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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivers a speech at graduation of 9th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec — *The following is a translation of the address delivered by Senior General Than Shwe, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, at the graduation parade of the 9th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy in Pyin OoLwin today.*

Comrades,

I would like to tell you what you should know with seriousness at the graduation parade of the 9th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy.

You have studied military science and technological courses and you are about to be commissioned as junior military engineers. You are to participate in the tasks for building a strong, capable

modern Tatmadaw and for building a peaceful modern developed nation. Therefore, you have to continue to try hard to become brilliant military engineers in military and technological fields.

Comrades,

In modern age, those who have superiority in technology are trying to influence others. A powerful nation of the world tries to monopolize space militarily. The nation has announced the one-sided policy that she has the right to prevent the use of space

by a country or an organization that harms its interests.

Comrades,

Our country maintains goodwill relations with every nation of the world, practising the five principles of peaceful co-existence. However, it is essential for our country to possess a strong capable modern patriotic Tatmadaw to defend our nation and citizens. As far as national defence is concerned, efforts are to be made to see that the

nation is free from external influence. You are to try to become technologists who can promote military science and technology in building modern Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

It is necessary to promote three capabilities—political capability, economic capability and defence capability for perpetuation of the nation and its people. In doing so, economic capability is important. Only when there is economic

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Senior General Than Shwe addresses graduation parade of 9th Intake of DSTA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec — The graduation parade of the 9th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy was held at the parade ground of DSTA in PyinOoLwin today, with an address by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha

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Graduate cadet companies at 9th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win, a goodwill delegation led by Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, paid a working visit to the Union of Myanmar from 18 to 21 December.

During his stay in Myanmar, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister paid a courtesy call on Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

The Sri Lankan Prime Minister also met with Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and cordially discussed matters relating to bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

While in Myanmar, the goodwill delegation led by the Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda, Sule Pogada and Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image in Yangon, Shwezigon and Ananda Pagodas in Bagan-NyaungU and they also visited Bagan Archaeological Museum.

Since ancient times, Myanmar and Sri Lanka have well-established relations on religious affairs and historically and culturally, the two countries have maintained friendly and cordial relations.

We firmly believe that the working visit of Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka will help promote the friendship between the two countries and enhance bilateral cooperation between the two countries.



To mark the 81st birthday of Daw Lay Kyi at No 211 on Ingyinmyaing street, Thuwunna in Thingangyun Township, her family donates K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home.—H

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 opening of Bilu Village Bridge in Mohnyin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Dec — A ceremony to commission Bilu Village Bridge built on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road was held near the bridge in Mohnyin Township on 10 December evening.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint delivered an address. Mohnyin District Engineer U Saw Thu Tu Htoo of Public Works reported on construction of the bridge and Mohnyin Township PDC Chairman U Zaw Min Han on efforts made for building the bridge.

A local thanked officials for construction of the bridge.

The Chairman of the Township PDC presented commemorative pennants to the commander and officials. Wife of the Commander Chairperson of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Nu Nu Swe gave uniforms to educational and health staff of the village.

Afterwards, Col Myint Naing of the local station, the chairman of Mohnyin District PDC and the chairman of Bilu Village PDC cut the ribbon to open the bridge. The commander unveiled the signboard of the bridge. Next, they passed through the bridge, and posed for documentary photo together with local people.



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint receives a commemorative pennant from an official of Mohnyin Township.—MNA

Later, the commander greeted the locals and attended to the needs.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of Kachin State PDC U Maung Maung Win and departmental officials.

It was No 1/194 Bridge, 100 feet long and 14 feet wide. The bridge was built on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Highway in Bilu Bridge of Mohnyin Township, spending K 21.5 million. The bridge can withstand 13-ton loads. — MNA

L&F Minister inspects reclamation of livestock breeding zones

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Dec — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein together with Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and officials on 18 December inspected sites chosen for the livestock breeding zone of Minpyin reserved forest (1) to be reclaimed in Lewe Township, Mandalay Division.

Next, the minister met with breeders of Pinyin and Lewe Townships and urged them to carry out agrobased livestock breeding tasks, to take necessary measures for vaccination and to breed cow mainly at the zone. The minister and party also inspected sites chosen for the livestock breeding zone of Minpyin reserved forest (2). — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Mahlaing Township Electrical Engineer's Office.—MNA

Minister calls for improvement of power supply system in Meiktila District

YANGON, 20 Dec — Minister for Electric Power-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with employees of the ministry in Meiktila on 16 December. At the meeting, officials of Meiktila, Wundwin and Mahlaing township Electrical Engineer's Offices reported on supply of electricity to the

respective townships. After hearing reports, the minister called for the improvement of electricity supply system for the sufficient supply of electricity to the region.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint went to Mahlaing Township Electrical Engineer's Office and met with employees.

During his tour of inspection, Electric Power-2 Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected the installation of the 132 KV grid from Thazi to Myingyan. The work on installation of the new grid started on 15 July and on completion, it will be 65 miles long.

He also inspected stockpiling of cables and sites chosen to set up transformers. The minister called for worksite safety and timely completion of work. — MNA

China, Japan, S Korea to increase cultural exchanges

BEIJING, 20 Dec—China, Japan and South Korea held a cultural forum here Tuesday, pledging to increase cultural exchanges to promote friendship and cooperation. Officials with the three countries reviewed previous exchanges and discussed plans to jointly host activities.

The discussions focused on using social and civil resources in ex-

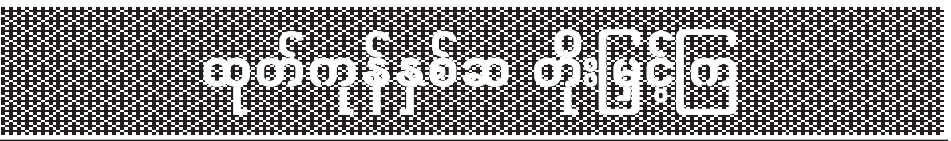
change activities.

Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of the normalization of China-Japan diplomatic relations, the China-Japan year of cultural and sport exchanges, the 15th anniversary of the establishment of China-South Korea diplomatic ties and the China-South Korea Year of Exchange.

The three sides agreed to enhance exchanges in

sport, the arts, education and protection on cultural heritage in an effort to promote the friendship among their peoples.

This is the second meeting of the China-Japan-South Korea cultural forum, which was founded last year in Seoul to increase mutual understanding and friendship, especially among the young.—MNA/Xinhua



A diver dressed as Santa Claus feeds turtles in a fish tank at Jakarta's Sea World aquarium on 17 Dec, 2006.

INTERNET



British Airways grounds all domestic flights

LONDON, 20 Dec—British Airways is to cancel all UK domestic services from London Heathrow on Thursday following severe fog.

The firm said a significant number of European flights, including routes to Paris and Brussels served by the Eurostar, will also be grounded.

BA and other airlines cancelled more than 180 flights to and from Heathrow on Wednesday.

Some 18 Gatwick flights were affected as were services from Liverpool John Lennon and Cardiff International. Airport operator BAA said 223 flights had been cancelled altogether.

BA said it plans to run about 220 shorthaul flights to and from London Heathrow on Thursday, out of a normal daily total of 400 shorthaul and domestic flights.—Internet

US Embassy in El Salvador receives bomb threat

MEXICO CITY, 20 Dec—The United States Embassy in El Salvador on Tuesday received a warning about a bomb in its precinct, according to reports reaching here.

The embassy “has received a bomb threat today. We appreciate the help of the El Salvador Government, especially the National Civil Police, in securing the embassy and making sure our neighbours are safe,” said the US Embassy.

The police said that the embassy, which is located in Antigua Cuscatlan on the outskirts of El Salvador’s capital, San Salvador, had been evacuated and that bomb experts had searched the compound for explosives. They did not say if anything had been found.

The embassy evacuated all staff and suspended all services to the public. Authorities sealed some nearby streets in order to safeguard residents.

