terrorism, including in the cyberspace and agreed to enhance

cooperation aimed at preventing terrorism through use of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). “The two sides shared concern on cross-border terrorism and emphasized the importance of actions by all states to deny safe heaven to terrorists,” a

joint statement issued after the meeting said. Discussing the “emerging threat to oil and gas installations from terrorists”, the two countries agreed to “enhance experiences to counter it”, it said.

The meeting underscored that energy security is a “vital component of national and international counter-terrorism strategies”, it said.

At the meeting, the Indian side was led by K C Singh, Additional Secretary (International Organizations), while the Russian delegation was headed by Anatoly Safonov, Special Representative of President Vladimir Putin on terrorism. —MNA/PTI



The president of China's official Xinhua News Agency, Tian Congming, has been elected chairman of the All-China Journalists Association at the first meeting of the seventh council of the association in Beijing on 25 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA



Rani Mukherjee, third right, a cast member of the Bollywood film 'Babul,' acknowledges the applause from an audience as models look on at a function to launch the film's music in Mumbai, India, on 26 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

China-ASEAN women forum to be held

BEIJING, 27 Oct — A women forum will be held on the sideline of the China-ASEAN summit, scheduled for 31 October in south

China's Nanning City, the All-China Women's Federations said Wednesday.

The forum, the first of its kind between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), will last two days in the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Federation, sponsor of the forum, said. The Federation's President Gu Xiulian, also a senior legislator of the country and president of the China-ASEAN Association will attend the forum and give a speech. The Princess of Brunei, ministers-in-charge of women affairs, heads of women organizations and women entrepreneurs from the countries are expected to attend the forum.

MNA/Xinhua

US Marine pleads guilty in Iraqi death

CAMP PENDLETON (California), 27 Oct — One of eight US soldiers accused in the execution-style kidnapping and murder of an Iraqi pleaded guilty on Thursday to lesser charges of assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Private First Class John Jodka became the second defendant to plead guilty in the 26 April death of 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad and testify about his role in the incident.

Jodka's plea was accepted by the military judge presiding over his court martial. He faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison when he is sentenced on 15 November.

Before entering his plea, Jodka, 20, told the judge that the soldiers had intended to kidnap and kill a different man who they had long suspected of terrorism when Awad, a father of 11, was shot instead.

Earlier this month, Navy medic Melson Bacos pleaded guilty to kidnapping and conspi-

racy after admitting that he helped kidnap Awad. Bacos was sentenced to 10 years in prison but will serve one year under a plea deal with prosecutors.

Bacos, 21, testified that his patrol leader's anger at the release of the man they suspected of terrorism from Baghdad's Abu Ghraib Prison prompted Awad's murder.

The soldiers were accused of planting the

rifle and shovel near Awad's body to suggest he was trying to plant a roadside bomb.

Awad's murder in the middle of the night in Hamdania was one in a series of incidents in which the conduct of American troops in Iraq further damaged the image of the United States in a war that has been widely criticized around the world.

MNA/Reuters



A squirrel is seen in Lazienki Park in central Warsaw on 26 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



A fisherman puts a pike into a basket on Seliger lake, 400 kilometres (249 miles) northwest of the capital Moscow on 26 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET

US sailor, four Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Oct — A US sailor and four US Marines were killed by enemy action in Iraq's western Anbar Province on Wednesday, the US military said on Thursday. It was not clear if the five were killed in the same incident.

“One sailor assigned to 3rd Naval Construction Regiment, two Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team 5 and two Marines assigned to Regimental Combat Team 7 died Wednesday from

injuries sustained due to enemy action while operating in Al Anbar Province,” the statement said.

At least 95 US soldiers have died in Iraq in October alone, the deadliest monthly figure in one year.

Less than two weeks before the 7 November congressional elections, spiralling sectarian violence in Iraq and a mounting US death toll is putting pressure on President George W Bush to change his policy on an increasingly unpopular war in Iraq. —MNA/Reuters

Ministry of Finance and Revenue holds Kathina robes offering ceremony



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win donate Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Under the patronage of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, staff of the ministry held the 10th Kathina robes offering ceremony at the Dhammayon of Moegoung Sutaungpyae Phayagyi Monastery in Bo Min Yang Ward, Tatkon, this morning.

The minister and congregation received the Five Precepts from Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka

Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Chandasiri of YwaU Sandayon Monastery.

Then, members of the Sangha recited the Paritta.

Next, the minister and party offered Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained. After the occasion, they offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

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Action being taken against those who launch violent gang-attack in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct—While the first year student Maung Soe Thu Han of Monywa University and his friends numbering 6 were playing the guitar in front of the Pwint Oo May boarding house in Thalla Ward, Monywa, Sagaing Division at 8.30 pm yesterday, a group of university students driving the Pajero with number plate "7 Kha/4777" and eight motorcycles arrived there and picked up a quarrel with the former by breaking the guitar and hitting them. And Maung Soe Thu Han and his friends fled the scene.

Likewise, at 9 pm the same day, five students comprising third year student Maung Maung Gyi of Monywa University were strolling along Kyaukka road and when they arrived in front of the Yadanabon men's hostel, that group of university students riding those vehicles arrived there and attacked the former. When unrest reigned some students from the hostel

joined the former and resisted the gangsters who fled the scene, leaving three motorcycles behind.

In the incident, eight youths were injured and three admitted to Monywa People's Hospital.

Col Khin Maung Htoo of the local station and the head of District Police Force, the chairman of the Township PDC and officials rushed to the scene and put the situation under control.

The Monywa Township Police Station is taking action against 14 youths—Ko Ko Chit, son of U Bo, Htoo Aung Saw Han, son of U Moe Thee, Pho Thi (a) Than Hteik Aung, son of U Myint Thein Tun, Nay Myo Aung (a) Shwe Ta Soak, son of U Aung Than, Zarni Myo Win, son of U Kyaw Myo Win, Bo Bo (a) Aung Bo Bo Hein, son of U Aung Nwe, Wunna, son of U Kyaw Myo Win, Than Tun Zin, son of U Khin Maung Oo, Hlaing Win Tun, son of U Tin Hlaing, Naing Myo Hset, son of U Than, Myint

Myat, son of U Myint Aung, Myo Zin, son of U Myo Win Lay, Kyi Soe, son of U Tint Zaw and Phyo Gyi (a) Phyo Htet Aung, son of U Thein Aung—who launched the violent attacks.

As the "88" generation student youths and destructive elements at home and abroad are hatching a plot to create unrest and violence in the nation, the incident is under investigation whether it is related to such destructive acts or not.—MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects...

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In Hopan of Kunlong District, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on regional development tasks and agricultural tasks presented by local authorities. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win instructed officials to carry out agriculture, education, health, transport and regional development tasks in addition to their departmental tasks.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented K 100,000 each

to Hopan Township Hospital and Panglong Station Hospital and stationery to Hopan BEHS and Panlong BEMS through officials.

On arrival at Wa special region in Namtit, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected rubber plantations, production process of Rubber Factory and construction of Hydel Power Plant. At the hall, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with U Lu Shin Ja and

party of Wa special region, and attended to their needs.

A total of 4,205 acres of rubber plantation are thriving in Namtit region. Wa special region had put 15,466 acres of land under rubber.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with local authorities and secretaries and executives of Kunlong District, Kunlong and Hopan Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations. — MNA

Ministry of Information, IPRD offer Kathina robes



Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise offers Kathina robes to a Sayadaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct — Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, the families of the Ministry of Information and Information and Public Relations Department held its first Kathina robes offering ceremony at Yadana Theikhti Monastery in Mingalar Ward in Pinyinmana this morning.

It was attended by Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Pañña Sami and members of the Sangha, departmental heads of the ministry and their families.

The Presiding Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts to the congregation and members of the Sangha recited the Parittas.

Later, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise offered the Kathina robes to the Sayadaw and the departmental heads and officials the Kathina robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha.

