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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

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

Plenary Session of National Convention continues

YANGON, 27 Dec — Delegates presented proposals of Delegate Group of National Races and Delegate Group of Peasants 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 Session of the National Convention which continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin 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

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Proposals to be published

YANGON, 27 Dec— Proposals of Delegate Group of National Races and Delegate Group of Peasants 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 Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today, will be published in the dailies. — MNA



Plenary Session of the National Convention in progress at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Further strengthen Myanmar-China bilateral relations

The 50th Anniversary of Sino-Myanmar Gathering aimed at strengthening mutual understanding between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China was held in the compound of Mangshi Hotel in Dehong Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province, on 22 December.

Historical evidences show that Myanmar and China have been maintaining goodwill ties based on Paukphaw friendship since ancient times. The diplomatic relations, established in 1950, have turned 56 years.

Chinese Premier Mr Zhou En-lai paid a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in June 1954. During his visit, both countries issued a joint statement on five principles of peaceful coexistence.

Exchanging goodwill visits of leaders of both countries have been contributing towards further cementing of friendly relations between Myanmar and China. Progress of economic cooperation between the two countries can be witnessed as over 30 economic agreements were signed during the last two years.

The peoples of both countries believe that the 50th Anniversary of Sino-Myanmar Gathering will strengthen the existing goodwill relations and mutual cooperation and promote common interests in various sectors of the two countries.

Follow-up news

YANGON, 27 Dec— Please read "The commander and wife presented K 100,000 each donated by Hlegu Township Peace and Development Council and Central Institute of Civil Service to the library in-charge." instead of "The commander and wife presented K 10,000 each for the library donated by Hlegu Township Peace and Development Council and Central Institute of Civil Service to the library in-charge." in the news on page 1 of 26 December issue of this paper. — MNA



Family of Daw Saw of No 228, Mahanwe Road, Nwe Aye Ward, Dawbon Township, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) of the Home accepting the donation. — H

PEOPLES VOICES

- * 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

Ambassador U Tin Oo presents credentials to Pakistani President

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec— U Tin Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan presented his credentials to His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 15 November 2006, in Islamabad. — MNA

Pagodas in Mon State illuminated with candlelit light

YANGON, 27 Dec — Buddha Pujaniya religious group (9,900 lights) (Insein) offered candle lights to pagodas in Mon State from 23 to 25 December.

They illuminated Kyaikthalan Pagoda in Mawlamyine with 9,000 candle lights on 24 December and Kyaikkhami Buddha Image in Thanbyuzayat on 25 December.

The religious group also donated cash and presented offertories to Members of the Sangha on the occasions. During the visit to other pagodas in Mon

State, members of the group also offered candle light and made cash donations there. — MNA

Members of Buddha Pujaniya Group light candles in front of a Buddha Image in Mon State. MNA



Diplomatic ties between Myanmar and Slovenia established

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec— The Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Slovenia, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the norms of International Law, and in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at ambassadorial level with effect from 18 December.

The agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Slovenia was signed by the Ambassadors of the two countries in New York on 18 December. — MNA

New Generation Junior Golf Tournament concludes

YANGON, 27 Dec — With the purpose of nurturing of new generation young golfers, the 5th New Generation Junior Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, continued for the second round at 9th Mile Golf Course of Myanmar Golf Club this afternoon.

After the 18-hole

event, Executive of MGF U Ko Ko Lay presented a special prize to Phone Pyae Chan Han in the men's aged 10-12 event. Next, he handed first prize to Lin Hyun Jin with 183 total strokes, second to May Oo Khine with 190 total strokes and third to Yin May Myo with 201 total strokes in the wom-

en's aged 10-18 event. Afterwards, Joint-Secretary of Myanmar Golf Club U Aung Kyaw Moe presented first prize to Zwe Lin Ngwe with 183 total strokes, second to Aung Kyaw Lin with 184 total strokes and third to Khun Kyaw Myat Tha with 187 total strokes in the men's

aged 10-12 event; Executive of MGC U The Tin, first to Kaung Htoo Aung with 156 total strokes, second to Swan Thiha Aung with 160 total strokes and third to Ye Htet Aung with 169 total strokes in the men's aged 13-15 event and General Secretary of MGF U Aung Kyi, first to Yan Myo Aye with 144 total strokes, second to Tun Tun with 152 total strokes and third to Nay Bala Win Myint with 153 total strokes in the men's aged 16-20 event.

The main sponsor of the tournament is Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd and co-sponsors, Srixon, Han Event Management, Han Golf Masters Academy, Alpine Drinking Water, Myanmar Golf Club Driving Range, Han Golf Course Design and Construction and Golf Masters Magazine. — MNA



Winners of 5th New Generation Junior Golf Tournament pose for photo with responsible officials. — MGF

Russian FM says Iran resolution meets Russian interests

Moscow, 26 Dec—The UN Security Council resolution on Iran's nuclear programme fully reflects the economic interests of Russia and other partners of Iran, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday.

Lavrov, speaking at a cabinet meeting, said that the approval of the resolution called for finding a balance of three objectives — to prevent

the violation of the nonproliferation regime, maintain conditions for talks with Iran, and prevent damage to any legitimate ties with Iran, Russian news agencies reported.

"The resolution is a compromise, of course, but all three objectives were reached," Lavrov was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as telling President Vladimir Putin at the meeting.

The resolution, adopted unanimously on Saturday at the UN Security Council, demanded Iran to suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities and work on all heavy water-related projects.

It also called on all states to impose a ban on trade with Iran in goods related to its nuclear programmes and ballistic missile delivery systems.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by Samsung Electronics Co on 27 Dec, 2006, in Seoul, South Korea, shown are what they claim the industry's first one gigabit mobile DRAM (dynamic random access memory) for mobile products.—INTERNET

US Interior, Pentagon faulted in audits

WASHINGTON, 26 Dec—The Defence Department have paid two procurement operations at the Department of the Interior to arrange for Pentagon purchases totalling 1.7 billion dollars that resulted in excessive fees and tens of millions of dollars in waste, *The Washington Post* reported on Monday.

The arrangement between the two departments "routinely violated rules designed to protect US Government interests," the report quoted draft audit documents as saying.

More than half of the contracts examined were awarded without com-

petition or without checks to determine that the prices were reasonable, according to the audits by the inspectors general for Defence (DOD) and Interior (DOI).

Ninety-two per cent of the work reviewed was awarded without verifying that the contractors' cost estimates were accurate; 96 per cent was inadequately monitored.

In one instance, Interior officials bought armour to reinforce Army vehicles from a software maker.

In another, Interior bought furniture for Defence from a company

that apparently had not previously been in the furniture business, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

Heavy fog shrouds north, east China, disrupting highways, flights

TIANJIN, 26 Dec—Heavy fog smothered north and east China on Monday, closing highways and affecting dozens of flights.

The fog caused the closure of all 10 highways in the northern port city of Tianjin on Monday and the cancellation of all flights,

according to local traffic authorities.