The embassy said it would make new appointments for the people who were seeking visas and other documents.—MNA/Xinhua

Ten killed in concert stampede in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 Dec—At least 10 young people were killed and dozens of others injured when a stampede occurred at a pop concert held at Java Island of Indonesia on the late night of Tuesday, a local news website detik.com reported Wednesday. The pop concert, held at stadium Manggala Krida in the city of Pegalangan, Central Java Province, attracted thousands of pop music fans, far beyond organizer’s anticipation.

The tragedy happened when the concert ended up and people in the stadium were going to go home, but hundreds of fans waiting outside still wanted to push inside. The chaos situation resulted in 10 young people dead and many others injured.

“The bodies were carried to our hospital at about 11 o’clock,” said Agung, an official of Islam Pekajenan Hospital, which is the nearest hospital to the concert, with a distance of only two kilometres, “We are now waiting for their families to affirm their identifications.”

Agung said the victims all had internal injuries because of trample, “But the real reason of their death is lack of oxygen” as the colour of their faces all changed to blue, he added.

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A model poses beside a Chery QQ car at the Beijing Auto Show on 18 Nov, 2006. China's Chery Automobile Co plans dual initial public offerings in Hong Kong and Mainland China in 2008, a state-run newspaper reported on 20 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET



Combo picture of US President George W Bush holding his traditional year-end news conference in the Indian Treaty Room of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building at the White House complex in Washington,



on 20 Dec, 2006. He acknowledged for the first time on Tuesday that the United States is not winning the war in Iraq, the Washington Post reported on Wednesday. — XINHUA

India warning on globalization

DELHI, 20 Dec—A Nobel-prize winning US economist has warned that public services could suffer in countries like India as a result of globalization.

Professor Joseph Stiglitz told the BBC News website that globalization had led to lower tariffs, an

important source of public revenue.

“A decline in tariff leads to less money for the governments to spend on its people,” Professor Stiglitz said.

He won the Nobel Prize in 2001 for his work on the economics of information.

The 63-year-old economist’s book *Globalization And Its Discontents* is a scathing critique of how international financial and trade organizations are affecting economies and societies. Professor Stiglitz said globalization had played an important trigger in the buoyant Indian economy—it grew at over 9% in the six months to this September. But he said it had been given too much credit for the growth.

Internet

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall accept the Bill to amend the Constitution for consideration, if 20 per cent of all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members submit it

YANGON, 21 Dec — *The following is the translation of proposal submitted by National Unity Party of the Delegate Group of Political Parties to the Plenary Session of the National Convention for laying down the chapters "Amendment of Constitution", "the State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "the Transitory Provisions", and "the General Provisions" at the Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.*

I wish you all, Mr Chairman and members of the Panel of Chairmen, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission and members, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee and members, the Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee and members and delegates health and happiness.

I am U Tun Yi, a National Convention delegate of the National Unity Party.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held from 10 to 13 November 2006, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the detailed basic principles for the chapters "Amendment of Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital", "the Transitory Provisions", and "the General Provisions".

He told the delegates to discuss whether to adopt the said detailed basic principles or not and to give other valuable suggestions if they have. We present our proposal based on the Work Committee Chairman's clarification.

The NUP has compiled the paper in accord with the clarification of the Work Committee Chairman.

Mr Chairman,

We will now discuss the chapter "Amendment of the Constitution". The para 1 of the chapter says:

"If there is wish to amend anyone of the provisions of this Constitution, the following methods shall be applied:

- (a) **The proposal to amend the Constitution shall be submitted in the form of a Bill.**
- (b) **A Bill to amend the Constitution shall contain no other proposals."**

The NUP finds the para effective and appropriate to be adopted.

The detailed basic principle No 2 says, "Such Bill to

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amend the Constitution may be initiated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw". The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comprises the said two Hluttaws. Only the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will draft bills and promulgate laws. Hence the detailed basic principles should be adopted.

The para 3 which says, **"The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall accept the Bill to amend the Constitution for consideration, if 20 per cent of all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members submit it"** is appropriate to be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

The para 4 says as follows:-

"(a) The adopted provisions of the State Fundamental Principles, the State Structure, the Formation of Legislature, the Formation of Executive, the Formation of Judiciary, and the State of Emergency shall be amended with the prior approval of more than 75 per cent of all the members of the Pyidaungsi Hluttaw, in a nation-wide referendum only with a majority vote of more than half of those who have the right to vote.

(b) Provisions other than those mentioned in the paragraph (a) shall be amended only with a majority vote of more than 75 per cent of all the members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(c) Articles that are concerned with or inclusive in Chapters stated in the paragraph (a) shall be prescribed when drafting the Constitution."

It is necessary to permit the amendment of a provision of the Constitution in accord with time and situation. But it may be difficult for the constitution to become a durable constitution if it can be easily amended.

We understand that the aim of the points concerning the chapter are not to harm the constitution's long-lasting existence. Hence, we have no further suggestions concerning the four points of the chapter.

State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital

Mr Chairman,
We will now discuss the detailed basic principles to be adopted for the chapter "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital".

A detailed basic principle concerning the chapter says as follows:-

**"(1) The State Flag shall be prescribed as follows:
The Flag is marked with green, yellow and red stripes in a proportionate ratio. On the left end of the green stripe at the top of the Flag is a large white star directing upwards.**

(2) Law shall be promulgated concerning the State Flag."

The Work Committee Chairman explained the definitions of the colours — green, yellow and red — to be included in the State Flag. The Work Committee Chairman explained that as the said three colours — green, yellow and red — portray the nation's objective conditions and national unity, the Flag should be marked with green, yellow and red stripes in a proportionate ratio.

Concerning the Flag, he said, "As the national races have been living in the Union of Myanmar in weal or woe and in love and unity since time immemorial, the National Convention has adopted the fundamental principles "The Union is constituted by Pyidaungsu (Union) systems" and "no part of the territory of the Union, namely, Regions, States and Self-Administered areas etc, shall ever secede from the Union." As all the national races are living through thick and thin and in

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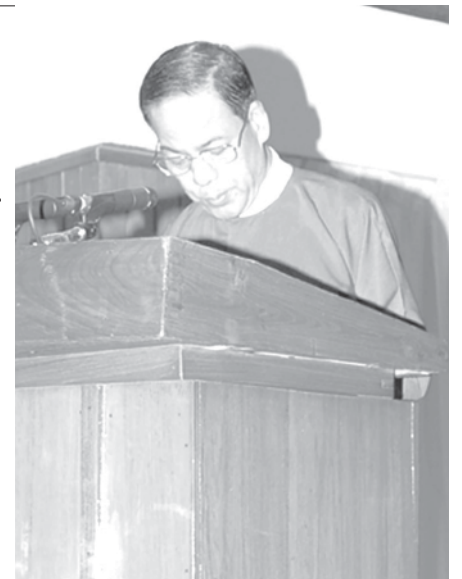
proposal of

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unity, a big white star in an upward position representing the Union should be portrayed in the State Flag."

As the Work Committee Chairman's explanations are in accord with the nation's objective conditions, the point 1 should be adopted as a detailed basic principle. Procedures and rules in connection with the State Flag and punishments for offences are prescribed in the separate law enacted by the legislative assemblies. The point 2 should be adopted.

Concerning the State Seal, the Work Committee Chairman said, "the State Seal should include the map of the Union of Myanmar." "The words "Pyidaungsu Thamada Myanmar Naing-Ngan Daw" should be included in the State Seal." He also explained. "The white star that is the symbol of the anti-colonialist and anti-Fascist struggles launched with the people's strength should also be included in it. The Seal should be decorated with the picture of the lion king used as a tradition in the State Seals of the Union of Myanmar, and Myanmar traditional floral arabesque."