After the ceremony, *Soon* was offered to the members of the Sangha. Today's donation amounted to K 1.2 million.—MNA

Some apprentice lawyers of Lashio Township reluctantly sign public signature paper though they did not agree with their mentors

There were only a few actual signatures, most of them were fake

YANGON, 28 Oct — Member of Lashio Township NLD U Sai Myint Aung and Secretary of Township NLD U Tun Shein launched a public signature collection campaign on 12 October.

The two made families of six members of NLD party in Lashio give their signatures. Being lawyers, the two organized their apprentice lawyers to sign the paper. Therefore, the apprentice lawyers reluctantly signed the paper though they did not

agree with their mentors.

Similarly, on 20 October, Chairman of Township NLD Party U Win Myint and Kyaw Min and Mya Zin who were expelled from NLD party launched the public signature campaign in Thongwa Township, Yangon Division. They boasted that they received a lot of signatures. However, there were only a few authentic signatures and most of them were fake, it is learnt.—H

The Tatmadaw is the sole existing Tatmadaw which is strong and modern



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

YANGON, 28 Oct— *The following is the clarification made at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 26, October by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter “The Role of the Tatmadaw” for drafting the State Constitution.*

I wish you all the delegates blessed with health and happiness and auspiciousness.

All of you, the delegates, have already known the clarification made by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee concerning the detailed basic principles concerning the Chapter “the Role of the Tatmadaw” at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 10 January 2006 and the proposals presented by delegate groups and some delegates. The proposals included proper suggestions within the framework of the detailed basic principles to be adopted. As the suggestions of some delegate groups are in the interest of the nation and the people, the Work Committee sought the opinion of the delegate groups through the panel of chairmen.

The Work Committee thoroughly studied the suggestions presented by the delegates concerning the Chapter “the Role of the Tatmadaw”. Afterwards, the Work Committee submitted the comprehensive report on the detailed basic principles to the National Convention Convening Commission. The Commission after studying the detailed basic principles in detail approved them. The approved detailed basic principles concerning the Chapter “the Role of the Tatmadaw” will be clarified.

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 10 January 2006, the Work Committee Chairman presented a collection of detailed basic principles concerning the Chapter “the Role of the Tatmadaw”.

After holding discussions and making suggestions on the matter, the delegate groups — the delegate group of national races, the delegate group of peasants, the delegate group of workers, the delegate group of Intellectual and Intelligentsia, and the delegate group of State service personnel — 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 and the Wa National Development Party and the delegate group of representatives-elect of the delegate group of political parties presented the following points to be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter “the Role of the Tatmadaw”.

1. The Tatmadaw is the sole existing Tatmadaw

which is strong and modern.

2. **The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution.**
3. **The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.**
4. **The Tatmadaw must play a leading role in safeguarding the Union of Myanmar against all internal and external dangers. The Tatmadaw is the core armed forces for national defence.**
5. **The Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people’s militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw’s leadership.**
6. **All the armed forces in the nation shall be under the command of the Tatmadaw.**
7. **The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief is the Supreme Commander of all armed forces.**
8. **As a reference in designating the official position of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief is designated as the Vice-President level.**
9. **The President shall appoint the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services with the proposal and approval of the National Defence and Security Council.**
10. **The Tatmadaw has the right to independently administer all affairs concerning the armed forces.**
11. **Military justice for members of the Tatmadaw may be administered according to law by a panel or by a judge.**
12. **The decision of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services is final in military justice.**
13. **A law shall be promulgated to provide assistance and care for families of the disabled or fallen Tatmadaw members.**
14. **The Tatmadaw must render assistance to the people in case of the occurrence of a calamity in the nation that affects the nation and the people.**

As a separate suggestion, the National Unity Party said, of a collection of the detailed basic principles for the role of the Tatmadaw, the point No. 14 states, “The Tatmadaw must render assistance to the people in case of the occurrence of a calamity in the nation that affects the nation and the people.”

Seemingly, the point means that the Tatmadaw will help the people only when there occur natural disasters. Because of its original traditions, organizational set up, experiences and achievements, nobody can deny that the Tatmadaw is the national strength. The Tatmadaw has always rendered assistance to the social and economic sectors in the interest of the nation and the race.

At present, the Tatmadaw is taking part in social undertakings and motor road, railroad, bridge and dam projects and rural development tasks that are not concerned with the task of providing relief aids. In our view, the expression “to render assistance to the people in case of the occurrence of a calamity” is not totally comprehensive.

In our view, the following point should be added to the detailed basic principles as the point No. 15:

“The Tatmadaw shall take part as a social and economic force in accord with the Constitution if there arises a need for national development.”

As regards the suggestions, it is to be pointed out that Our Three Main National Causes and the national peace, stability and security are the main duties of the Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw has to carry out active service

in performing its main duties. At times when there is no active service, the Tatmadawmen will have to undergo military training, and during the times when there is no military training, they will have to carry out public welfare task. Hence, the Tatmadaw’s duties already cover the public welfare task. As the Tatmadaw has been discharging its duties with full conviction, the suggested point is not necessary to be laid down as a detailed basic principle.

The Wa National Development Party presented a suggestion concerning the point 2 “The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution”.

It says, as the Tatmadaw is the people’s Tatmadaw, it was born of the independence struggle in which lots of blood and sweat were sacrificed. Hence it has the duty to always safeguard the independence. That is why, the party gives a suggestion to amend the point as follows:

“The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding independence and State Constitution.”

In connection with the suggestion, it will be necessary to explain that the paragraph 3 states “The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.” The perpetuation of sovereignty means safeguarding independence. Hence, the detailed basic principle is not necessary to be amended as suggested by the group.

The party expresses an opinion to make an addition to the point 5 included in a collection of detailed basic principles explained by the Work Committee Chairman. As a means to facilitate the practical task of getting in touch with the people in mobilizing the entire public to take part in the national defence and security and ensure greater success in the task, the Tatmadaw should implement the task after seeking opinion from the National Defence and Security Council, instead of individually administering the public participation.

The party suggests that the point “The Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people’s militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw’s leadership” should be amended as “With the approval of the National Defence and Security Council, the Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people’s militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw’s leadership”.

In my assessment, the suggestion is in accord with the adopted detailed basic principles and should be considered seriously.

Coordination on the matter has been made with members of the panel of the Work Committee. The members of the panel sent the opinions of the delegate groups to the National Convention Convening Commission in writing after making coordination with them. A large number of delegates approved to state the paragraph 5 as “With the approval of the National Defence and Security Council, the Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people’s militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw’s leadership”.

The delegate group of other invited persons supported to adopt the detailed basic principle “The Tatmadaw is the sole existing Tatmadaw which is strong and modern.”

As a means to help further cement national solidarity and to enhance the dignity of the Tatmadaw, the wording “the Tatmadaw, formed with the participation of various national races,” should be used. According to its suggestion, the point should be stated as follows:

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The State shall not discriminate against or in favour of any citizen based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth



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

YANGON, 28 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 the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights & Duties of Citizens” for drafting the State Constitution.

I wish you delegates to be blessed with a good health, wealth and auspiciousness.

You delegates have listened to and known the clarification the Work Committee Chairman made as well as the proposal papers the delegate groups and some National Convention delegates submitted to the

National Convention plenary session held on 10 January 2006, regarding the points suitable to be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” to be included in the State Constitution. Of them, some appropriate proposals for the basic principles and detailed basic principles that the National Convention laid down were submitted. Certain proposals presented by some delegate groups are found appropriate for enhancing the interests of the State and the people. So, regarding those proposals, the Work Committee sought the stances of the delegate groups through the members of the Panel of Chairmen.

Then, the Work Committee conducted a thorough study on the delegates’ proposals on the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”. After that, the Work Committee collected with great care the points that should be adopted as detailed basic principles and submitted them to the National Convention Convening Commission. The Commission carried out a careful study on the points and approved them. Now, presentation will be made on the approved points.