The Tianjin-Shenyang highway opened at 17:00.

Visibility was reported to be as low as 10 metres in Tianjin. The fog also caused some pollution in the city. Cold air on Tuesday morning would dissipate the fog, said the local meteorological observatory.

Heavy fog in Nanjing in east China's Jiangsu Province on Monday caused the cancellation of 171 flights, stranding thousands of tourists at the airport.—MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by Rolex, ABN Amro is in action during the start of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race in Sydney, Australia on Boxing Day, 26 Dec, 2006. INTERNET



A fireman who was injured in a roadside bomb attack lies in al-Kindi hospital in Baghdad, on 26 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

At least 72 killed in floods, landslides in Indonesia

BANDA ACEH (Indonesia), 26 Dec— Over 72 people have been killed and 20 others missing in floods and landslide in Indonesia's provinces of North Sumatra and Aceh, officials said on Monday.

Spokesman of the Aceh Province Hamid Zein said that at least 42 people have died and ten others missing after the waters overflow and poured from riverbanks in Aceh Province since Friday.

"Forty-two people were dead, ten other missing," he told *Xinhua* here.

The spokesman said that the floods has forced over 198,000 people fleeing their home, 1,998 houses, one school building and three mosques destroyed, he said.

In Gayo Luwes regency of the province over 5,000 people have been trapped, as they have no access to leave the area, said Hamid.

"Gayo Luwes still cannot be reached through air, land or by boat, over 5,000 people are being trapped in the area. — MNA/Xinhua

China to build first high temperature gas cooled reactor

BEIJING, 26 Dec—China will soon begin building its first high temperature gas cooled reactor (HTGR) with proprietary intellectual property rights (IPR) in eastern Shandong Province.

China Huaneng Group, China Nuclear Engineering and Construction Corp and Tsinghua University signed an agreement on Monday to establish a nuclear power company in Shidaowan of Shandong Province.

The company will provide the funds for the HTGR project and build and operate it, according to the agreement.

A total of three billion yuan (375 million US dollars) will be invested in the project, which aims to have a capacity of 200,000 kilowatts. Seventy per cent of the technology used in the project will be developed in China.

China Huaneng Group, China Nuclear Engineering and Construction Corp and Tsinghua University will respectively contribute 47.5 per cent, 32.5 per cent and 20 per cent of the investment.

MNA/Xinhua

This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a nationwide referendum by more than half of all the people who have the right to vote

YANGON, 27 Dec—The following is a translation of the proposals 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 collectively presented by six Independent Representatives-elect including U Tin Win of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, yesterday.

Esteemed 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 National Convention delegates,

I am U Tin Win, an independent representative-elect of Kyaiklat Township constituency 2. I will now present the proposal paper collectively compiled by independent representative-elects 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.

Amendment of the Constitution

Mr Chairman,

We the delegates representing the people of all walks of life and various national races from all over the nation are endeavouring to lay down and adopt basic principles for the emergence of a new constitution that will practically serve the interest of the nation and the people. We are now at the stage of holding discussions to adopt the detailed basic principles of the last four chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions”. We have been away from our families and homes and have been making physical and intellectual efforts to the most possible degree. We believe that the new constitution, desired by all, will emerge soon.

And when the Constitution comes into force, we all desire it to be enduring. We will be able to further develop our nation only if the Constitution is enduring. Generally, the countries that have enduring constitutions are developed nations and the ones that have to write the

The Constitution that is going to emerge in the nation is different from multiparty democracy system and socialist system, we had practised in the past, as it is a presidential system which will share the three organs of power in exercising them. It can be said a new system for Myanmar. We will be able to know its effects, good or bad, only after practising it for ten years. In that time, we can know the provisions that will remain unchanged and the ones that need adaptation.



U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township constituency 2.

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constitution again and again are developing nations. Our nation has already changed her constitution for two times during 58 years after regaining her independence. If we look back the history, we have been a country with a constitution for 28 years and without a constitution for 30 years during 58 years. The nation has to exist without a constitution for over half of the period of her independence.

Mr Chairman,

Every constitution is drawn after studying and realizing the situation that is in conformity with it. Whether the 1947 Constitution or the 1974 Constitution, Myanmar wrote it after considering the situations of both the country and the world during the times and so did other world nations. But some constitutions exist long and some come to an end within a short period. The main difference is that the enduring constitutions are adaptable to the changeable conditions while the short-live ones are not.

Mr Chairman,

The law of change is the truth of the world. We all accept the fact that a person or a group is constantly changing. Changes that are in harmony with the prevailing situation are development, while changes that are not in harmony with the prevailing situation are deterioration. We all should understand and accept the law of change for the long-term existence of a human society. In other words, adaptability is the key to long-term existence. Changes are divided into two — difficult adaptation and easy adaptation. Superficially, a constitution that is difficult to be changed look enduring. Such constitution may meet its end if it cannot be amended in a situation that needs adaptation because of little opposition. But if a constitution can be changed easily, it may be amended by a group or a party with small majority vote. It may become unstable if it is changed frequently. So, we must avoid the two extremes — so much unchangeable and so much changeable. Provisions should be stipulated to amend the Constitution with means that are not too difficult nor easy.

Mr Chairman,

I will now give suggestions on the detailed basic principles explained by the Work Committee Chairman for the chapter “Amendment of the Constitution” based on the above facts I have presented.

We are in favour of adopting the detailed basic principles of the paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

Mr Chairman,

We would like to give a separate suggestion concerning the para 4. A constitution has some provisions that should not be changed and others that should be adaptable to the time and situation. The detailed basic principles of the chapter “The State” indicates the ever existence of Our Three Main National Causes — non-



U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township constituency 1. — MNA

disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. Hence, the following detailed basic principle concerning the chapter “The State” should be laid down.

“Provisions in connection with the Chapter on the State of this Constitution shall never be amended.”

Mr Chairman,

Efforts are being made to write a constitution to be free from loopholes in all aspects, but we will be able to know whether it can serve the public interest, is in conformity with the people’s wish, or is in harmony with the nation’s realistic conditions or not at a time when we practically exercise it. We will have to test whether the principles suit to the practical life. In implementing a constitution, we will not be able to know its effects, good or bad, in a short time. A certain length of time is needed to know them. Only after a certain length of time, we will be able to know which provisions should remain unchanged and which ones should be adapted. The 1947 Constitution faced a situation that needed adaptation for ten years after its proclamation. It was dissolved in 1962 as no changes were made. Likewise, the 1974 Constitution met with the same fate because of the same reason in 1988 after existing for over 10 years. Hence, we believe that considerations for constitutional amendments should be made only after a certain length of time. The Constitution that is going to emerge in the nation is different from multiparty democracy system and socialist system, we had practised in the past, as it is a presidential system which will share the three organs of power in exercising them. It can be said a new system for Myanmar. We will be able to know its effects, good or bad, only after practising it for ten years. In that time, we can know the provisions that will remain unchanged and the ones that need adaptation.