As the Work Committee Chairman's explanations concerning the State Seal reflect the history and traditions and culture of the nation, the point, **"The State Seal shall be as shown below"** should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

It is found that many countries mention the song that should be prescribed as the National Anthem. Constitutions of some nations state that the legislative assembly should enact a law to prescribe the National Anthem. The present National Anthem has been used for over half a century. One of the fundamental principles adopted by the National Convention is "further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality. The present National Anthem also depicts the scnicere policy justice, freedom and equality. Hence the point **"The present National Anthem shall be prescribed as the National Anthem"** should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

The capitals of most of the nations are located at the centre of the country. Now all the government institutions are carrying out their normal functions as their head offices have already been set up in Nay Pyi Taw. We have no further discussions concerning the detailed basic principle **"The capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw."**

Every independent and sovereign nation has its own State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and Capital. Hence the detailed basic principles of the chapter should be adopted.

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The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall...

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Mr Chairman,

I will now discuss the detailed basic principles concerning the chapter "Transitory Provisions".

In our view the detailed basic principle, **"This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a nation-wide referendum by more than half of all the people who have the right to vote"** is appropriate to be adopted.

The detailed basic principle **"The State Peace and Development Council shall, continuing to exercise State sovereignty, carry out during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened, all the functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the Constitution"** is aimed at continuous running of all the State functions. Hence it should be adopted.

The detailed basic principles "The work done by the State Peace and Development Council to bring the Constitution into force shall be deemed to have been carried out in accord with this Constitution" and "All policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, notifications, proclamations, measures, responsibilities and rights of the State Peace and Development Council shall devolve on the Union of Myanmar" ensure facilitation of the functions of the transitory period. We have no further suggestions concerning the two points.

We find the detailed basic principles "Existing laws shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary of this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw" and "Existing rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Union Government" comprehensive and appropriate to be adopted.

The detailed basic principle "All courts existing on the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution shall continue to exercise their jurisdiction until new courts are established by law in accord with this Constitution.

"All cases, civil, criminal and revenue, pending in the said courts, shall be disposed of in accord with the laws exercised on the date on which the cases came up for trial" is aimed at continuous conducting of judicial functions without the occurrence of any reverse effects. Hence it should be adopted.

The detailed basic principle **"All functioning State service personnel of departmental organizations including Tatmadaw under the State Peace and Development Council on the day this Constitution comes into force shall continue their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Union of Myanmar"** guarantees security for all State

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service personnel in carrying out their tasks. It also should be adopted.

The situations before and after the promulgation of the Constitution will not be the same. Hence, the nation will reach a situation that is different from the past. Hence, the pillars— the legislative, executive and judicial powers— and the economic and social infrastructures will also change in accord with the new situation.

All detailed basic principles explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter should be adopted.

General Provisions

Mr Chairman,

I will now discuss the detailed basic principles for the Chapter "General Provisions".

We find that the para 1 **"This Constitution is the basic law of laws of the State"** is appropriate to be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

We agree that the Work Committee Chairman's explanations in connections with the following para should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

(2) Myanmar language is the official language.

(3) the State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.

We have no further discussion in connection with the points **"Interpretation of the preamble, articles, clauses, words and expressions contained in this Constitution shall be based on Myanmar text"; "Interpretation of the expressions of this Constitution should be referred to the existing Interpretation of Expressions Law"; and "A Myanmar manuscript of this Constitution shall be kept at the National Archives. The manuscript shall be conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution"** as they are truly required for ensuring uniformity and facilitation in the functions concerning the Constitution.

Myanmar has adopted the market-oriented economy. Economic enterprise should be extended in the interest of the State and the people. As the para 7 permits the formation of joint ventures of private enterprises and other organizations, it contributes to economic development. Hence, the para should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

The para 8 that concerns the honouring of all legitimate obligations arising of any treaties or agreements which before the commencement of this Constitution were in force, and the para 9 which states that the Union of Republic of Myanmar may sue and may be sued indicates the duty and responsibility of the State are suitable to be adopted.

We have no further suggestions concerning the para 10 which states that the Constitutional Tribunal should consist of nine members including chairman; that the President, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall select three members each who meet the required qualifications.

The paras, 11, 12, 13 and 14 concern the presentation of the list of the members to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval; the right of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to reject the persons nominated for members of the Constitutional Tribunal by the President unless it can prove the members disqualified; the President's right to nominate new members for the seats of Constitutional Tribunal that are still vacant due to failure to obtain agreement of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and the appointment of the chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. They are appropriate to be adopted as detailed

basic principles.

The para 15 which says, "The term of the Constitutional Tribunal is five years, the same as that of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. However, the ongoing Constitutional Tribunal, on expiry of its term, shall continue to carry out its functions till the President forms a new Constitutional Tribunal under this Constitution" should be adopted.

As para 16 enables the members of the Constitutional Tribunal to discharge their duties well and fairly, we are in favour of adopting it.

We have no further suggestions concerning the para 17 which says, "A member of the Constitutional Tribunal may have the right to submit his resignation to the President if he wishes to resign before expiry of his tenure due to a reason" and para 18 which says, "The President may appoint a new member in accord with the provisions of this Constitution if there is a vacancy in membership in the Constitutional Tribunal for a certain reason."

The NUP finds the para 19 suitable to be adopted as a detailed basic principle. We have no further suggestions concerning the para 20.

We are in favour of adopting the para 21 which states, "If there is a dispute as to whether a provision prescribed in a law is in conformity with the Constitution in hearing a case by a court, and the constitutional Tribunal has not made any decision regarding the case, the court shall suspend its hearing and submit its views to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its decision. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal regarding the dispute shall apply all the cases" and the para 22 which states, "The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be final".

We have no further suggestions concerning the para 23 which states that the persons who should have the right to directly submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal for its interpretation, decision, and the para 24 which concerns the persons or bodies that should have the right to submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal.

The NUP has no further suggestions concerning the para 25— Formation and relations of the Constitutional Tribunal, and duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be prescribed by law— and the para 26— the role of the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal is designated to be equivalent to the position of a Vice-President and a member, to the position of a Union minister in order to make reference in prescribing by law regarding the duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal.

Mr Chairman,

The Work Committee Chairman after studying in detail the constitutions of some world nations, the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution of Myanmar explained the detailed basic principles concerning the chapters "Amendment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, Capital, "Transitory Provisions" and "General Provisions" within the framework of the objectives of the National Convention and the fundamental principles adopted by the Constitution. Hence, the detailed basic principles are suitable to be adopted.

Mr Chairman and National Convention delegates,

Since the beginning of the National Convention, the NUP has been participating in it together with other delegates to lay down the objectives, fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. And it is a prestige for the party. We vow to take part in the task for the emergence of a modern and developed democratic state in cooperation with the people.— MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall hold discussions about a bill, of which amendments should be made, when the report endorsed by at least 20 per cent of the initial number of Hluttaw members is submitted

YANGON, 21 Dec — *The following is the full text of proposal submitted by Union Pa-O National Organization of the Delegate Group of Political Parties to the Plenary Session of the National Convention for laying down the chapters "Amendment of Constitution", "the State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "the Transitory Provisions", and "the General Provisions" at the Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.*

Mr Chairman and members of the Panel of chairman, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the chairman and members of the NCC Work Committee, and representatives of the eight delegate groups, I extend my greetings to you all. I am representative U Khun Sein Win of the Union Pa-O National Organization.

Mr Chairman,

Every nation has to draw a new constitution and make amendments to it occasionally. A constitution is the lifeblood of the nation concerned, so unnecessary amendments should not be made to the constitution. In particular, there should not be any amendment that is likely to harm the fundamental rights of the citizens. If an amendment is made to the State constitution in such a way as amending a normal law, the whole State constitution will lose its essence to a certain degree and that will harm the image of the nation concerned. The initial constitution of the United States did not manifest any fundamental rights of the citizens, and later amendments were made occasionally to the constitution. In France, amendments have been made to the State constitution 14 times. Some countries, England for example, do not have any specific state constitution documented in a book, and they therefore do not need to make any amendments to the constitution concerned and apply a suitable law when need arises.