At the plenary session held on 10 January 2006, the Work Committee Chairman said, “It is required to state specifically and clearly citizenship, fundamental rights and duties of the citizens in drafting an enduring State Constitution for our nation. Only then, will a citizen be able to understand well, when studying the Constitution, the requirements to be citizenship, what the fundamental rights bestowed on the citizens according to the Constitution are, and what kinds of duties they have to carry out in the interests of the State are.”

A collection of the points that should be adopted



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as detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” will be presented.

1. **All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar:**
 - (a) **All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar.**
 - (b) **Persons who are vested with citizenship according to the existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force.**

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The Tatmadaw is the sole existing...

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“The Tatmadaw, formed with various national races, is the sole existing Tatmadaw which is strong and modern.”

As regards the suggestion, it is required to explain that in Myanmar, all service institutions including the Tatmadaw are formed with citizens including the national races. If the expression “the Tatmadaw, formed with the participation of various national races,” should be used, seemingly, the point will not be inclusive of the citizens who are not the national races. As every one understands that the Tatmadaw means an Armed Forces formed with national races and citizens, the expression is not necessary for the detailed basic principle.

The representatives of the political parties included in the delegate group of representatives-elect presented the proposals of their respective parties.

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

They gave a suggestion concerning the point “**The Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people’s militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw’s leadership**”.

They said, not the Tatmadaw alone will have to form people’s militia strategy. The people will also have to participate in it. Only then will the people’s militia strategy realize its aim. To ensure active public participa-

tion, the fact that the Tatmadaw has been forming the people’s militia strategy in accord with the law should be obvious. In addition, there is another point, “The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution”. They gave a suggestion to state the point as follows:

“**The Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence in accord with the provisions of the Constitution.**” Only then will it be linked with a point contained in the Chapter “Citizenship and the Rights and Duties of Citizens” — Every citizen is responsible to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.

Concerning the suggestion, explanation will be made that the point “The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution” has already been adopted and transferred to the Chapter “the Role of the Tatmadaw”. It has already been explained that with the approval of the National Defence and Security Council, the Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. Moreover, the Tatmadaw will always safeguard the Constitution. As the Tatmadaw will perform its duties in accord with the Constitution, the suggested addition is not necessary for the detailed basic principle.

Now, a collection adopted detailed basic principles will be presented as follows:

1. **The Tatmadaw is the sole existing Tatmadaw which is strong and modern.**
2. **The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the State Constitution.**
3. **The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.**

4. **The Tatmadaw must play a leading role in safeguarding the Union of Myanmar against all internal and external dangers. The Tatmadaw is the core armed forces for national defence.**
5. **With the approval of National Defence and Security Council, the Tatmadaw has the right to administer for participation of the entire people in the State security and defence. The people’s militia strategy shall be formed with Tatmadaw’s leadership.**
6. **All the armed forces in the nation shall be under the command of the Tatmadaw.**
7. **The Defence Services Commander-in-Chief is the Supreme Commander of all armed forces.**
8. **As a reference in designating the official position of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief is designated as the Vice-President level.**
9. **The President shall appoint the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services with the proposal and approval of the National Defence and Security Council.**
10. **The Tatmadaw has the right to independently administer all affairs concerning the armed forces.**
11. **Military justice for members of the Tatmadaw may be administered according to law by a panel or by a judge.**
12. **The decision of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services is final in military justice.**
13. **A law shall be promulgated to provide assistance and care for families of the disabled or fallen Tatmadaw members.**
14. **The Tatmadaw must render assistance to the people in case of the occurrence of a calamity in the nation that affects the nation and the people.**

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The State shall not discriminate against...

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2. Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be as prescribed by the law.
3. The State shall enable any citizen to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally provide legal protection.
4. The State shall not discriminate against or in favour of any citizen based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth.
5. Citizens shall enjoy equal rights in the following spheres:
 - (a) civil service;
 - (b) occupation;
 - (c) trade;
 - (d) business;
 - (e) technical know-how and profession;
 - (f) exploration of science and technology.
6. Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that received by men in respect of similar work.
7. Mothers, children and expectant women shall enjoy rights as prescribed by law.
8. The State shall, in appointing or assigning duties, not discriminate against or in favour of any citizens with qualifications set for posts or duties based on race, birth, religion, and sex. However, nothing in this section shall prevent appointment of men to the positions that are naturally suitable for men only.
9. Nothing shall, except in accord with the existing laws, be detrimental to the lives and personal freedom of any citizens.
10. There shall be liberty in the exercise of the following rights subject to the laws enacted for State security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity or public order and morality:
 - (a) The right of the citizens to express freely their convictions and opinions;
 - (b) The right of the citizens to assemble peacefully without arms;
 - (c) The right of the citizens to form associations and unions;
 - (d) The right of the citizens to develop their language, literature, culture they cherish, religion they profess, and customs without prejudice to the relations between one national race and another, or among national races and to other faiths.
11. Every citizen shall have the right to settle and reside in any place within the State according to law.
12. The State shall, according to the law, protect every citizen's current assets and fixed assets lawfully earned and acquired.
13. The State shall, by law, protect the premises and security of home, property, correspondence and other communications of citizens subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
14. The State prohibits enslaving of man and trafficking in persons.
15. The State prohibits any form of forced labour except hard labour as a punishment for crime duly convicted and duties assigned thereupon by the State in accord with the law in the interests of the people.
16. Any person is equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess and practise religion subject to public order, morality or health and to the other provisions of the State Constitution.
17. The above right shall not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice.
18. The freedom so guaranteed shall not prohibit the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform.
19. The State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State.
20. The State also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as the religions existing in the Union on the date on which the State Constitution comes into force.
21. The State shall render assistance and protect as it possibly can the religions it recognizes.
22. The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden; and any act which is intended or is likely to provoke feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects which is contrary to the State Constitution. A law may be adopted to punish such actions.
23. Every citizen shall, in accord with the law, have the right to freely develop literature, culture, arts, customs and traditions they cherish. In the process, they shall avoid any act which is to the detriment of national solidarity. Any particular action in this respect which might adversely affect the interests of one or several other national races shall be taken only after consulting with and seeking the consent of those affected.
24. Every citizen, in accord with the education policy laid down by the Union, shall:
 - (a) have the right to education;
 - (b) be given basic education prescribed by the law as compulsory;
 - (c) have the right to conduct research freely for the development of science, literature and arts, and culture.
25. The State shall encourage and provide, based on qualifications, assistance for citizens outstanding in education, irrespective of race, religion, and sex.
26. Subject to this Constitution and relevant laws, every citizen shall have the right to elect and to stand for elections to the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw.
27. Respective constituency shall have the right to recall a Hluttaw member in accord with the law.
28. Every citizen shall have the right to freely do any business in accord with the law for the national economic development.
29. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.
30. In doing business without prejudice to the law, every citizen is guaranteed the rights of property ownership, using assets, initiation, and copyright by the Union.
31. No person shall be convicted of crime except for violation of a law in force at the time of the commission of the act. Moreover, he shall not be subject to a penalty greater than that is applicable.
32. Any person convicted or acquitted for an offence by a competent court shall not be retried unless a superior court reverses the judgment and orders to retry the case.
33. An accused person shall have the right of defence in accord with the law.
34. No citizen shall, except matters on precautionary measures taken in accord with law for the security of the State or prevalence of law and order or the peace and tranquillity and interests of the people or matters permitted under an existing law, be held in custody for more than 24 hours without the remand of a competent magistrate.
35. Every citizen shall have the right to apply to the Supreme Court of the Union through appropriate proceedings to enjoy the rights guaranteed under this Chapter.
36. In order to bestow the rights granted under this Chapter the Supreme Court of the Union shall have the power to issue the following writs as may be appropriate:
 - (a) Writ of Habeas Corpus;
 - (b) Writ of Mandamus;
 - (c) Writ of Prohibition;
 - (d) Writ of Quo Warranto;
 - (e) Writ of Certiorari.