Mr Chairman,

A constitution will become practical only after ten years of existence. As the term of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is five years, two terms will be ten years.

We would like to suggest that the following detailed basic principle should be laid down.

“Other than the provisions stipulated in the Chapter on the State, the provisions of other chapters shall not be amended until after the end of the second term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”

Mr Chairman,

When the third Pyithu Hluttaw election is held after the end of the second term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the people will have experiences concerning the election for three times. We assume that at that time the people may have understood the democracy norms and ideas to a

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Existing laws 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 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

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certain degree. The people who are farmers, workers, Tatmadaw members etc. may become persons possessing enough political knowledge as they have studied politics or the national affairs with keen interest. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members elected by such people will be the right persons at the rightful positions who have pragmatic ideas and required qualifications.

Instead of holding a nation-wide referendum, that will be a financial and an administrative burden on the nation, the following detailed basic principle should be adopted in making constitutional provisions.

“If there arises the wish to amend the constitutional provisions beginning from the end of the third term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the provisions of the chapters, other than the provisions of the Chapter on the State, shall be amended with the votes of two thirds of the members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.”

Mr Chairman,

Ten years, during which the Constitution is being in force, after the emergence of the Constitution, there will arise a need to migrate from self-administered zones to self-administered divisions, and designate new self-administered zones for the national races who have not got self-administered zones yet, and new Union territories because of the increase in population and intra migration, resulting from the constant political, economic and social developments. With sincerity, we have presented suggestions to the best of our intellectual ability to amend the legislation of Regions and States, self-administered divisions and self-administered zones, for the continued existence of the Constitution, and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic state.

State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital

Mr Chairman, I will now discuss the chapter “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”.

Mr Chairman,

State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital are essential characters representing the people of an independent and sovereign nation. State Flag, State Seal and National Anthem are used in national celebrations and international relations. They are also used in international meetings and sports events and state visits of the heads of foreign states and governments. The use of State Flag, State Seal and National Anthem in such occasions means that the participants of the meeting and sport events and the visiting heads of states or governments are representing their people, and their success is the people’s.

Mr Chairman,

There are other important factors concerning them. When the participants at a ceremony see the State Flag and hear the National Anthem, their patriotism rise. Likewise, the medal winning athletes will become more energetic to bring greater glories to the nation. As for overseas Myanmarers their dejected feeling may disappear and patriotism may rise with the realization that they do have their motherland

to depend on as soon as they see the State Flag and hear the National Anthem. The first thing to do whenever a victory is won in a difficult situation is to erect the State Flag. The successful scaling of Khakaborazi mountain is marked with the State Flag erected on its peak. Victory will be more felt only if we can erect the State Flag after defeating the enemies at battles. So famous in this world concerning the State Flag is a memorial in which statues of soldiers trying to erect their State Flag on Iwajima Island during the World War II.

Mr Chairman,

Except from religion, the State Flag, only a life-less thing, and the National Anthem just a song, have the power to rekindle patriotism, accelerate efforts, erase dejection of intelligent human beings and to make them depend more on their own motherland.

Mr Chairman,

The following facts should be put into consideration in choosing the shape and design of the State Flag.

- (a) to express the significant characters of the nation
- (b) not to be mistaken by or be similar to State Flags of other nations
- (c) to be clear and simple enough for even the primarily students to easily understand its essence and draw a picture of it. (this will help vitalize the patriotism of students since childhood days).
- (d) to be easy to make duplicates or drawings of various sizes of the State Flag.

I will give separate suggestions on the State Flag based on the above-mentioned facts.

The three colours — green, yellow and red — were included in the three-colour Daung Flag used during the national liberation struggle. And they have represented the nation’s significant conditions. Hence, they are suitable for the State Flag. The white star representing the whole Union should be placed in the centre of the Flag or in other words at the centre of yellow stripe instead of at the top to stand for the unity of the entire Union. The top point of the star should touch the base of green stripe and the two bottom points should touch the vertex of the red stripe. Only then the Flag will represent the unity and ensure uniformity in drawing or duplicating it.

Mr Chairman,

We have no further suggestions concerning the State Seal as the Work Committee Chairman’s explanations are comprehensive. The present National Anthem depicts the virtues of the nation. In addition, it portrays the love for independence that was regained through lots of blood, sweat and lives of our forefathers and the spirit to defend the Union at the risk of our lives and to strive in unity to serve the national interest. The song has been in the hearts and minds of the people regardless of their age brackets. Hence, the present National Anthem should be prescribed as the National Anthem.

Mr Chairman,

In pondering whether to adopt the detailed basic principle “The Capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw.” or not, we would like to suggest to lay down the following

detailed basic principle concerning the matter.

The Capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw as it

- (a) is located in a place where transport with various parts of the nation is excellent
- (b) has adequate number of buildings, sound transport and information network and easy intra-connections between government institutions, that are the characteristics of a Capital
- (c) ensures facilitation in the connections between the institutions that will exercise the three organs of power of the State
- (d) is free from inadequate electricity and potable water supply, traffic congestion and other kinds of confusion that are common in all economic hubs because of the high population density.

Now, I will present a weighty fact. The detailed basic principle “Yangon City, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as the Union territory placed under direct administration of the President” is included in the chapter “the State Structure” to formulate the Constitution. Here, we should consider whether the said detailed basic principle that uses Yangon as the Capital should be annulled or amended or not and should designate Nay Pyi Taw as a Union territory.

All the citizens including the national races are residing in various regions. Religions, political convictions and economic views may be different from one another race-wise, group-wise and individual-wise. We firmly believe that however differences there may be, the national people singing the National Anthem under the flying State Flag will discard all those differences while resolutely upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — with ever rising patriotism in their hearts. With this, I conclude my presentation.

Transitory Provisions

Mr Chairman and members of the Panel of chairmen, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the chairman and members of the NCC Work Committee, the chairman and members of the NCC Management Committee and representatives of the eight delegate groups, may you be all blessed with physical and mental well-being.

I am Independent Representative-Elect U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency (1) from the delegate group of representatives-elect.

Mr Chairman,

Now, I would like to make suggestions about the Work Committee chairman’s clarification to the points proposed for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions” to be included in the State constitution.

Mr Chairman,

A transitional period is a period during which all necessary arrangements have to be made in the process of transition from the old system to the new one. In doing so, tasks are to be implemented with great care especially in such a task of handing over State’s three branches of sovereignty—legislative, executive and judiciary—to be able to avert possible weaknesses. Generally, it can be said that there will be no difficulties in the transitional period from the old system to the new one because the Hluttaws, the governing body and courts still exist in the period.

In the period of absence of a State constitution, the three branches of sovereignty have to be handed over to the organs that will exercise these powers under the upcoming State constitution. So, the processes of handing over the powers are to be clear, specific and comprehensive and are to be in conformity with the prevailing conditions of the nation.