We can perceive that the constitutions of some countries prescribe two ways in making amendments. The first way calls for the approval of at least 75 percent or two-thirds of the initial number of Hluttaw members (members of parliament). And, a referendum

The words "Pyidaungsu Thamada Myanmar Naing-Ngan Daw" should be mentioned at the foot of the State Seal to indicate the Union that is peaceful one with flourishig democracy and national solidarity. The white star that is the symbol of the anti-colonialist and anti-Fascist struggles launched with the people's strength should also be included in it. The Seal should be decorated with the picture of the lion king used as a tradition in the State seals of the Union of Myanmar, and Myanmar traditional floral arabesque. The 1947 constitution stipulated National Anthem of the Union of Myanmar.

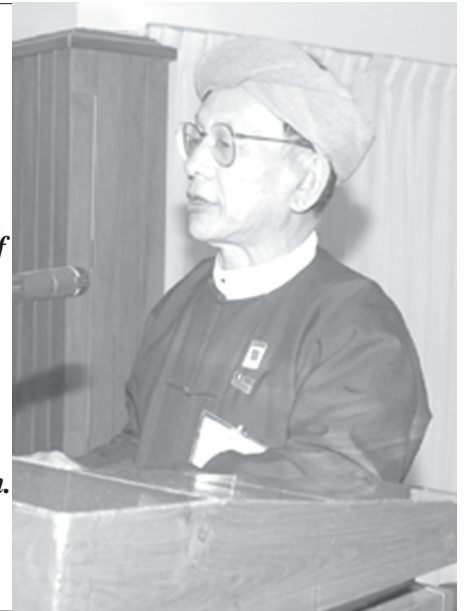
will be held on the amendments. The second needs the approval of 75 percent or two-thirds of the initial number of Hluttaw members. Specific principles should be prescribed so that amendments can be made to the constitution in a proper way if need arises. And the principles that need amendments should be submitted as bills. In this regard, a principle should be prescribed to designate the Hluttaw where a bill shall be initiated. In the upcoming State constitution, a bill to make an amendment should be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. And there should be a principle that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall hold discussions about a bill, of which amendments should be made, when the report endorsed by at least 20 percent of the initial number of Hluttaw members is submitted. In addition, specific principles should be included in the State constitution to prescribe ways to make amendments to specific principles and articles. The Work Committee chairman made a complete clarification to the ways of making amendments to the State constitution referring the 1947 constitution and the 1974 constitution. So, I suggest that the four points proposed for the detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Amendment of the Constitution" be adopted.

State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and Capital

Mr Chariman

Now, I would like to deal with the Chapter "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and Capital". Every independent and sovereign nation has its own specific State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital. And they lay down specific principles to prescribe dos and don'ts, offences and punishments in connection with State Flag. And the stipulation of the State Flag mostly depends on the history of the nation concerned. Colours including white, red, blue, green, yellow, orange etc are used in the State Flags in a proper way. The 1947 constitution enumerated complete facts about State Flag. From time immemorial, the people have been living in the Union of Myanmar through thick and thin. And a basic principle has been adopted that no part of the territory of the Union shall ever secede from the Union. So, a big white star in an upward position representing the Union should be portrayed in the State Flag. Myanmar is an agro-based nation, and so the colour "green" that stands for peace and tranquillity and lush and verdant environment, yellow that depicts solidarity, harmony, re-consolidation and love and unity of all the national races, yellow that is a royal colour representing the glory, and red, which means valour and decisiveness, should also be portrayed in the State Flag. The 1947 constitution did not feature any principles for State emblem, but the 1974 constitution did. Principles relating to the State Seal are prescribed in the constitutions of some nations. In the constitutions of some nations, any principle in connection with State Seal is prescribed by the legislative body. A nation has four characteristics namely population, territory, government and sovereignty. The principle adopted by the National force in the whole country, the map of the Union of Myanmar should be embodied on the State Seal. The words "Pyidaungsu

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Sein Win
presents
proposal of
Union
Pa-O
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Thamada Myanmar Naing-Ngan Daw" should be mentioned at the foot of the State Seal to indicate the Union that is peaceful one with flourishig democracy and national solidarity. The white star that is the symbol of the anti-colonialist and anti-Fascist struggles launched with the people's strength should also be included in it. The Seal should be decorated with the picture of the lion king used as a tradition in the State seals of the Union of Myanmar, and Myanmar traditional floral arabesque. The 1947 constitution stipulated National Anthem of the Union of Myanmar. Any of the other songs proposed for National Anthem were not as good as the original one prescribed in the 1947 constitution. So, the 1974 constitution also prescribed that National Anthem. Some countries mentiion the song that should be prescribed as the National Anthem. So, the present National Anthem should be prescribed as the National Anthem.

The constitutions of some nations state the name of the capital, but some do not mention so. Generally, a nation designates a city as its capital that has good local and foreign relations with a sea port. So, the Union of Myanmar should designate Nay Pyi Taw its capital that is located in the heart of the nation with smooth transportation. So, I suggest that the points the Work Committee presented for the Chapter "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and Capital" be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Transitory Provisions

Mr Chairman,

Now, I would like to discuss the Chapter "Transitory Provisions". The situation of a nation before the Constitution does not come into force is somewhat different from that after the Constitution comes into force. So, it is required to prescribe transitory provisions in the State Constitution to ensure that organizations at all levels can carry out their duties continuously. The 1947 constitution and the 1974 constitution of the nation carry transitory provisions. After a State Constitution is drafted, the date, on which a Constitution comes into force, should be designated. According to the seven-step Road Map, the State constitution will have to be adopted through a referendum. After the State Constitution comes into force, the State Peace and Development Council will

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Session of the National Convention which continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, delegates of political parties National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka



Members of Panel of Chairmen at plenary session of National Convention. — MNA

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

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

Member of NCCWC U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) presided over the Plenary Session of the National Convention together with U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, and U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Per-

sons.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of NCCWC Office acted as Master of Ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC.

The MC declared the start of meeting as 1,063 out of 1,080 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 98.43 per cent, and the plenary session commenced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

Delegates presented proposals of National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization on laying down detailed basic principles for Chapters "Amendment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions" and "General Provisions" in drafting the State Constitution. First, Delegate U Tun Yi presented proposals of National Unity Party.

(The presentation is reported separately.)

Next, U Khun Sein Win of Union Pa-O National Organization presented the organization's proposals.

(The presentation is reported separately.)

The Plenary Session took a break at 10 am.

When the Plenary Session resumed at 10.15 am, U Khaung Daing of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party presented proposals of the party.

Afterwards, U Maung Pein (a) U Khin Maung Thein of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization presented proposals of the organization.

(The proposals will be reported.)

The Plenary Session went into recess at 11 am.

The Plenary Session continues tomorrow at 9 am.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall hold...

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have to hand over the power to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. According to the provisions of the 1947 and 1974 constitutions, the SPDC practices State sovereignty until the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw holds the first session.

Here, it is needed to prescribe a provision that the SPDC has to discharge necessary legislative functions before the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw comes into operation. It is also required to prescribe a principle that the SPDC has built basic foundations to realize the State objectives, and issued policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, orders in accord with the constitution and any existing laws contrary to the Constitution are to be amended or repealed from time to time. The 1947 constitution and the 1974 constitution also prescribed these points. All courts existing on the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution should have the rights to continue to exercise their jurisdiction until new courts are established by law in accord with

this Constitution. It is also required to ensure that all State service personnel of departmental organizations continue in their functions. Therefore, I suggest that the eight points the Work Committee chairman clarified for the Chapter "Transitory Provisions" should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

General Provisions

Mr Chairman,

The Chapter "General Provisions" is included in the State constitution to prescribe appropriate laws that are not included in the State constitution yet or that are added, or are necessary for other provisions. The points that are not included in the State constitution from chapters No 1 to 14 should be adopted for the Chapter "General Provisions". Referring to the 1947 constitution and the 1974 constitution, the Work Committee chairman thoroughly explained that this Constitution is the basic law of laws of the State, Myanmar language is the official language, the basic principles stated in the State constitution are the guidelines to be followed, interpretation of the Constitution shall be based only on Myanmar text and a Myanmar

manuscript of this Constitution should be kept at the National Archives. He also explained matters on establishment of a constitutional tribunal and assigning duties to it. He also said that the decisions of the Constitutional Tribunal should be final. As a matter of fact, a State constitution is the work written by the citizens of the nation concerned. Only when all the people with or without authority follow the provisions of the State constitution, will it be active. So, I suggest that the 26 points the Work Committee chairman explained be adopted as detailed basic principles. The National Convention will be able to complete the drawing of the State constitution soon. Therefore, I would like to urge all to contribute towards the shaping of a brighter future of the nation without egotism, personality cult, ideology attachment and racism.