The right to issue writs by the Supreme Court of the Union shall not affect the right to issue orders which are in the nature of writs by other courts invested to them under existing laws.
37. At the time of occurrence of the following situations, the power to issue writs under paragraph 36 shall not be suspended unless the public safety may so require.
 - (a) in time of war,
 - (b) in time of foreign invasion,
 - (c) in time of insurrection.
38. Every citizen, at home or abroad, dealing with foreign countries shall have the right to seek protection of the State.
39. Except in the following situations, the grievances of the citizens legally entitled under the law shall not be refused:
 - (a) in time of foreign invasion,
 - (b) in time of insurrection,
 - (c) in time of emergency.
40. If some of the rights prescribed in this Chapter that concern members of the defence forces or the forces charged with maintenance of public order so as to ensure fulfilment of their duties and maintenance of discipline are needed to be restricted or abrogated, they shall be done so only through enactment of the necessary law.
41. Every citizen is under a duty to uphold:
 - (a) Non-disintegration of the Union
 - (b) Non-disintegration of national solidarity
 - (c) Perpetuation of sovereignty.
42. Every citizen is under a duty to abide by the provisions of the Constitution
43. Every citizen is under a duty to safeguard independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity of the Union of Myanmar.
44. Every citizen, charged with Union Spirit, is under a duty to enhance unity among national races and to ensure community peace and stability.
45. Every citizen is under a duty to build a modern developed nation.
46. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.
47. Every citizen is under a duty to pay taxes levied under the law.
48. In this Chapter "The State" means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.

Such delegate groups of the National Convention as the delegate group of peasants, the delegate group of workers, and the delegate group of State service personnel, delegate group of representatives-elect and such parties of the delegate group of political parties as Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, and Wa National Development Party suggested that the points I have explained to you should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Separate suggestions of the delegate groups will be presented.

The National Unity Party said, "Among the points, a point says "The State shall, in appointing or assigning duties, not discriminate against or in favour of any citizens with qualifications set for the posts or duties based on race, birth, region, and sex".

That appropriate point guarantees equality of men and women irrespective of race, religion, sex and wealth, and contributes towards effective use of human resources in the interests of the State, and will win the support of the mass of women and the people.

Instead of prescribing the point "However, nothing in this section shall prevent appointment of men to the positions that are naturally suitable for men only" in the State Constitution, it should be implemented by means of prescribing separate laws, and issuing orders and directives by the ministries concerned.

To clarify on this suggestion, if such a case is implemented by means of prescribing separate laws, and issuing orders and directives instead of prescribing it in the State Constitution, that act will be far beyond the State Constitution and even may bring disputes over the Constitution. Prescribing it in the State Constitution will ensure no possible disputes and will help understand the expression clearly.

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The delegate group of national races said, "Paragraph 24 says, 'Every citizen, in accord with the education policy laid down by the State, shall have the right to education'. However, nothing is mentioned concerning health matter. So, 'Every citizen, in accord with the health policy laid down by the State, shall have the right to health care' should be added as a separate paragraph".

This suggestion is consistent with the already-laid down principle, so it should be taken into consideration seriously. So, the Work Committee held discussions with members of the Panel of Chairmen as to whether the suggestion should be adopted as a detailed basic principle. Then, the members of the Panel of Chairmen coordinated with their fellow members of the delegate groups concerned and submitted the case to the Work Committee. Several delegate groups suggested that "Every citizen, in accord with the health policy laid down by the State, shall have the right to health care" should be added as paragraph 25. If so, that will be compatible with paragraph 24.

The delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia said, "Sub paragraph (F) of paragraph 5 'exploration of science and technology' is exclusive of the term 'arts'. So, we would like to suggest the phrase should be 'exploration of arts, science and technology'".

The suggestion is also in conformity with the already-laid down principle, so it should be taken into consideration seriously. But, the meaning will be better if the phrase is "exploration in the fields of arts, science and technology". So, the Work Committee had a meeting with members of the Panel of Chairmen to approach the matter. The members of the Panel of Chairmen then held discussions on the case with fellow delegates. And they submitted the stances of the delegate groups to the Work Committee. Several delegate groups suggested that sub-paragraph (F) of paragraph 5 should be "exploration in the fields of arts, science and technology".

That group tabled a motion to decide whether the point "Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that received by men in respect of similar work" should be "Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that enjoyed by men in respect of similar work".

In fact, these two phrases are the same in meaning, but the first carries better meaning.

The group also tabled a motion to decide whether there should be a change in word order in the phrase "No citizen shall be held in custody for more than 24 hours without the remand of a competent magistrate" to meet Myanmar grammar rules.

To reply to the suggestion, the sentence is constructed in accord with the style of writing law, so there is no need to make any amendment to it.

The group also said, "We are in support of paragraph 46—Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State. But, it would be better if the paragraph also prescribes age and minimum duration for military service".

In this regard, we will have to record the suggestion so that the future legislative body gets more facts to prescribe necessary laws in implementing the provisions of the State Constitution.

The group added, "The State should promulgate an act to provide health care to elderly persons".

"The government and related social organizations render assistance to senior citizens".

"So, we make a suggestion to decide whether the point 'The State shall promulgate a law to provide care for national older persons' should be adopted as a detailed basic principle".

The point "The State shall care for mothers and children, orphans, fallen Tatmadaw servicemen's children, the old and the infirm, and the disabled" has been laid down by the National Convention. And the point "To care for children, youths, women, the disabled, the aged and the homeless" has been prescribed in paragraph 12 of the Union Legislative List. The State and social organizations are caring and will continue to care

for elderly persons in accordance with law.

The group continued to say, "Only with healthy and sound citizens will it be possible to build a developed nation in accord with the four social objectives laid down by the State. We would like to suggest that the State should promulgate a law to enable the entire people across the nation have access to primary health care".

Many delegates have suggested that the point "Every citizen shall have access to health care in accord with the health care policy laid down by the State" presented by the delegate group of national races should be adopted as detailed basic principle paragraph 25. So, there is no need to designate that suggestion as one of the fundamental rights.

The delegate group of other invited persons said, "paragraph 14 'The State prohibits enslaving of man and trafficking in persons' and paragraph 15 'The State prohibits any form of forced labour except hard labour as a punishment for crime duly convicted and duties assigned thereupon by the State in accord with the law in the interests of the people' should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Here, it is a suggestion that the term "trafficking in person" prescribed in paragraph 14 should be replaced with the term "human trade" that was prescribed in a law enacted in 2005.

The term "human trade" was used previously and the term "trafficking in persons" is used worldwide. Both are the same in meaning. But, the term "human trade" is found more modern with a broader meaning. This suggestion deserves a serious consideration due to its conformity with the already-laid down principle.

So, the Work Committee coordinated with members of the Panel of Chairmen to translate the suggestion into reality. The members of the Panel of Chairmen thus met with their fellow members of delegate groups concerned and submitted the case to the Work Committee. Several delegate groups made a suggestion that paragraph 14 should be "The State prohibits enslaving of man and human trade."

Regarding duties of citizens, the group also submitted the points for decision.

- (a) Every citizen is under a duty to value and preserve national cultural heritage.
- (b) Every citizen is under a duty to conserve the environment.
- (c) Every citizen is under a duty to develop human resources.
- (d) Every citizen is under a duty to protect and safeguard public property.

The suggestion is found consistent with the already-laid down detailed basic principle and deserves consideration. However, according to the adopted detailed basic principles, it is a case, for which the State is solely responsible. In this regard, what citizens should do is just to extend a helping hand to the State in implementing such a case.

Therefore, the Work Committee held a meeting with members of the Panel of Chairmen. They also approached the case in consultation with their fellow members of the delegate groups concerned. Then, they forwarded the stances of the delegate groups to the Work Committee. Several delegate groups suggested that the point:

"Every citizen is under a duty to contribute towards the following tasks being carried out by the State:

- (a) preservation and safeguarding of national cultural heritage
- (b) environmental conservation
- (c) development of human resources
- (d) protection of public property"

should be adopted as a detailed basic principle in the Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens.

Representatives of political parties—Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township constituency in southern Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township constituency in Shan State (North) of the delegate group of representatives-elect presented the stances of the parties concerned.