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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 in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Union of Myanmar

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Mr Chairman,

Now, in our country, all the patriotic citizens are cooperating with the State Peace and Development Council in the drive for the emergence of a democracy country to which the entire people are aspiring. On the day on which our efforts come true, the SPDC that is currently practising the sovereignty will hand over the three sovereign powers to the bodies that will exercise the three sovereign powers under the forthcoming State constitution. In the process, what we will have to take into consideration are:

- (a) how to tackle the cases that existed before the State constitution came into force,
- (b) how long the ruling government will have to continue to exercise the three sovereign powers,
- (c) how to consider the courts that have existed since the State constitution comes into force and personnel.

Mr Chairman,

Taking these points into consideration, I would suggest that the eight points the Work Committee chairman explained:

1. This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a nationwide referendum by more than half of all the people who have the right to vote.
2. 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..
3. 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.
4. All policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, notifications, proclamations, measures, responsibilities and rights of the State Peace and Development Council shall be devolved on the Union of Myanmar.
5. Existing laws 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 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
6. 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

7. 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.

8. 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 in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Union of Myanmar.

should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to make suggestions about paras No 2 and No 5.

Paragraph No 2 says **“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.”**

This point means the SPDC will have to exercise the sovereign power just till the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is held. In such time, I do not think it is convenient to hand over the sovereign power to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will have to elect and accept the State President who is the administrative head. Then, the State President will have to form his governing body and appoint the State chief justice. Only such a time will it be convenient for the bodies that have to take over the State’s sovereign powers are ready to assume discharge of their duties. So, the para (2) should be:

“The State Peace and Development Council shall, continuing to exercise State sovereignty, carry out till the bodies, which are formed and assigned duties under this Constitution beginning from the date on which this State Constitution comes into force, assume discharge of their duties.”

And paragraph (5) says **“Existing laws 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 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”**. From the time the State constitution comes into force to the time of the emergence of the Constitutional Tribunal, there will not be yet an organization that has power to decide whether a law is contrary to the State constitution. So, in the para, the expressions **“Existing laws 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 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”** should be **“Existing laws shall remain in force until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”**.

Mr Chairman,

It is to make sure that the predecessor has to transfer the State’s three branches of sovereignty systematically and the successor also has to take over the State’s three branches of sovereignty systematically. Only then, will the process of transferring the State’s three branches of sovereignty systematically will be smooth. In the process, steps should be taken with great care to avert adverse effect in the interests of the people because the drawing of the State Constitution is just to serve the public interests. I would also like to make suggestions about the

points the Work Committee chairman explained for the Chapter “General Provisions”.

Mr Chairman,

Now, the delegates are holding discussions to adopt the basic principles and detailed basic principles for 15 chapters through the National Convention. I would like to make suggestions about the last chapter “General Provisions”. We conducted a careful study on the points the Work Committee chairman explained for the Chapter “General Provisions”. Then, we found all he explained were in conformity with both the prevailing conditions and forthcoming conditions under the State Constitution. The State Constitution is to be the main pillar of the laws of the nation and other laws are to be in conformity with the State Constitution. The NC plenary session held on 16 September 1993 adopted the basic principles for the Chapter “General Provisions”. Concerning the General Provisions, the following fundamental principles have already been laid down by the plenary session of the National Convention on 16 September 1993.

- (1) Myanmar language is the official language.
- (2) 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.

Mr Chairman,

The Constitution written in Myanmar language will be adopted and promulgated. In the process, only the expressions written in Myanmar should be defined with the use of the Expression Interpretation Law. The Myanmar manuscript of the Constitution should be kept for record in the National Archives. And it is to be the conclusive evidence of the provisions contained in the Constitution. So, the first six points the Work Committee chairman explained should be adopted as detailed basic principle.

Mr Chairman,

It is to make sure that in order to pursue the market-oriented economic system, the government permits a person or an organization or a cooperative society or the Region Government or the State government to run any of the economic enterprises, which the government has to solely operate, under the terms and conditions in the interests of the State.

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The term of the Constitutional Tribunal should be the same as that of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw five years

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Therefore, the point:

“7. In the interest of the State, the Union Government may permit—

(a) Region or State government,

(b) a cooperative society or a person to run any of economic enterprises, which are prescribed to be operated solely by the Union Government, through a joint-venture system with the Union Government or under agreements.”

should be adopted as a detailed basic principle.

Mr Chairman,

A nation sees political changes occasionally. In such a time, there must be some treaties and agreements that have been signed between the government of that nation and the governments of some other countries. The Work Committee chairman also explained that in that regard, the Union of Myanmar will have to honour the legitimate obligations arising out of any treaties or agreements which have been in force before the coming into force of this Constitution between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of any other State provided that these countries honour any reciprocal obligations towards the Union of Myanmar. Any proceedings relating to contracts signed with the Government of the Union of Myanmar or liabilities which might have been brought against the Government of the Union of Myanmar before this Constitution comes into force, may be brought for losses against the Union Government to be formed under this Constitution. Similarly, if given the similar right, the Government of the Union of Myanmar should also have the right to sue the bodies concerned. Likewise, the Union of Republic of Myanmar that will come into existence after this Constitution comes into force may be sued by the name of the Union of Republic of Myanmar. So, para (8) and sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (9) should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

Under the forthcoming State constitution, there will need to form a Constitutional Tribunal. The points the Work Committee chairman explained in the process such as membership of its members including a chairman, fixing qualifications to be possessed by members, and tenures of the members and ages, are appropriate and complete. So, the paras No 10 to 14 should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

The term of the Constitutional Tribunal should be the same as that of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw five years. On expiry of its term, however, it should continue to carry out its functions till the President forms a new Constitutional Tribunal.

Therefore, the point:

“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 a detailed basic principle.

Mr Chairman,

He also explained that if a member of the Constitutional Tribunal is a member of a Hluttaw, he shall resign from the Hluttaw concerned; that if he is

a government employee, he shall retire from civil service; that if a member of the Constitutional Tribunal is also a member of a political party, during the tenure of membership he should have no right to participate in the activities of the political party concerned; that if a member of the Constitutional Tribunal wishes to resign due to a reason before expiry of his tenure, he should have the right to submit his resignation to the President; and that a new member should be appointed if there is a vacancy in membership in the Constitutional Tribunal. The proposed points are found appropriate and complete. So, sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph (16), paragraph (17) and paragraph (18) should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

He explained that a member of the Constitutional Tribunal should be blamed or impeached due to such kinds of disqualification as loyalty to the State, failure to adhere to the provisions of the Constitution. These points are clear and reasonable. The detailed basic principles concerning the Constitutional Tribunal have been adopted. He also elaborated matters on interpreting the provisions of the State Constitution, scrutinizing whether or not laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Region Hluttaws and the State Hluttaws are in conformity with the State Constitution, and making decision on disputes in connection with the State Constitution between Pyidaungsu and Regions, between Pyidaungsu and States, between Regions and States, among Regions, among States, and between Regions or States and Self-Administered Areas. These points are appropriate and complete. So, sub-paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of paragraph 19 (A) and paragraph 19 (B) and sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of paragraph 20 (A) should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

The courts have to hear criminal cases and civil law cases in accord with the existing laws. In the process, the Work Committee chairman said that if there is a dispute as to whether a provision of a law is in conformity with the Constitution in a case being heard by a court, the Constitutional Tribunal is responsible for deciding such a case; that the court concerned should suspend the case it is hearing; and the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be final. His explanation is complete. And his explanation about the definition of the Constitutional Tribunal, its decision, the persons whose stances are to be sought, and procedures is reasonable and appropriate. So, paragraphs 21, 22, sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of paragraphs 23, and sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of paragraphs 24 should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will have to prescribe necessary laws for formation of the Constitutional Tribunal, relations with other organizations, and responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Constitutional Tribunal. In the process, the role of the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal should be designated to be equivalent to the position of a Vice-President, and a member of the Constitutional Tribunal, to the position of a Union minister in order to make reference.