That is all for my suggestions about the detailed basic principles for the chapter "Amendment of the Constitution", Chapter "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and Capital", Chapter "Transitory Provisions" and Chapter "General Provisions".

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Senior General Than Shwe takes the salute of the graduating cadet companies.

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It is essential for country to possess strong, capable modern patriotic...

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progress, will there be political stability. Defence capability can also be uplifted. Therefore, you must discharge duties in science and technological sector in building a modern developed nation for economic progress of the State.

Comrades,

Our country lagged behind in science and technology. Now strenuous efforts are being made for uplift of efficiency in science and technology. Arrangements have been made for every citizen to pursue higher education in their respective regions.

Arrangements have also been made for presentation of the medals for

excellent performance in science and technology in order to develop human resources with high level of science and technology. Honorary medals are conferred on those who have discharged their duties brilliantly in the respective fields in the in-

terest of the people, those who have made efforts for socio-economic development and those have contributed to the development of human resources.

Comrades,

In our history, Prince Kanaung made attempts to establish an industrialized nation and some people were sent abroad for further studies. It is found

that the standard of the industries of our country in those days was high.

Prince Kanaung died due to the evil feudalism. The country fell under the rule of imperialists as there was lack of support and encouragement to the production of ordnance. Technologies in hand were destroyed by the

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Senior General Than Shwe presents the Best Cadet Award to Cadet Soe Banyar.

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Senior General Than Shwe presents the outstanding training award to Cadet Thein Zaw Nyo.

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Senior General Than Shwe presents the literary award to Cadet Soe Banyar.

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imperialists. You need to make innovations for the nation and the Tatmadaw as it is necessary to uplift the industries nowadays.

Comrades,

The three major tasks of the Tatmadaw are defence, training and community welfare. You must possess combat skills like the infantry by leading a platoon. The military duty requires a person to get ready to



Senior General Than Shwe inspects graduation battalion of 9th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe meets with two outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of DSTA. — MNA

sacrifice his life for the country. Qualities of good Tatmadaw members are loyalty to the State and citizens, patriotism, sacrificing spirit

and courage and prowess. You must have 16 leadership characteristics as you are junior leaders and you need to try to become leaders on whom

the Tatmadaw members rely and respect.

A leader with true qualifications has loyal followers and you should serve the long-term inter-

est not for short-lived popularity among the Tatmadaw members. Only when you discharge more duties than normal, can you lead ordinary

people. Only when you have more qualifications than those with high qualifications will you become exemplary leaders.

twelve noble traditions and you are younger generation who are to hand down these noble traditions. I urge you to enhance the prestige of the Tatmadaw with strong determination.

Comrades,

In conclusion, our Tatmadaw possesses

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Those present at graduation parade of 9th Intake of DSTA. — MNA

The three major tasks of the Tatmadaw are defence, training and community welfare. You must possess combat skills like the infantry by leading a platoon. The military duty requires a person to get ready to sacrifice his life for the country. Qualities of good Tatmadaw members are loyal to the State and citizens, patriotism, sacrificing spirit and courage and prowess.

Senior General Than Shwe...

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Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, U Aung Thaug, Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Brig-Gen Lun Thi, U Thaug, Col Zaw Min, Dr Chan Nyein, Dr Kyaw Myint and Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Brig-Gen Thein Htay of the Ministry of Defence, Directors Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint, Maj-Gen Than Aung, Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Maj-Gen Aye Myint and senior military officers, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials, PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Rector of DSTA Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, parents and relatives of graduate cadets and guests.

Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe took the salute of the graduate cadet companies.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence



Those present at graduation parade of 9th Intake of DSTA. — MNA

Services inspected the graduate cadet companies.

Later, the graduate cadet companies marched past the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Afterwards, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe presented Best Cadet Award to Cadet Soe Banyar, Excellent Training Award to Cadet Thein Zaw Nyo and Excellent Study Award to Cadet Soe Banyar. Commander-in-Chief of

Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address. (Address of Senior General Than Shwe is separately reported.)

Next, the Senior General took the salute of the graduate cadet companies and left the parade ground.

After the graduation parade, Senior General Than Shwe met with two outstanding cadets and their parents at the hall of the DSTA. — MNA

Sri Lankan Prime Minister and party meet Minister for Religious Affairs

YANGON, 21 Dec — Visiting Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party met with Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and party at Dagon Hall of Sedona Hotel this morning.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, Director-General

of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, pro-rector Dr Myint Kyi (Admin) of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr PAD Samarasekera and responsible personnel.

During the meeting, they held discussions on cooperation in religious affairs between the two countries. Next, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented souvenirs to Sri Lankan

Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party.

Afterwards, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party visited International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University

Before leaving, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win presented a VCD on documentary visit to Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party at the lounge of the airport.

Afterwards, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents photo album to Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka at Nay Pyi Taw Airport (News on page 16). — MNA

Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party left Yangon International Airport by air.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and

party were seen off at the airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-

Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of International Organizations and Economic Department U Win Mra and responsible personnel, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr PAD Samarasekera and wife and embassy staff. — MNA



Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka meets with Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA



Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win sees off Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka at Yangon International Airport.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win hosts dinner in honour of Sri Lankan PM Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the office of State Peace and Development Council, the director-general of Myanmar Police Force and officials and Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar Mr PAD Samarasekera.

After the dinner, Prime Minister General Soe Win and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka exchanged souvenirs.

Artistes of Ministry of Culture entertained with songs during the dinner.

After the dinner, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka gave gifts to artistes.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win hosts dinner in honour of Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Wellwishers donate cash to MWF's general meeting



YANGON, 21 Dec — Wellwishers donated cash to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation-MWAF today for the annual general meeting of the federation.

The cash donation ceremony was held at

President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe speaks words of thanks at cash donation ceremony. — MNA

MWAF in Bahan Township and President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe and Vice-President of Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted the donations. Today's donation reached over K 26.3 million.

Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Thet Htay presented certificates of honour to 45 donors including 12 ministries and the ceremony ended. — MNA

Proposals to be published

YANGON, 21 Dec — Proposals of Shan State Kokang Democratic Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization of the Delegate Group of Political Parties on laying down detailed basic principles for Chapters "Amendment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions" and "General Provisions" to be included in drafting the State Constitution made at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaunhnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today, will be published in the dailies.—MNA

MWAF holds educative talks

YANGON, 21 Dec — The Organizing Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held educative talks at Headquarters of Myanmar Police Force today.

First, Head of the Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo extended greetings and Daw Tin Moe Lwin of Talent & Model Agency gave talks on "Health and Happiness for women".

Deputy Head and members of the Organizing Department and Members of MWAF altogether 300 attended the talks. — MNA

Restricted drugs seized at Yangon International Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec — The restricted drugs were seized at Yangon International Airport at 2 pm on 18 December.

The authorities searched the bag of Marmad Rafas (a) Maung Maung Lay of Yangon who arrived back at Yangon International Airport by the flight of Thai Airways on 18 December, and seized 6,000 tablets of ANAX (Alprazolam), 37,600 tablets of Wyethativan (Lorazepam) and 4,240 vials of 50 ml Syntocinon injection that were illegally imported.

The seized drugs were included in the list of drugs prohibited under the 1971 UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances as well as the list of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by the Ministry of Health.