They said, "It is needed to take great care in drafting a State Constitution. And the already-formu-

lated Constitution needs to be effective at any times and any situations regardless of region and person and to be resistant to any criticisms. Therefore, it is required to prescribe bye-laws, procedures and provisions of a State Constitution in specific manner.

"We would also like to present facts about the rights to equality. It has been prescribed that the future nation will be built through multi-party democracy system and the market-oriented economic system. Under the market-oriented economic system, the nation will have to deal with other nations commercially. Foreign investments will be made in Myanmar, while some citizens will earn money abroad. So, such citizens have to pay taxes to the State and they, while in foreign countries, send money they have earned to their families residing in the State. That will contribute towards earning of foreign exchange in the nation. So, the State should provide legal protection to such nationals working abroad. If necessary, respective nations recall their citizens working in other nations in times of natural disasters or war. Our State should also do so. And the State should also provide legal protection to the nationals who are staying in foreign countries for various reasons in such times. Specific principles for such matters should be prescribed in the bye-laws and provisions of the future State Constitution.

"It is found that the nations exercising multi-party democracy system vest their citizens with freedom of publication. If necessary, the prevailing situations of the nation (good or bad) should be known to the people for public knowledge. There will be no rumours if the people have access to the true account of incidents and events. Only when the people catch up with the rates of prevailing commodity prices, will the commodity prices will be stable. And only when the people have access to true information on administration, will the people be able to lead a secure life. If the people have access to authentic commercial news, they will try their best for economic development. If local media is under excessive control at a time when IT is making a rapid progress, the people will place reliance on foreign media. If so, foreign media will have a dominant position in our nation. So, new laws and bye-laws appropriate for the future nation should be prescribed to provide more freedom to local media.

"If literature and culture are extinct, so will be the national races, and that has been evidenced by a great many of incidents around the world. Prescribing necessary laws, the State should provide assistance to ethnic groups for flourishing of the literature, culture and development of these national races. Now, universities of culture have been established in the nation. So, a subject on literature and languages of national races should be prescribed as compulsory in the educational institutions. Only then will it be possible to secure equality of rights and mutual respect and understanding among national races. So, ethnic minorities should enjoy the rights to develop their literature, culture and fine arts, and the State should provide assistance to them from time to time.

"The education standard of the youth in the regions that are making a good progress in the social, economic and transport sectors is better than those in the regions without such progress especially Chin, Kachin and Kayah States and some regions in Shan State. That cannot bring any positive results to the nation. So, the State should prescribe necessary laws and bye-laws to narrow such an undesirable gap as possible as it can in the future nation.

"The State should give guarantee to the citizens right to property, right to use assets and to innovate and to protect copyrights in doing businesses without prejudice to the law.

"Anyhow, the State will have to prescribe necessary laws so as to avert an unnecessarily huge gap of income among the people and high unemployment".

To assess these suggestions, detailed basic principles relating to national races affairs, national cultural heritage, education, health and rights of citizens have been already adopted. Under these detailed basic principles, the State will have to take necessary steps for the development in these sectors and to promulgate necessary laws.

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The State shall not discriminate against...

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The three delegates added, "The National Convention has laid down a principle "The State shall not demonetize the currency in circulation". So, we would like to suggest that that principle should be replaced as a detailed basic principle in the Chapter related to economic opportunities".

To respond to the suggestion, the point, "The State will not demonetize the currency in circulation" manifested in a basic principle represents the State's guarantee to the citizens as an economic policy that it will exercise in future. It is not an economic right of citizens, so it is no need to mention it as a detailed basic principle.

In conclusion, in accord with the suggestions of the majority of National Convention delegates, a collection of the detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" will be clarified as follows:

1. All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar:
 - (a) All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) Persons who are vested with citizenship according to the existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force.
2. Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be as prescribed by the law.
3. The State shall enable any citizen to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally provide legal protection.
4. The State shall not discriminate against or in favour of any citizen based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth.
5. Citizens shall enjoy equal rights in the following areas:
 - (a) civil service;
 - (b) occupation;
 - (c) trade;
 - (d) business;
 - (e) technical know-how and profession;
 - (f) exploration of science and technology.
6. Women shall be entitled to the same rights and salaries as that received by men in respect of similar work.
7. Mothers, children and expectant women shall enjoy rights as prescribed by law
8. The State shall, in appointing or assigning duties, not discriminate against or in favour of any citizens with qualifications set for posts or duties based on race, birth, religion, and sex. However, nothing in this section shall prevent appointment of men to the positions that are naturally suitable for men only.
9. Nothing shall, except in accord with existing laws, be detrimental to the lives and personal freedom of any citizen.
10. There shall be liberty in the exercise of the following rights subject to the laws enacted for State security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity or public order and morality:
 - (a) The right of the citizens to express freely their convictions and opinions;
 - (b) The right of the citizens to assemble peacefully without arms;
 - (c) The right of the citizens to form associations and unions;
 - (d) The right of the citizens to develop their language, literature, culture they cherish, religion they profess, and customs without prejudice to the relations between one national race and another, or among national races and to other faiths.
11. Every citizen shall have the right to settle and reside in any place within the State according to law.
12. The State shall, according to the law, protect every citizen's current assets and fixed assets lawfully earned and acquired.
13. The State shall, by law, protect the premises and

- security of the home, property, correspondence and other communications of citizens subject to the provisions of this Constitution.
14. The State prohibits enslaving of man and trafficking in persons.
 15. The State prohibits any form of forced labour except hard labour as a punishment for crime duly convicted and duties assigned thereupon by the State in accord with the law in the interests of the people.
 16. Every citizen is equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess and practice religion subject to public order, morality or health and to the other provisions of the State Constitution.
 17. The above right shall not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice.
 18. The freedom so guaranteed shall not prohibit the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform.
 19. The State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State.
 20. The State also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as the religions existing in the Union on the date on which the State Constitution comes into force.
 21. The State shall render assistance and protect as it possibly can the religions it recognizes.
 22. The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden; and any act which is intended or is likely to provoke feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects which is contrary to the State Constitution. A law may be adopted to punish such actions.
 23. Every citizen shall, in accord with the law, have the right to freely develop literature, culture, arts, customs and traditions they cherish. In the process, they shall avoid any act which is to the detriment of national solidarity. Any particular action in this respect which might adversely affect the interests of one or several other national races shall be taken only after consulting with and seeking the consent of those affected.
 24. Every citizen, in accord with the education policy laid down by the Union, shall:
 - (a) have the right to education;
 - (b) be given basic education prescribed by the law as compulsory;
 - (c) have the right to innovate and express conscience for the development of science, literature and arts, and freely conduct research on culture.
 25. Every citizen, in accord with the health policy laid down by the State, shall have the right to health care.
 26. The State shall encourage and provide, based on qualifications, assistance for citizens outstanding in education, irrespective of race, religion, and sex.
 27. Subject to this Constitution and relevant laws, every citizen shall have the right to elect and to stand for elections to the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Region or State Hluttaw.
 28. Respective electorate shall have the right to recall a Hluttaw member in accord with the law.
 29. Every citizen shall have the right to freely do any business in accord with the law for the national economic development.
 30. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.
 31. In doing business without prejudice to the law, every citizen is guaranteed the rights of property ownership, using assets, initiation, and copyright by the Union.
 32. No person shall be convicted of crime except for violation of a law in force at the time of the commission of the act charged as an offence. Moreover, he shall not be subject to a penalty greater than that is applicable.
 33. Any person convicted or acquitted by a competent