Therefore, the points the Work Committee chairman proposed:

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.

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.

should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

Now, we have made suggestions about the Chapter “Amendment of the Constitution”, Chapter “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and Capital”, Chapter “Transitory Provisions” and Chapter “General Provisions” to be included in the State Constitution. In the near future, the State Constitution, to which the people are aspiring, will come into force based on the basic principles and detailed principles the National Convention has adopted. Temporarily putting aside our economic and family affairs, we delegates have made all-out efforts to achieve this goal. That is our pleasure.

Our sincere thanks go to the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission for the arrangements for cordial meetings between national brethren, ensuring smooth operation of the functions of the National Convention, and handling the difficulties of the delegates with goodwill; to the chairman and members of the NC Work Committee for the compiling facts and explanation about the necessary points for the constitution for the convenience of the delegates; to the chairman and members of the NC Management Committee for the arrangements for the welfare of the delegates, and to the service personnel who have discharged duties day in, day out.

Mr Chairman,

Before long, all our efforts will come into fruition. Then, we will have to say goodbye to each other and go home. I think we will make greater efforts when we have opportunity to collectively serve the interests of the nation and the people for the next time.—MNA

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Proposals on Chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”...

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

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

U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races presided over the Plenary Session of the National Convention together with Member of NCCWC U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, 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 Persons.

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 1,069 out of 1,080 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 98.98 per cent, and the plenary session commenced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

Delegates presented proposals of Delegate Group of National Races 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 Ah Phar of Shan State (East) presented the proposal.



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

Next, U Myo Tint of Magway Division presented the proposal and the Plenary Session took a break at 9.45 am. When the Plenary Session resumed at 10 am, Daw Wah Wah Mon of Mon State presented the proposal of Delegate Group of National Races.

Afterwards, U Tin Oo of Kayah State presented the proposal and the Plenary Session took a break at 10.45 am.

When the Plenary Session resumed at 11 am, proposal of Delegate Group of Peasants 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 were presented to the Plenary Session. First, U In Shein of Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Division, presented the proposal.

Next, U Shwe Hla of An Township, Rakhine State, presented the proposal. Afterwards, U Tun Oo of North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division, presented the proposal.

Later, U Sai Yi Mon of Namkham Township, Shan State (North) presented the proposal. The Plenary Session went into recess at 12 noon.

(The proposals of Delegate Group of National Races and Delegate Group of Peasants will be reported.)

The Plenary Session continues tomorrow at 1 pm. MNA

Worthy of being Chronicled

- * To craft the future State
We can imagine and visualize
‘Free from dogma and doubt’
Exchange views with clear conscience
No senior or junior, perfectly frank
Our own kin, with mutual respect
You have discussed at the Convention
Affairs of State, variegated
New era of Myanmar history
When inaugurated in future
“It will be firmly chronicled.”
- * Delegates of the Union also
Are all included at Nyaungnabin
Our kin enter into Golden Convention
Motherland’s basic foundation
For new nation, solemnly put down
To remain as witness of new era
Various aspects, eras put in
For it will remain grandly
“It will be firmly chronicled.”
- * Duty bequeathed by history, has been done
You, who are born of the same family
Must ensure that our motherland
Remains strong and durable
And for the benefit of State and peace
Duty has been done, due to our efforts
From one to a hundred, from hundred to ten thousand
Over fifty million, for the State
For one hope to materialize
In togetherness, because it’s national cause
Kin loving kin, with optimism
Being practised, for Myanmar’s future
Visualizing in all seriousness
National Convention, all getting together
Those of you who have participated
To go down in history, worthily
And for it will remain grandly
“And to be chronicled firmly.”
Hinthada Myint Ngwe (Trs)
(Honouring the delegates to the National Convention)

First Marathon in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 Jan

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Dec — As a gesture of hailing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day, Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Track and Field Federation will jointly organize a marathon on 4 January 2007.

Top ranked runners ranging from 1st to 10th in the open race (men/women) and the novice race (men) will be awarded. First, second and third winners of the open race (men/women) will be awarded K 400,000, K 250,000 and K 150,000 respectively while the first, second and third winners of the novice race (men) will be paid K 300,000, K 150,000 and K 95,000 respectively.

The marathon is scheduled to start at 5 am on 4 January 2007 at Nay Pyi Taw’s Myoma Market.

Government employees and their family members are invited to participate in the race by the Ministry of Sports. — MNA

Bakari Idd Day falls on 1 January

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Dec — The Government of the Union of Myanmar today announced that Bakari Idd Day, which falls on 1 January 2007 (14th Waxing of Pyatho, 1368 ME), is a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.— MNA

First Exhibition on Knowledge...

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After unveiling the signboard of the exhibition, the commander delivered an opening address. He said that all the entire people are to participate in reduction of traffic accidents and traffic safety. In Nay Pyi Taw, tasks are being carried out for declining traffic accidents through the 3 E system such as control of education, engineering and enforcement.

The commander accepted cash donations to be spent on educative tasks on traffic rules, from wellwishers. The ministers and the deputy ministers presented prizes to winners in the essay contests. The chairman of the enforcement committee awarded prizes to outstanding booths.

The exhibition will be kept open up to 31 December.

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Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin speaks at opening ceremony of traffic rules knowledge competitions and exhibition. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Zaw Win and Deputy Minister U Pe Than formally open traffic rules competitions and exhibition. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents prize to a winner. — MNA

Booth of traffic rules knowledge crowded with visitors. — MNA

Commerce Journal in circulation

YANGON, 27 Dec— Volume 6, No 24 of The Commerce Journal came out today.

It includes export of agricultural produce which could earn the country US \$ 230 million, earning from jade sales, seizure of illegally imported goods worth over K 326

million, rubber market in Mawlamyine and pigeon peas market in Mandalay.

Writers Maung Su San, U Han Tun, Dr Khin Maung Nyo, Han Min Hset, Kyi Min,

Kyun Tha Nga Man, Kyi Shun, Min Tin Tun, Than Aung Kyaw and Thein Mya Thein also contributed articles to the journal's 24th issue of Vol 6. — MNA



Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donates stationery to primary school students in Kyauktan Township.