The Airport Police Station filed Marmad Rafas (a) Maung Maung Lay under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, and further investigation is being conducted. — MNA



Head of Organizing Department of MWAF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo extends greetings.

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MV XIANG FA VOYNO (6063)**

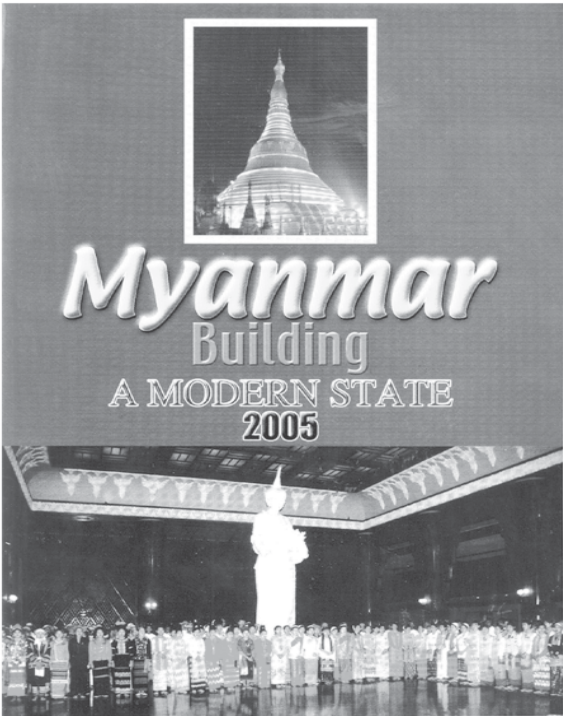
Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FA VOYNO (6063) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.12.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

- Sealed Bids are invited by the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Yangon for the supply of: **ASSORTED SIZE OF ERW STEEL LINE PIPES, BALL VALVES, PRESSURE GAUGE, PIPE FITTINGS AND WELDING ELECTRODES**
- Commencing from 22 December 2006 a complete set of bidding document shall be available at the FINANCE DEPARTMENT, MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE, No 604, Merchant street, Yangon, Myanmar during office hour by payment to the order of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank attesting remittance of US \$ 100.00 in favour of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (or) FEC 100.00 to the above office for each set of document.
- Bids shall be accepted only from the Bidders who officially purchased the bidding document.
- The Bids received shall be opened in the presence of Bidders or Representatives who choose to attend at 13:00 hours on 15 January 2007 at the office of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No.6 Complex, NAYPYITAW, Myanmar.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR,
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**

China sells high power diesel locomotives to Venezuela

NANJING, 20 Dec—Twelve China-made high-power diesel locomotives are to be the first of their kind exported to South America when they leave for Venezuela from this month.

Two of the 3,680 kilowatt, DF8B-type locomotives have been transported to Shanghai Port for export, said Yang Li, sales manager of Qishuyan Locomotive and Rolling Stock Works.

The other ten are expected to be shipped to Venezuela early next year in a 20-million-US-dollar deal, said Yang. The company, based in Changzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, owns all the intellectual property rights of the locomotives, said Yang.

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**INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NO. 3(T) AMD (2006-2007)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of the following stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr. No	Lot No	Description	Quantity
1.	Lot (1)	LY-16 Power Tiller parts	3000 Sets
2.	Lot (2)	LY-16 Power Tiller Gear Box Parts	3000 Sets
3.	Lot (3)	Tool Boxes & Assy; of LY-16 P.T	3000 Sets
4.	Lot (4)	Standard Parts for LY-16 Power Tiller	3000 Sets
5.	Lot (5)	Industrial Paints	1 Lot

- Tender closing date. 29.12.2006 (Friday) (16:00 HR)
- Tender documents are available at the Factory and Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours.
- For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext. 323

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

(FOR LOCAL SERVICES ONLY)

Int. Org. requires four **Community Social Service Specialists to be stationed in Myeik, Dawei, Mawlamyine, and Thandaung.** Vacancy Information on any UN or INGO Bulletin Board. Closing date: 01 Jan. 2007.

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MV CARNATION VOYNO (120)**

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

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Singapore to raise school fee for non-citizens

SINGAPORE, 20 Dec— Fees for permanent residents and foreign students in the Singapore Government-aided schools, junior colleges and centralized institutes will be raised over the next two years, Ministry of Education announced here on Tuesday.

Permanent residents will have to pay about 20

per cent more for school fees. They currently pay the same fees as citizens at the secondary and pre-university levels.

Foreign students, whose fees are already higher than those for citizens and permanent residents, will have their fees increased by about 30 per cent, according to a statement released by

the Education Ministry.

For the independent schools, they will continue to decide on their own fees but will ensure that fees for permanent residents are 20 per cent or more above those for citizens.

While fees for foreign students will be 50 per cent or more above those for citizens, and not lower than fees for permanent

residents.

The revisions followed an announcement by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on 3 December that the Singapore Government is introducing a clearer differentiation of fees paid for education by Singapore citizens, permanent residents and foreigners.

MNA/Xinhua

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KARANA SEMBILAN VOY NO (94)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KARANA SEMBILAN VOY NO (94) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.12.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S EASTERN CAR LINER LTD

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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY(1)

**MYANMA FOODSTUFF INDUSTRIES
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDERS**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanmar Foodstuff Industries, for Supply of the following Machine and Thermometer which will be purchased in US Dollar/Euro;

Sr. No	Tender No	Description	Quantity
1.	140(T) MCY-MFI (DAIK-U) 2006-2007	Glucose Manufacturing Machine	1 Sets
2.	142(T) MCY-MFI (ZYD) 2006-2007	Remote Control Thermometer	10 Nos

Closing Date&Time 8.1.2007 (MONDAY) (16:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the General Manager (Marketing), Myanmar Foodstuff Industries, 192, KabaAye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Starting from 21.12.2006 during the office hours.

3. For further details Please Call-01-561054.

Annan calls for greater cooperation among developing nations

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Dec— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday called on developing countries to work together more to tackle some of their greatest common threats and challenges, from extreme poverty to HIV/AIDS.

In a message marking UN Day for South-South Cooperation, Annan said "amid the perils and promise of globalization, South-South cooperation enables developing countries to share their experiences and successes

with others". He noted that expanding trade within the South and the emergence of multinational corporations from that region, generating jobs and wealth, is helping to increase the strength and scope of developing country partnerships.

The faster-growing nations in the South are also serving as a key source of investment, remittances and development, the UN Chief observed. Recent gatherings such as this year's China-Africa Summit in Beijing and last

year's South America-Arab Summit have indicated "a strong commitment among developing countries to maintain and increase this momentum," the outgoing Secretary-General stressed.

He also added that "by itself, South-South cooperation may not be sufficient to attain the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). But as one piece of a larger global partnership for development, it is already making valuable contributions. —MNA/Xinhua



Rendering of a room of the Poseidon underwater resort. It is a five-star luxury underwater resort 50 feet (17 metres) under the sea off Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas where adventure seekers can shell out 1,500 clams a night for a room. —XINHUA

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Swiss watchmakers sound alarm over Internet fakes

GENEVA, 20 Dec—The Swiss watch industry is facing an uphill struggle to check the rapidly expanding network of illegal websites selling counterfeit watches, Swiss Radio International (SRI) reported on Tuesday. The run-up to Christmas has

seen a flood of spam, offering discounts on "replica" watches—even the Federation of the Swiss Watch Industry has received such offers, the report said. "Christmas is a period that is set up for this kind of offer and people are profiting from

this," said Jean-Daniel Pasche, pre-sident of the federation.

"It's a very difficult situation. Unfortunately, the internet has helped increase the distribution of counterfeit watches," Pasche added.

MNA/Xinhua

Beijing offers AIDS prevention compulsory education for pupils

BEIJING, 20 Dec—Pupils and middle school students in Beijing, targeted as the potentials to prevent HIV/AIDS, have received AIDS prevention compulsory course specially designed for them. The Education Bureau of Beijing announced on Tuesday that a textbook on HIV/AIDS

prevention course, first of its kind in China, has been compiled and used in local primary and middle schools, with four and six class hours per term for junior and senior middle school students respectively.