- court for an offence shall not be retried unless a superior court annuls the judgment and orders to retry the case.
34. An accused person shall have the right of defence in accordance with the law.
 35. No citizen shall, except matters on precautionary measures taken in accordance with law for the security of the State or prevalence of law and order or the peace and tranquillity and interests of the people or matters permitted under an existing law, be held in custody for more than 24 hours without the remand of a competent magistrate.
 36. Every citizen shall have the right to apply to the Supreme Court of the Union through appropriate proceedings to enjoy the rights guaranteed under this chapter.
 37. In order to bestow the rights granted under this chapter the Supreme Court shall have the power to issue the following writs as appropriate.
 - (a) Writ of Habeas Corpus;
 - (b) Writ of Mandamus;
 - (c) Writ of Prohibition;
 - (d) Writ of Quo Warranto;
 - (e) Writ of Certiorari.
 The right to issue writs by the Supreme Court of the Union shall not affect the right to issue orders which are in the nature of writs by other courts invested to them under existing laws.
 38. At the time of occurrence of the following situations, the power to issue writs under paragraph 36 shall not be suspended unless the public safety may so require.
 - (a) in time of war;
 - (b) in time of foreign invasion;
 - (c) in time of insurrection.
 39. Every citizen, at home or abroad, dealing with foreign countries shall have the right to seek protection of the State.
 40. Except in the following situations, the grievances of the citizens legally entitled under law shall not be refused—
 - (a) in time of foreign invasion;
 - (b) in time of insurrection;
 - (c) in time of emergency.
 41. If some of the rights prescribed in this chapter that concern members of the defence forces or the forces charged with the maintenance of public order so as to ensure fulfilment of their duties and the maintenance of discipline are needed to be restricted or abrogated, they shall be done so only through enactment of necessary law.
 42. Every citizen is under a duty to uphold
 - (a) Non-disintegration of the Union;
 - (b) Non-disintegration of national solidarity;
 - (c) Perpetuation of sovereignty.
 43. Every citizen is under a duty to abide by the provisions of the Constitution
 44. Every citizen is under a duty to safeguard independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity of the Union of Myanmar.
 45. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.
 46. Every citizen, charged with Union Spirit, is under a duty to enhance unity among national races and to ensure community peace and stability.
 47. Every citizen is under a duty to build a modern developed nation.
 48. Every citizen is under a duty to pay taxes levied under the law.
 49. Every citizen is under a duty to contribute towards the following tasks being carried out by the State:
 - (a) preservation and safeguarding of national cultural heritage;
 - (b) environmental conservation;
 - (c) development of human resources;
 - (d) protection of public property.
 50. In this Chapter "The State" means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.

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Paygyi Dam opens to irrigate...

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 the agricultural sector of the nation, especially implementation of dam projects, sluice gate projects, river water pumping projects and underground water projects. In October, the storm in South China Sea caused heavy rain to Shan State, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions. However, Thaphansek, Kyatmauktaung, Kinda and other dams stored and controlled water flowed from rivers and creeks. At present, flood in the areas of crops plantations had receded.

In 1988-89, there were 172 dams that irrigated about three million acres of land. At present, 190 dams and sluice gate projects have been implemented to extend 2.6 million acres more of irrigated land. In addition, 298 river water projects were also implemented. As a result, these irrigation facilities extended 7 million more acres of crop lands. In the entire nation, 16.9 million acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy. The newly-opened Paygyi Dam will benefit the people



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye unveils stone plaque of Paygyi Dam. — A&I

from four village-tracts in Kanbalu Township.

Farmer U Ba Aung of Paygyi Village expressed gratitude.

Next, the

commander unveiled the stone plaque of the dam. The commander and the minister formally opened the dam and inspected it.

Paygyi Dam is 42

feet high and 8,940 feet long, and it can store 9,365 acre feet of water at the highest level. The conduit is a reinforced concrete one. The main

canal is 3.8 miles long. The dam will supply water to 1,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 1,000 acres of sugarcane. MNA



Paygyi Dam built in Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division. — A&I

MWAF gives educative talks, medical treatment in Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 28 Oct — Social and Cultural and Health Working Groups of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held an educative talk and gave free medical treatment to patients with eye complaints at the office of Dagon Myothit (South) Township Health Department this morning. It was attended by Leader Dr Daw Sanda Aung of Social and Cultural Working Group, the regional organizer, responsible persons of Health Working Group and members of Women's Affairs Organization.

Dr Daw Sanda

Aung made an opening address and Eye Specialist Associate Professor Dr Daw Aung

May Kyi gave talks on cataract. Next, Eye Specialist Dr Daw Thaung Thaung Hsaing and party

provided treatments and surgery appointments for eye patients.

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Leader Dr Daw Sanda Aung and members of Social and Culture Working Group of MWAF view treatment being given to eye patients. — HEALTH

Myanmar, Japanese officials seek ways for human resource development

YANGON, 28 Oct — Vice-Presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin and U Zaw Min Win, officials of UMFCCI and Myanmar Industrialists Association, on 24 October, met a Japanese delegation led by Professor Dr Sumi Odano of Pacific Resource Exchange Centre (PREX) and held discussions on cooperation the economic and industrial sector and human resource development, exchanging information on business matters and holding meetings on technology and conducting courses.

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Fasting may boost recovery from spinal injury

LONDON, 27 Oct — Fasting may improve recovery from spinal cord injury, the *New Scientist* reported on Thursday on its website, quoting the result of a new rodent study.

Researchers at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, created lesions in the spinal cords of a group of rats and injured rats, and fed them only on alternate days. After several months, the rats showed half the spinal cord damage compared with their normally fed counterparts.

Inspection of the rodents' spinal cords revealed that the lesions

were 50 per cent smaller in the fasting animals than the control animals. Over the course of the two months following the initial spinal injury, fasting rats showed slightly better improvement in their ability to complete a ladder-climbing task than their counterparts.

According to the report, other studies have shown that a calorie restricted diet started several months before an injury such as

stroke can protect neurons from dying. Researchers suspect that fasting helps because it dampens the body's immune system, causing fewer overzealous immune cells to reach the site of spinal injury and these cells sometimes block off the site of injury to such an extent that they prevent nerve regeneration.

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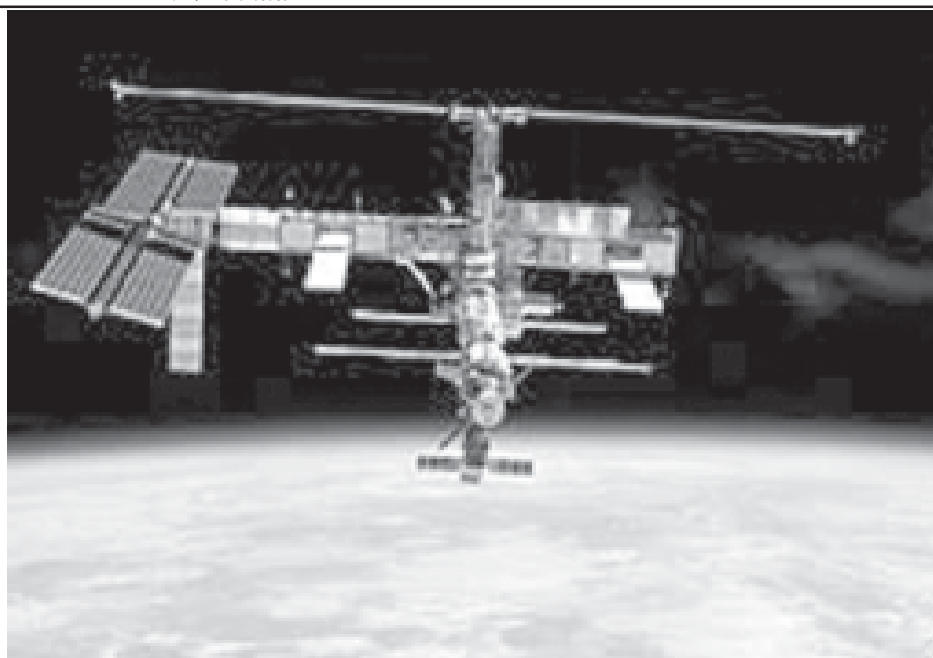
Fasting may improve recovery from spinal cord injury, the New Scientist reported on 26 Oct, 2006 on its website, quoting the result of a new rodent study.
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Russian supply craft docks with 'ISS'

Moscow, 27 Oct — A Russian cargo ship docked successfully with the International Space Station (ISS) on Thursday after overcoming a problem that had prevented the craft from hooking up firmly with the orbiting outpost, space officials at the Mission Control said. *The Progress M-58* ship initially docked at the station at 18:28 Moscow Time (1428 GMT), but the operation was hindered from being completed because an antenna failed to fold as required during docking, Russian news agencies reported.