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Seventh MCDC Mayor's Cup Golf Tour scheduled on 30-31 Dec

YANGON, 27 Dec— Mandalay City Development Committee will organize the Seventh Mayor's Cup Invitational Golf Tour in commemoration of its anniversary at Yedaguntaung Golf Course in Mandalay on 30 and 31 December.

The golf tour will be categorized as the professional and amateur golfers divisions. In addition, arrangements have been made for enabling women

golfers to take part in the tour.

Those wishing to participate in the golf tour may enlist at the Head of Parks and Playgrounds Department of MCDC, Tel: 09-2006581 and 02-64753, and Yedaguntaung Golf Course, Tel: 02-88730.

In the competitions, K 1 million as cash reward will be awarded to the first prize winner in the professional division.

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Destructive elements and I

Phado Aung San

During the 1988 disturbances, some students fled to new Wakha Camp of KNU (Kawmura) due to the instigation of internal and external destructive elements and spread of rumours. Chairman of KNU Bo Mya was undergoing treatment in Chiangmai, Thailand and I was taking care of him closely. Secretary of KNU was not able to do anything and he asked for instructions from the chairman. The chairman sent me immediately to make arrangements. I arrived at new Wakha Camp in the evening. The following morning, I met students who asked for food and accommodation and formation of ABSDF armed group. On that day, ABSDF was formed. Chairman was Maung Maung Kyaw and Secretary was Aung Naing. (Later, Aung Naing became broadcaster known as BBC Than Lwin Tun and VOA Than Lwin Tun.)

When Tun Aung Kyaw arrived, Maung Maung Kyaw was removed and the former was elected as chairman by the members of ABSDF. When Moe Thee Zun arrived, he became chairman after winning in the election. After four years, he lost in the election because of his poor performance. When Dr Aung Naing won, there was a big problem in the ABSDF in connection with the power struggle. The acts of some of the men of KNU, NDF, DAB and NCUB were not fair. Dr Naing Aung and party were nearly killed. When I was in Maesot, Chairman of KNU sent a man to me and asked for my advice. I advised that it was better to catch two fish so that he would have more food. The chairman accepted my advice. ABSDF was split into two — one led by Dr Naing Aung and the other led by Moe Thee Zun.

After making peace with the government, I returned to my motherland. I read in an article that a mother criticized NLD angrily as her son went underground and did not come back. Parents should take care of their children to see that the latter were not misled. Many students who became insurgents in the jungle were cruelly killed. As a father, I felt sad for ABSDF students who were killed in the jungle by ABSDF from 1990 to 1994 in the power struggle.

Soon after ABSDF was formed, CRDB led by Tin Maung Win and Ye Kyaw Thu supported by the US arrived. Delegates from England, France, Germany, Canada, Japan and Australia also arrived. NDF and CRDB were united and DAB comprising various insurgent groups was formed in Maitri camp near the border. When NLD expatriates arrived, DAB and the expatriate NLD were formed as NCUB. In order to make contact with foreign countries, NCGUB comprising expatriates, known as parallel government was formed. Dr Sein Win, first cousin of Daw Suu Kyi, is the Prime Minister of the government in exile.

I will explain why it was named NCGUB. The expatriate government was formed with NLD members from states and divisions who fled to KNU Headquarters (Marnepalaw), other party members and some independent representatives-elect. From that time on, NLD was split into two—internal NLD and expatriate NLD. NLD (LA) opposed both internal NLD and NCGUB. Later, they said internal NLD and expatriate NLD are the same. Like ABSDF, NLD (LA) split and there was power struggle killing each other.

While I was in Bangkok, members of CRDB, NLD (LA) and NCGUB and so-called ministers requested me to treat them to dinner. As I am used to go to bed early, I went to the restaurant a bit early. I remembered that Tin Maung Win, so-called Minister for Foreign Affairs of NCGUB Peter Lin Pin and so-called Minister for Information U Hla Pe and others were there. After dinner, I told them that I wanted to go home. I gave them money for dinner as they stayed on at the restaurant. The following morning, there was a phone call. I was told that they left the restaurant after midnight and the so-called Minister for Information U Hla Pe disappeared. I thought it was an assassination as they were drunk. I learnt that Tin Maung Win died of heart attack later. In

my opinion, he died of AIDS. Ye Kyaw Thu also died of overdrunk.

There are those who are happy with their life and there are those who are unhappy with their life. For example, those who were satisfied with their pursuit of education finally reached their goals in their lives. As my parents were unable to provide my school expenses, I had to rely solely on myself in my school days, collecting woods and engaging in digging of ponds, fishing and raising of poultry. I considered student life as happiest moments in my life. No need to think highly of the so-called chairman and leaders of the ABSDF who become members of the armed insurgent groups. They were virtually in great trouble, in deep sorrow.

The first group of runaway NLD members arrived. They were U Tun Oo, U Bo Hla Tint, Peter Lin Pin, U Hla Pe and U Hla Oo from Bago, Ayeyawady and Mandalay Divisions. The second group comprised Dr Sein Win, Dr San Aung (some dubbed him Daw San Aung), U Myint Aung and U Maung Maung Aye. Later, U Win Khet (formerly known as U Saw Lwin) of the NLD (HQ), Yangon arrived. There were only two persons when the NLD (LA) was formed, and they found it difficult to carry out work. At that time, U Win Khet arrived there and he was made chairman. Then came Ko Than Htut, Ko Aung Saw Oo and U Hla Pe (a) U Zaw (BBC correspondent). There were also some who were members of Burma Communist Party (BCP). As U Win Khet was not accepted by others he was ousted by members of BCP at the election after four years of his term. U Tin Aung of Kachin State was chosen as chairman in place of U Win Khet. As U Win Khet got depressed, I sought a recommendation from DAB Chairman for him. He went abroad where he survives on charity.

At present, according to some foreign broadcasting stations, U Win Khet became chairman again and U Tin Aung vice-chairman of NLD (LA).

It is fortunate that the so-called ministers of NCGUB led by Dr Sein Win have no knowledge of politics. They are just young ordinary doctors, engineers and lawyers. They easily won the election held 15 years ago under NLD's name. If they become members of a cabinet or if they are mistakenly assigned the State responsibilities, it is sure that the country will be in a state of chaos.

The destructive elements were ruthless. When I returned to the legal fold Maung Bu, an eight grader, had to guard together with Capt Saw Aung Kyi who was in charge of security of the camp. When our camp was raided by members of KNU and personnel of Thai army, the security in charge and his men had to surrender. Maung Bu had no weapon. But he was cruelly killed on suspicion and thrown into a creek.

A relative of mine was also arrested and taken action. He earned his living with his own business and was a driver. He used to drive senior men of KNU to major cities such as Chiangmai and Bangkok day in, day out. He was subject to various forms of torture during his arrest. At night, his legs and hands were tied before letting him to sleep. He became emaciated. He was set free only when he was almost to the point of going insane. All his belongings were confiscated, and his wife and children were expelled from their house. He was given medical treatment and rehabilitated with the help of Thai villagers.