"Teenagers must learn about the transmission

modes and prevention measures against HIV/AIDS," said Jin Dapeng, director of local public health bureau.

"It is of great importance to lead them to a healthy life style, and avoid the discrimination on AIDS patients," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Colour-painting closestools are on display while people look on in Xiamen, East China's Fujian Province, on 18 Dec, 2006. These 'works' were made by hundreds of students from Xiamen Gulang Island Arts College. —XINHUA

Global navigation satellite system to be implemented in S Africa

LUSAKA, 20 Dec—Global navigation satellite system (GNSS) will be implemented in eight countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), The Post reported on Tuesday.

According to the newspaper, the International Air Transport

Association (IATA) has advanced the implementation of the system in the eight countries including Zambia.

IATA has announced that the system procedures for flight guidance in the selected SADC countries will take effect in the first quarter of next year.

The exercise, which is part of a five-year project undertaken by IATA to implement the use of the system globally, involves 13 airports in the eight countries and is designed to enhance safety, reduce costs and improve efficiency.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Real Madrid's Roberto Carlos (R) fights for the ball with Recreativo Huelva's Ikechukwu Uche during their Spanish first division soccer match at Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 20 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

FIFA officially lifts ban on Iran

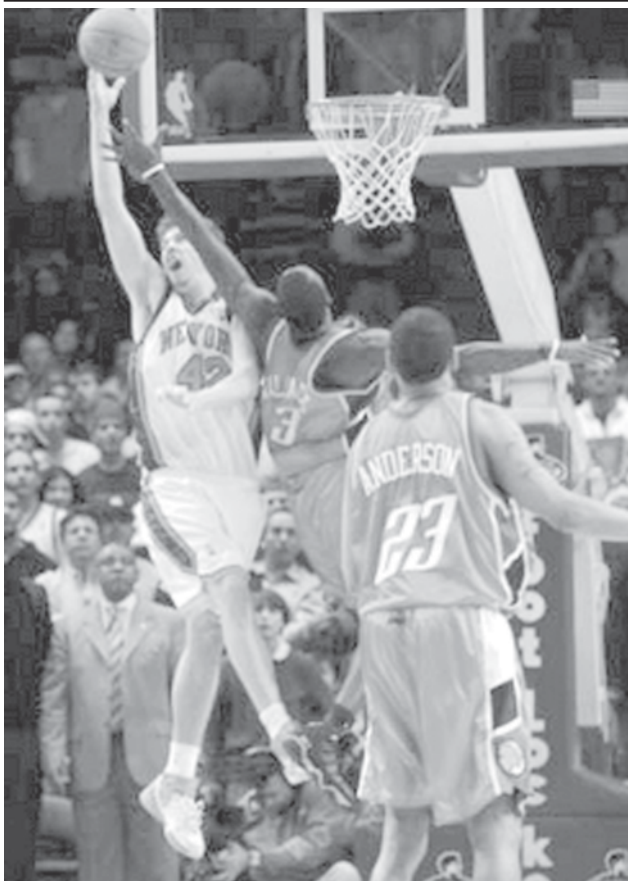
GENEVA, 21 Dec — World soccer governing body FIFA officially lifted its international ban on Iran on Wednesday.

A FIFA statement said, "FIFA officially informed the Iran Football Federation (IRIFF) that the suspension imposed on the federation on 23 November 2006 had been lifted."

"Therefore, the IRIFF and its clubs, referees, officials, etc. may participate in all international football competitions and activities with immediate effect.

The decision by FIFA's emergency committee comes after its president Sepp Blatter said on Sunday the ban would be removed following talks ahead of Wednesday's draw for the 2007 Asian Cup finals.

FIFA's executive committee suspended Iran from all international competitions last month because of the alleged government interference. — MNA/Xinhua



New York Knicks forward David Lee (L) tips in a pass for the winning basket with less than one second left in the second overtime of the Knick's 111-109 win over the Charlotte Bobcats in their NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, on 20 Dec, 2006. Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace is in the centre and in front is Bobcats guard Derek Anderson (23). —INTERNET

Al-Ahly players receive heroes' welcome in Egypt

CAIRO, 21 Dec — Egypt's Al-Ahly players and coaching staff, with a club world championship bronze, received a heroes' welcome by tens of thousands of Egyptians upon their arrival from Japan on Tuesday, which was the second time in two months, local soccer news website filgoal.com reported.

Ahly won the bronze medal in the 2006 FIFA world club championship after beating America of Mexico in the third place playoff on Sunday to register an unprecedented feat for any African or Arab football team.

The five-time African champions were received by a string of top Egyptian officials who lined up at Cairo International Airport.

Among the Egyptian officials receiving Ahly's players were Deputy Secretary-General of the ruling National Democratic Party Gamal Mubarak, Ahly Chairman Hassan Hamdi, Egyptian Football Association President Samir Zaher and Head of the Egyptian Higher Sports Council Hassan Saqr.

The players left the airport in an open-top bus amid cheers from a sea of fans who paraded with the players across Cairo until they reached the club headquarters in Al-Gezira where the celebrations continued.

Ahly players came home to a similar reception on November 13 after winning their record-equalling fifth African Champions League title after beating CS Sfaxien of Tunisia 2-1 on aggregate.

MNA/Xinhua



Palermo's Giovanni Tedesco (L) scores against Ascoli's goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the Renzo Barbera stadium in Palermo on 20 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

KIU maintains lead on day two of E Africa University Games

KAMPALA, 21 Dec — The Kampala International University (KIU) maintained its lead at the ongoing East Africa University Games (EAUG) when Simon Ayeko grabbed double gold for KIU on Tuesday.

The distance runner, who had bagged KIU's fifth gold in the men's 5,000m on day one, won the 1,500m and 10,000m finals, which saw KIU collecting seven gold medals within the first two days of EAUG.

Meanwhile, Ndejje University also rose to the occasion in the field events, with Daniel Lubangkene, Chris Kiptoo and Sarah Nambawa winning gold respectively.

The week-long EAUG that is held at various grounds in Kampala has attracted more than twenty universities from Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda.

Competitions will be in 12 disciplines; rugby, chess, athletics, basketball, netball, soccer, handball, table tennis, swimming, badminton, volleyball and tennis.

Action in the other disciplines was still in the preliminary stages at the different venues around Kampala. — MNA/Xinhua



Alemannia Aachen's Matthias Heidrich jumps on Bayern Munich's Lukas Podolski (R) to head the ball during their German Soccer Cup round of sixteen match in Aachen, on 20 Dec, 2006. Aachen won the match 4-2. —INTERNET

Rosicky wins Czech Golden Ball in autumn season

PRAGUE, 21 Dec — Midfielder Tomas Rosicky, who plays with Arsenal and the Czech national team, has predominantly won the Golden Ball poll for the best Czech soccer player in the autumn season, the poll organizer, Sports Journalists Association of Czech Republic, announced on Tuesday.