After three hours of troubleshooting, the docking operation was completed, space officials said. "During the second attempt, the metal bar bringing the spacecraft and the ISS together advanced completely and electrical connectors connected successfully," a Mission Control official was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.— MNA/Xinhua



A Russian cargo ship docked successfully with the International Space Station (ISS) on 26 Oct, 2006 after overcoming a problem that had prevented the craft from hooking up firmly with the orbiting outpost, space officials at the Mission Control said.—XINHUA

Liz Taylor denies plans for 9th marriage

LOS ANGELES, 27 Oct— Actress Elizabeth Taylor on Thursday denied media reports that she was planning to marry for the 9th time.

Taylor, 74, is being linked romantically with artist and photographer Firooz Zahedi — who in the mid-1970s became the star's personal photographer on her film projects. Responding to what she called stories "regarding my private life and future plans", Taylor described Zahedi as "an old and dear friend".

But she added in a statement: "We are not, have never been and will never be romantically involved. My private life and my plans, at this time remain private."

Taylor, who was treated for congestive heart failure in 2004, went on US television in May to scoff at tabloid claims that she was gravely ill or suffering from Alzheimer's disease. The violet-eyed actress has been married eight times, twice to British actor Richard Burton. Her last marriage, to building labourer Larry Fortensky, ended in divorce in 1996 after about four years.

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French PM tried to keep daughter off catwalk

CERGY-PONTOISE (France), 27 Oct — French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin revealed on Thursday he had tried to persuade his daughter not to become a model.

Working under the pseudonym Marie Steiss, Villepin's 20-year-old daughter lives in New York and recently won a big contract to promote a Givenchy perfume. "My daughter has got into a profession and is doing something that she wanted to do," Villepin said when asked about her success and whether the reflected glory was helping him.

"I did everything I could do to dissuade her. But it seems she is doing it and has talent," he said during a news conference in a suburb outside Paris.

French magazine *Paris Match* published on Thursday a feature on Steiss, who has inherited her father's good looks. "I insist on working in utter anonymity and not feel the weight of, or worse, benefit from the privileges tied to my family name. I want to succeed on my own," she said.

She says she shares a 40-square-metre (130-square-foot) apartment with four friends.

MNA/Reuters



Zoo keepers in east China's Shandong Province held a birthday party on 26 Oct, 2006 for a 34-year-old female giant panda who has been living in the zoo for 12 years. Tao Tao, in the zoo of Jinan, the provincial capital, was presented with a big cream-made cake in the shape of a peach which signifies longevity in Chinese culture.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Latvian teen Gulbis makes first semi in St Petersburg

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), 28 Oct—Latvian teenager Ernest Gulbis reached his first ATP semifinal with a 7-6, 6-7, 6-2 win over Czech Jan Hernych at the St Petersburg Open on Friday.

The 204th-ranked Gulbis, who had only won three ATP matches in his fledgling career until this week, has already doubled his output in Russia's northern capital as he repaid the trust of tournament organizers who gave him a wildcard invite.—MNA/Reuters

Home favourites reach Lyon quarters

LYON, 28 Oct—Fourth seed Richard Gasquet led the French charge at the Lyon International when he reached the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Belgian Dick Norman on Thursday.

Gasquet, who is the highest seed left in the tournament following the exits of Marcos Baghdatis, Gaston Gaudio and Dominik Hrbaty, was joined in the last eight by compatriots Sebastien Grosjean and Arnaud Clement. Clement, winner of the event in 2000 but now ranked 50th, defeated fellow Frenchman Michael Llodra 2-6, 6-1, 7-6. Sixth seed Grosjean was a 7-6, 6-2 winner in another all-French encounter against Cyril Saulnier.—MNA/Reuters



Crewe Alexandra striker Nicky Maynard, left, attempts an overhead kick as Manchester United's Mikael Silvestre, right, looks on in the English League Cup soccer match at Gresty Road, Crewe, England on 25 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Colo Colo beat nine-man Gimnasia to reach semifinals

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Oct—Colo Colo beat nine-man Gimnasia-La Plata 2-0 in a tense, bad-tempered match on Thursday to reach the semifinals of the Copa Sudamericana.

Second-half goals from Humberto Suazo and Gonzalo Fierro gave the Chileans a convincing away win in the second leg as they completed a resounding 6-2 aggregate win.

Tensions were running high before kickoff after last week's first leg in Santiago was abandoned in the 86th minute when a Gimnasia player was hit by a lump of concrete thrown from the stands.

Colo Colo were winning 4-1 and the result was allowed to stand even though Gimnasia said they should have been awarded a win. Gimnasia

refused to allow any Chilean fans into their stadium in La Plata on Thursday as a reprisal.

A rough first-half, epitomized when Gimnasia striker Santiago Silva was booked for head-butting an opponent in the stomach, finished with an ugly skirmish as the players left the field at half time.

Despite the unstinting support of the 40,000 crowd, Gimnasia struggled to create chances and it was no surprise when Colo Colo went ahead three minutes after the restart.

MNA/Reuters

Johansson eyes third St Petersburg title

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), 28 Oct—Defending champion Thomas Johansson of Sweden stayed on course for his third St. Petersburg Open title, reaching the semifinals with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over South Africa's Wesley Moodie on Friday.

Johansson had a walkover into the quarterfinals after his second-round opponent, seventh-seeded Russian Mikhail Youzhny, broke his ankle in a doubles match. Moodie also went through to the last eight on default after top seed Nikolay Davydenko retired from their second-round match with a foot injury.

After splitting the first two sets, Johansson broke Moodie in the fourth game of the final one before serving out the match in one hour and 42 minutes.

"I feel like I'm playing well right now and I have good memories from playing here, so I wouldn't count myself out to win here once more," said the Swede, who also won in 1997.

Johansson, 31, who was ranked as high as seventh in the world after winning the 2002 Australian Open, has slipped to number 64 after struggling for much of the year.

He has won only eight matches this year and is likely to end up with his worst record since he started playing full-time on the ATP tour in 1996.

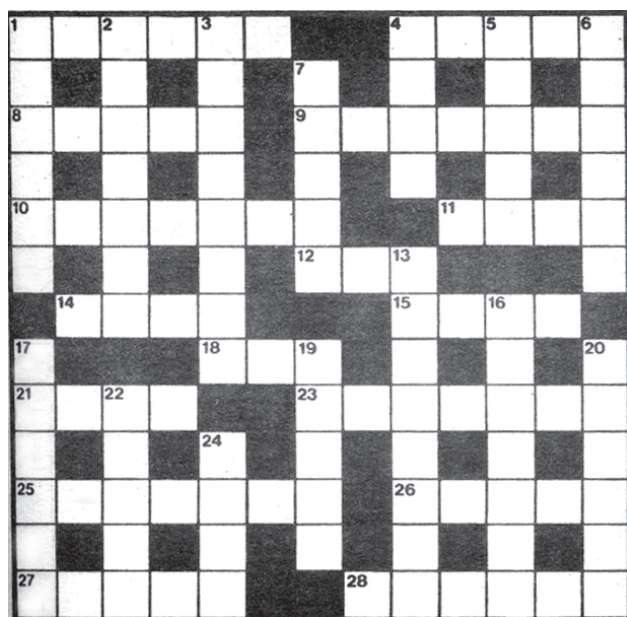
He will face unseeded Italian Potito Starace or Russian wildcard Igor Kunitsyn in Saturday's semifinals.