The NCGUB assigned Maung Hla, a bachelor, who arrived in Marnepalaw, as a superintendent and the NLD assigned Ma Win, a spinster, as a liaison. As Dr Sein Win and U Win Khet were not on friendly terms they did not approve the marriage of Maung Hla and Ma Win. Regarding this, Maung Hla was so angry and furious that he was going to hatch a plot to kill those senior men from the NLD. And I had to calm down Maung Hla who was satisfied and left.

Maung Hla and Ma Win were alternately sent to Mesot to buy clothes. After a house for them had been built, they went to the KNU chairman and CEC members

to invite them to their wedding. Dr Sein Win's group and U Win Khet's group were also invited. They all attended the wedding as the KNU chairman asked them to do so without fail. It was strange that only Dr Sein Win's group came into the house. And U Win Khet and his men were sitting on the bench under a *badum* tree in the compound of the house and they did not enter the house. The wedding was successfully staged as an ex-monk was among the KNU CEC members. The couple were married by the KNU chairman. I signed as a witness on the side of the bride and Dr Sein Win on the side of the groom. At the wedding, the attendees were served with beef, mutton and turkey curries which came from my own farm. We gave Dr Sein Win's group a tiffin filled with curry on their way home. Then the U Win Khet group entered the house and enjoyed the food. They were also given curry on their way home. At dusk, I sent the couple to their new home which I gave them as a wedding gift.

Months later, Ma Win was expecting and when it came to delivering her baby, my daughter was asked to send her to a hospital in Mae Sarine, Thailand, where she gave birth to a baby boy. He was named Maung Hla Win Aung San to match my name, Phado Aung San. As he is now in a foreign country, I am not sure whether his name becomes Bill Aung San or George Aung San.

KNU Headquarters Manerplaw fell on 26 January 1995. As head of the KNU's finance department (Central), I had to seek ways and means to earn money. According to the advice of a friend of mine, I went to the border between Thailand and Cambodia to start a mining business after purchasing a bulldozer and other related machine tools. I established a jewelry company in Bangkok. Within a month I could mine rubies and among them was a ruby as large as the tip of the forefinger. I kept it in the safe of my company in Bangkok. One day, one of my acquaintances introduced me to a gem expert. I appointed him as a salaried employee. Soon, in league with a Thai director of the company, he took the ruby from the general manager with a good excuse for selling it, and disappeared. He is none other than Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung who is being curried favour by BBC, VOA and ILO. After selling the ruby, he fled to the US with a fake passport. Now he is secretary of NCUB and FTUB. Only later did I realize that he was an absconder from the Ministry of Mines after committing a crime.

For the US, it always allows anyone to live in the country if they are useful. It accepts even a group of two or three persons. The US accepts even communists it hates if it can make use of them. A BCP leader, after marrying a woman from England, formed PLF. The US allowed the couple to live in the country and is giving them assistance. I don't want to mention their names as they happened to be my intimate friends.

As CIA agents in Thailand requested me through an American agent, I called on them and was told to live in America as a KNU representative by opening an office there. They also arranged a meeting for me with the representatives of another organization resident in US. I was shown their passports and visas. But I had decided never to set foot in America.

The US is a neo-colonialist in the world. It is bullying other countries militarily. The US is the country that is threatening to massacre the people of other countries. America is the country with the most decadent human society in the world. There are a lot of crimes such as child abuse and murders in that country. That was why I decided to return to my native country.

Now, I am in a position to enjoy peace and stability of the State and participate in the task for the development of my own region. I am also attending the National Convention with pride. All in all, I write this article to convince the people of the acts of internal and external destructive elements.

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Pieces of furnitures float outside a flooded school in Malaysia's small town of Panchor in the southern state of Johor on 26 Dec, 2006. — INTERNET

Russia launches three satellites to join "Glonass" navigation system

Moscow, 26 Dec — Russia launched three more satellites on recently to join its *Glonass* global navigation system.

A *Proton-K* rocket carrying the three *Glonass* satellites blasted off at 23:18 Moscow time (2018 GMT) from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, news agencies *Interfax* and *ITAR-TASS* reported quoting space

officials.

Currently, the *Glonass* system has 14 satellites operating in orbit. It needs 18 satellites to cover the whole territory of Russia, and a further 6 satellites are needed for it to cover the whole globe.

Glonass is expected to be operational on the national scale by the end of 2007 and on the global scale by the end of 2009.

The Defence Ministry has earlier lifted all limits on access to the data and images made from satellite navigation systems.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire, blasts kill seven, injure 54 at Venezuelan market

CARACAS, 26 Dec — A fire in Maracaibo in the western Venezuelan state of Zulia killed seven people and injured 54 others, said John Bravo, commander of the Maracaibo Fire Brigade recently.

"A lady threw a box of fireworks... sparking a fire which triggered a series of explosions," said Bravo.

The fire and the consequent explosions began at the Apeja & Burdines Cooperative, a store at Maracaibo's central market, on Saturday when the market was in full swing. Sixty stalls at the market, 12 nearby houses and several shops were destroyed by the fire and explosions. A child was among the dead, and the injured were taken to hospitals.

The Maracaibo city council was discussing a project on giving financial aid to the families affected by the incident. — MNA/Xinhua



People look at a model wearing a dress during a fashion show in the Chechnya's capital Grozny on 25 Dec, 2006. — INTERNET

Beijing arrests 4,065 drug suspects in first 11 months

BEIJING, 26 Dec — The narcotics control authorities of Beijing said Monday the city had arrested 4,065 drug-related suspects in the first 11 months this year and seized 249 kilos of various drugs.

"The capital busted 3,600 drug-related cases from January to November, arresting 1,080 suspects involved in drugs

trade," said Fu Zhenghua, deputy director of the Beijing Narcotics Control Commission. The seized drugs include 202 kilos of methamphetamine (commonly known as "ice"), over ten times that of last year, according to Fu. The city launched a special campaign to crack down on drug crimes in amusement venues in June

this year. More than 18,000 policemen took part in the anti-drug move.

Thirty-eight out of about 1,000 entertainment venues in Beijing were found involved in drug-related crimes, among which 11 were ordered to halt operation for improvement and three others shut down, according to Fu.

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Mexican experts dismiss US border wall as "racist"

MEXICO CITY, 26 Dec — The US decision to build a wall on the border with Mexico has aroused strong sentiment in its southern neighbour, where the academic circle is dismissing it as racist.

"Behind this wall is the pretension of a government that is ready to ignore all sense and to offend one of its most important partners in the region," said a leading critic of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) on Monday.

Edumdo Hernandez Vela of the International Relations Department of the UNAM said that Mexico is the biggest labour supplier of the United States, and that foreign workers are a fundamental pillar of the US economy.

Mexico's neighbour knows well that no barrier will completely end immigration, he said, adding that those who are keen to cross the border into the United States will surely find ways to go around any obstacle.

There are some 10 million Mexican citizens living in the United States, of whom many arrived there illegally.