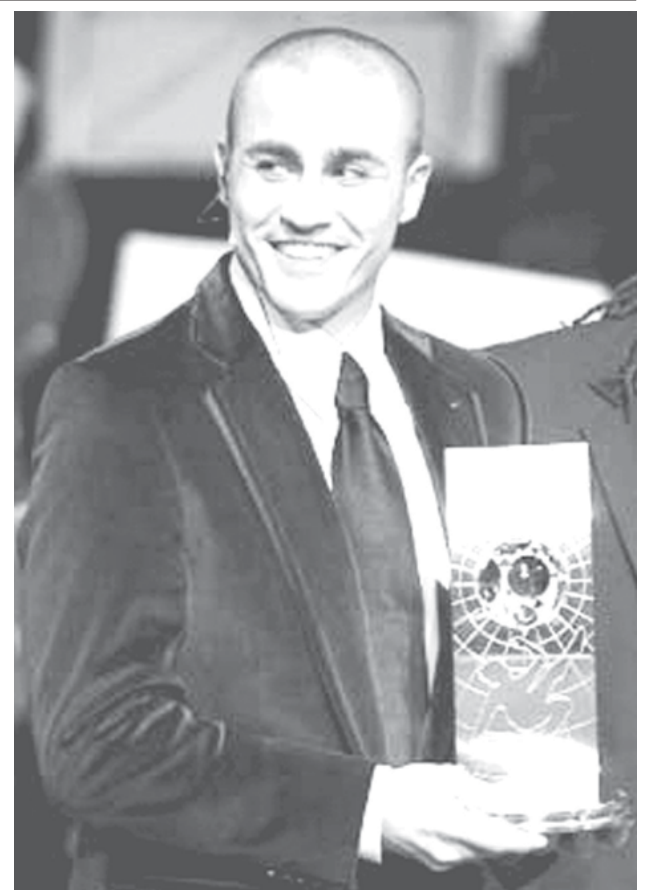
Goalkeeper Petr Cech from Chelsea, who won the journalists' poll last year, is in the second place, followed by Tomas Ujfalusy playing with Italian Fiorentina.

The group of the first 11 includes only footballers from the Czech national team except for Pavel Nedved from Italian Juventus, who announced his departure from the national team this year.

The total winner of this year's Golden Ball will release next June.

The authorized Football Section, Sports Journalists Association of Czech Republic, has organized its own contest for the best football player in Czech since 1997. The first round of journalists' voting is announced after the end of the autumn season and the other voting round is after the spring part of the season.

MNA/Xinhua



World Player of the Year 2006 Fabio Cannavaro of Italy shows his trophy during the FIFA World Player Gala in Zurich on 18 Dec, 2006. —XINHUA

Syria calls on US to be honest sponsor of M-E peace process

DAMASCUS, 21 Dec— Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem Wednesday called upon the United States to assume its role as an honest sponsor of the Mideast peace process, while meeting with the visiting US senators, the official SANA news agency reported.

“The United States should take over her role as an honest sponsor of the peace process to contribute to achieving peace and stability in the Middle East,” the minister was quoted as telling the

two US Senators, John Kerry and Christopher Dodd.

Muallem also emphasized Syria’s keenness on security and stability in the region and the need that the international com-

munity hold responsibility to achieve a just and comprehensive peace based on the UN resolutions and the land for peace formula.

The two sides also exchanged views on the

latest international and regional developments, mainly in Palestinian territories, Lebanon and Iraq, SANA said.

Despite loud objections from the administration of US President George W Bush, Senator John Kerry and Christopher Dodd flew into Damascus Tuesday for talks with Syrian officials on bringing about stability and security to Iraq.

The visit came a few days after a similar one by Senator Bill Nelson last week following a top-level US panel proposed President Bush to engage direct talks with both Syria and Iran on Iraqi and broader issues in the Middle East.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran denounces Blair’s “divisive” comments

TEHERAN, 21 Dec— Iranian Foreign Ministry Wednesday denounced British Prime Minister Tony Blair for his latest comments concerning Iran’s “impedimental role” for peace in the Mideast region, the official IRNA news agency reported.

In a statement released earlier the day, Foreign Ministry spokesman

Mohammad Ali Hosseini said Blair’s recent “hostile and malicious” claims

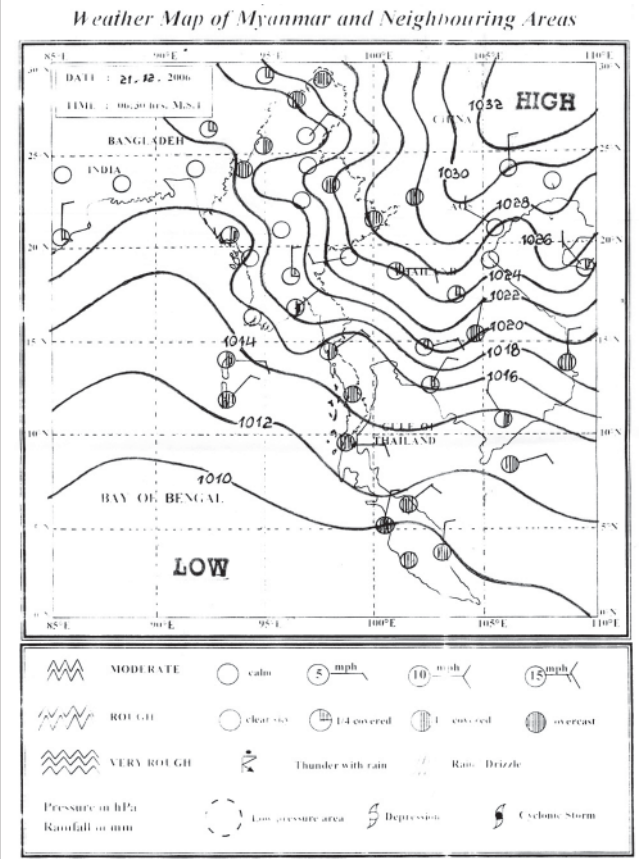
indicated Britain’s “blatant and harmful” interference in regional affairs, terming his remarks as a “British scheme to create disunity”.

“The negative and divisive approach of Britain as well as unilateralism and war-mongering policies of (US President George W) Bush and Blair account for tension and extremism in the region,” Hosseini was quoted as saying.

Such claims cannot hurt the friendly and brotherly relations as well as peaceful coexistence of regional states, he stressed.

In his recent comments, Blair described Iran as “an obstacle to peace” in the region and called on moderate Muslim countries to form coalition force to oppose Teheran’s alleged support for extremism.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 21 December, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan, Mon and Kayin States and Yangon Division, (3°C) above normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Lashio and Namhsam (2°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 20-12-2006 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 21-12-2006 was 59°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-12-2006 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 20-12-2006 was (8.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 21-12-2006 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 (12) mph from North-east at 10:05 hours MST on 20-12-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-12-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

State of the Sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in strong wind may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperature in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-12-2006: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-12-2006: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-12-2006: Generally fair weather.



A model showcases a batik creation with theme 'Kelopak Agung Malaysia' by designer Mohd Azhar Bin Samin during the Piala Seri Endon Batik Fashion Award in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on Sunday, 17 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET



Friday, 22 December
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:15 am
 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
 8. ဆင်ဖြူရှင်တံတား

- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
 4. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 4:55 pm
 5. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သခိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သခိုင်း)
- 5:10 pm
 6. Song of national races
- 5:25 pm
 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:35 pm
 8. “အလံလေးတော့ကိုပြပါ” (နွဲ့နိုင်ဝင်း၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်စိုင်း)

- 5:45 pm
 9. Song of national races
- 5:50 pm
 10. ကြည်ရှုလေ့လာဖွယ်ရာစုံလင် အမျိုးသားအထိမ်းအမှတ်ဥယျာဉ်
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news.
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ” (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေးပထမ ချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 19. The next day’s programme



Friday, 22 December
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Jingle bell
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45am Music: -Hooray ! It’s a holy day
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Santa Claus is coming to town
- 9:05am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Frosty the snowman
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -X’mas time is here
- Lonely this X’mas
- Blue X’mas
- 9:00pm W.M.O
- Songs from Italy, Scotland, Brazil, Malaysia
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Music at your request
- Everyday be the X’mas day
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Soe Win bids farewell to Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Dec — Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party, who were here at the invitation of Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar, left here by air for Yangon this morning.

First, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport in a motorcade from Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, and they were welcomed by Prime Minister General Soe Win, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and departmental officials.

At the airport's lounge, Prime Minister General Soe Win presented a documentary photo album to Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka. Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party bade farewell to Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and party who were leaving for Yangon by air. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win sees off Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

Proposals on Chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions” presented



Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and delegates to National Convention attend Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Dec — Four delegates presented proposals of National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization of Delegate Group of Political Parties on laying down detailed basic principles for Chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions” in drafting the State Constitution at the Plenary (See page 7)