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German Rodrigo Basualdo (L) of Argentina's Gimnasia y Esgrima vies for the ball with Alvaro Andres Ormeno from Chile's Colo Colo during the second leg of their Copa Sudamericana soccer match in La Plata on 26 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

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ACROSS

- 1 Sports jacket
- 4 Raise anchor
- 8 Minimum
- 9 Small marsupial
- 10 Emit warmth and light
- 11 Pond
- 12 Hurried
- 14 Cosy
- 15 Latin poet
- 18 Devon river
- 21 Part of a church
- 23 Permanent way support
- 25 Endurance
- 26 Flower
- 27 Bloodsucker
- 28 Clergyman

DOWN

- 1 Spanish dance
- 2 Forsake
- 3 Gets near (anag.)
- 4 Fleece
- 5 Progeny
- 6 Tiny village
- 7 Card game
- 13 Month
- 16 Beseech
- 17 Maiden
- 19 Attempt
- 20 Punctual
- 22 Frighten
- 24 Aquatic food

Beckham to miss league match because of thigh strain

MADRID, 28 Oct—David Beckham will miss Real Madrid's league match against Gimnastic Tarragona because of a strained thigh muscle, the club said on Friday.

The former England captain sustained the injury during Real's 1-1 draw with Third Division Ecija in the King's Cup on Wednesday, his second appearance in the starting line-up in eight matches. Beckham has not trained with the rest of the team since then and was left out of the squad for Saturday's league match.

The future of the 31-year-old at the club has become the centre of intense speculation in recent weeks.

His contract expires at the end of the season and although Real say they are confident he will sign a two-year extension, media reports suggest the midfielder may decide to leave the club given his lack of first team chances under Fabio Capello. —MNA/Reuters



David Beckham

MNA/Reuters

Switzerland's Wawrinka upsets Nalbandian in Basel

BASEL (Switzerland), 28 Oct—Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka dumped Argentine second seed David Nalbandian out of the Swiss Indoor Tournament with a deserved 7-6, 6-2 quarterfinal victory on Friday.

Maria Sharapova of Russia reacts after winning her Generali Linz quarter-final tennis match against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia in Linz on 27 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Having spent much of the week in the shadow of world number one and Basel native Roger Federer, Wawrinka grabbed a share of the limelight with a blistering performance against the world number three.

The win puts Wawrinka on course for a possible final meeting with Federer, who plays his quarterfinal against Spanish fifth seed David Ferrer.

MNA/Reuters



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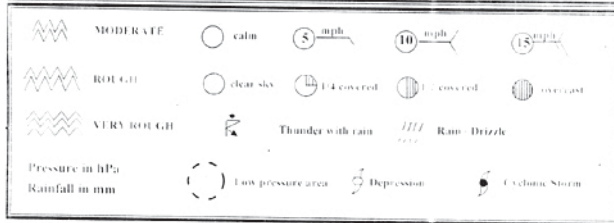
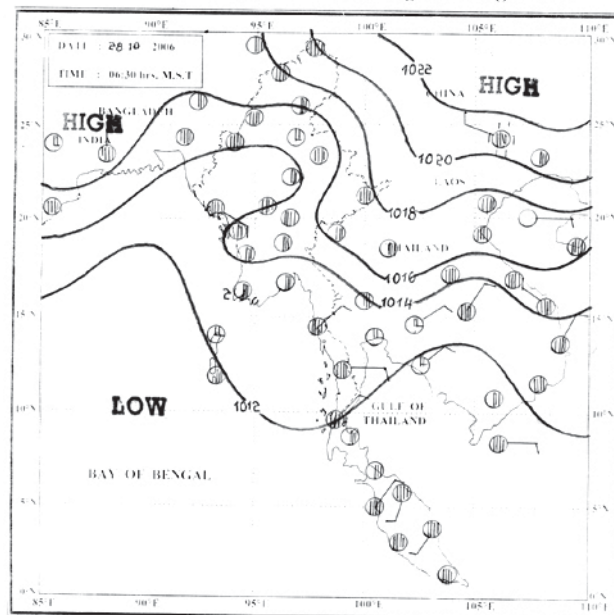
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 28 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (0.32) inch and Hakha (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 27-10-2006 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 28-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 28-10-2006 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 27-10-2006 was 9.1 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 28-10-2006 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 (9) mph from Northeast at 14:15 hours MST on 27-10-2006.

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 29-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Northern Shan, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, 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 moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 29-10-2006: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 29-10-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 29-10-2006: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.



Sunday, 29 October

Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Open your heart... Westlife
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-Tell me... Cleves
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-There is your letter... Blink-182
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am** Music:
-Penny lover
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Children's delight
-Story for children
-Songs for children
- 9:00pm** Weekly news review
- 9:10pm** Article
- 9:20pm** Music/latest hits/
let's improve English through songs
-Words ...
Thurein Naing
-How do I live, right here waiting
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Sunday, 29 October
View on today

7:00 am

- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ

8:10 am

- 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

- 7. မဲဆောင်းတံတား

8:30 am

- 8. International news

8:45 am

- 9. Say it in English

11:00 am

- 1. Martial song

11:10 am

- 2. Musical programme

11:25 am

- 3. Round up of the week's international news

11:35 am

- 4. Yan Can Cook

11:50 am

- 5. Myanmar movie: "ဖိုးဖြိုးချို" ဖိုးပါကြီး၊ ဇေယျ၊ တင်တင်မူဝင်းမာ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မြင့်မောင်)

2:00 pm

- 6. ပန်းချီပန်းပု အနုပညာပြပွဲ အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ (၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်၊ မန္တလေး)

2:15 pm

- 7. "ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းစေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)

2:30 pm

- 8. Sunday talk

2:45 pm

- 9. International news

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:15 pm

- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

- 4. Dance of National Races

5:00 pm

- 5. Musical programme

5:15 pm

- 6. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

- 7. Evening news

6:30 pm

- 8. Weather report

6:35 pm

- 9. သီရိဓမ္မာ

7:00 pm

- 10. Discovery

7:20 pm

- 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

8:00 pm

- 12. News

- 13. International news

- 14. Weather report

- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)

- 16. The next day's programme

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Prime Minister felicitates Turkish counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Oct— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic Turkey, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October, 2006. — MNA

The newly-opened Paygyi Dam will benefit the people from four village-tracts of Kanbalu Township.

Paygyi Dam opens to irrigate 2,000 acres of farmland in Kanbalu Township

YANGON, 28 Oct — Paygyi Dam, built by Irrigation Department, in Kanbalu Township of Shwebo District, was commissioned yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye said that the Government is placing emphasis on agricultural sector to realize one of the social objectives — Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye speaks at the opening of Paygyi Dam.— A & I

Paygyi Dam is an earth facility built on Paygyi Creek, four miles from Paygyi Village of Kanbalu Township. It is the 190th dam project implemented by the Tatmadaw Government in the nation after 1988. It is the 21st facility of its kind in Sagaing Division, and irrigation facilities in Sagaing Division can benefit 607,045 acres of land. Paygyi Dam can

not only irrigate over 2,000 acres of farmland in Kanbalu Township but also prevent overflow of Paygyi Creek in the rainy season. Understanding endeavours of the Government in building irrigation facilities of the region, local people are to ensure durability of the dams and canals and to

extend cultivation of suitable crops with the systematic use of water from the dam.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance for boosting production of

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Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium continues

YANGON, 28 Oct — A meeting for Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township, here, this afternoon with an address by Patron of Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the Committee Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Secretary of the Committee Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and committee members and members of organizing com-

mittee for Myanmar Gems Association.

The minister heard reports presented by central committee and sub-committee members and gave concluding remarks. Later, the Secretary also reported on weakness and strength of the emporium at the meeting.

The jade auction of the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued today at Myanmar Convention Centre as the sixth day.

A total of 45 jade lots were sold this morning and 81 jade lots were sold through tender system yesterday.

The auction will continue tomorrow at the same venue.

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Gem merchants observe jade lots being displayed at the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2006.—MNA

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The Generator Factory (Sinde) produces 41 kinds of items. And it is expected to produce over 1,800 generators per year. Likewise, the Three Phase Watt Hour Meter Factory (Sinde) is expected to produce 10,000 three phase watt hour meters a year.

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