A large number of the illegal immigrants now have papers that allow them to work.

An estimated 500,000 Mexicans brave death and deportation each year to cross the Mexico-US border. At least one of them dies each day of thirst, hunger or for other reasons in the job-seeking adventure, reports say.

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US military deaths in Iraq surpass toll of 11 Sept

WASHINGTON, 27 Dec — The number of US military deaths in Iraq since the war started in March 2003 has exceeded the toll in the 11 September, 2001, terrorist attacks, US media reported Tuesday.

A total of 2,973 people were killed in the attacks on 11 September, 2001, and as of Tuesday, at least 2,977 American military personnel have been killed in Iraq, according to the *Associated Press*.

The death toll of the 11 September attacks included 2,749 killed at the World Trade Centre in New York City, 184 at the Pentagon in Washington, and 40 passengers aboard United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

The Bush administration launched the Iraq war mainly on the ground that the Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein had had links with al-Qaeda, the terror organization believed to have masterminded the 11 September attacks, and had had weapons of mass destruction. None of which, however, has been justified.

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Labourers carry out demolition work at a housing area in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province on 22 Dec, 2006. Reining in investment will remain a priority for China in 2007 because economic growth is too fast and its foundations are flimsy, the country's top planner said in an interview published on Friday.

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Scientists say mummy of shaman broken, but research will continue

URUMQI, 26 Dec— Chinese scientists have carefully stripped a 2,800-year-old mummy, only to find the corpse underneath the delicate attire of a possible shaman priest had decayed and broken at the neck and arms.

But research work on the mummy would continue, said Dr Li Xiao, head of the heritage bureau in Turpan, of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

"We didn't expect the mummy to be so badly decayed, but technically, it won't prevent us from confirming his status and further research on the history of shamanism in northwest China," said Li, a noted historian.

The Caucasian-looking mummy was unearthed from a cluster of ancient tombs in Turpan

in 2003 and research has been going on since.

Scientists stripped the mummy last week hoping to better preserve it and find out more about the clothing, culture and life of the time the shaman lived, Li said.

The mummy had seemed perfectly intact in his heavy outfit: a leather coat, a knitted mantle as well as hat and boots, said Jia Yingyi, a researcher with the regional museum of Xinjiang.

"His clothing was largely brown: a brown-and-red mantle with triangular webbing and pants of the same colour and with wavy patterns," he said.

Archaeologists found a sack of marijuana leaves buried alongside the mummy.

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Gas cylinder kills three in Karachi

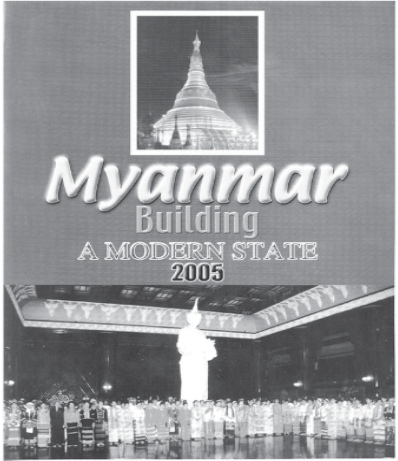
ISLAMABAD, 26 Dec—At least three people were killed and another injured when a gas cylinder exploded Sunday in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, TV channels reported.

The cylinder exploded at a welding shop at the Sher Shah locality of Karachi, killing three people at the spot, according to the reports.

Police and the ambulance service also confirmed the incident. It is the second cylinder blast in the city in less than two weeks.

Four people were killed and six injured in gas cylinder explosion took place in Karachi on 13 December. Police say that cylinder blasts take place as many people do not follow safety measures. In addition, some companies manufacture sub-standard cylinders.

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Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, right, presents flowers to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in New Delhi, India, on 25 Dec, 2006.—INTERNET

Chinese State Councillor meets Russian PM in Turkmenistan

ASHGABAT, (Turkmenistan), 25 Dec — Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan and Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov on Sunday lauded the advancement of the China-Russia bilateral partnership in the past year.

Meeting with Fradkov on the sidelines of the funeral of Turkmenistan's late president Saparmurat Niyazov, Tang said the past year saw a continuously rapid development of the China-Russia strategic partnership of cooperation, which had already been enhanced to a high level.

Leaders of the two countries exchanged mutual visits frequently, political trust between the two sides was deepened and the communication and coordination on international affairs remained close, he said, adding the successful holding of the Year of Russia in China has contributed to greatly enhancing bilateral ex-

change and cooperation.

Tang said China was willing to exert further efforts along with Russia to promote the bilateral relationship to a new level.

For his part, Fradkov said the Russia-China strategic partnership forged ahead smoothly in 2006 and achieved abundant fruits.

MNA/Xinhua

Christmas traffic accidents kill 25 in Spain

MADRID, 26 Dec 26 — Twenty-five people died in Spain over the Christmas weekend due to traffic accidents, the General Traffic Directorate said on Monday.

The past weekend witnessed 20 accidents, in which nine people were seriously hurt and two suffered minor injuries.

During the same period last year, there were 19 accidents and 22 deaths, three less than this year.—MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft Corp is extending its warranty on the Xbox 360 video game console to one year from the previous limit of 90 days, according to media reports on 25 Dec, 2006.—XINHUA



Japan's budget on missile defence to rise over 30%

TOKYO, 25 Dec— The Japanese Cabinet approved on Sunday the government's

budget plan which raised spending on missile defence system to 182.6 billion yen (1.54 billion US dollars) in fiscal 2007, *Kyodo News* reported.

The initial budget on the missile defence marks a rise of 42.7 billion yen (360.1 million dollars), or 30.5 per cent from fiscal 2006. The government plans to upgrade *Aegis* destroyers and the *Patriot* missile system to make them capable of ballistic missile defence with the increased budget.

Meanwhile, overall defence budget stands at 4,801.6 billion yen (40.5 billion dollars), down 0.3 per cent, for the fifth

consecutive year of decline. Among other defence spending, a total of 7.2 billion yen (60.7 million dollars) will be set aside in connection with the planned US military realignment, while some five billion yen (42.2 million dollars) is earmarked as subsidies for local communities to accept the US forces.

The total national budget for fiscal 2007 starting on 1 April will rise 4.0 per cent to 82,908.8 billion yen (699.2 billion dollars), with a record-high 21,140.9 billion yen (178.3 billion dollars) allocated for social security-related spending

MNA/Xinhua

China sees baby boom of artificially bred giant pandas this year

CHENGDU, 25 Dec— A record 30 artificially bred panda cubs have survived so far this year as "Meimei", who travelled to Japan from Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, gave birth two twin cubs this afternoon.

"The twin cubs, born in Adventure World in Shirahama, Wakayama, Japan, weighed 196 grammes and 86 grammes," Dr Zhang Zhihe, an expert with the base, said, "this is the sixth delivery of the 12-year-old mother, and she and the babies are all healthy."

Despite the early deaths of three cubs, this is the biggest baby boom for the endangered species since China's first attempt to artificially breed giant pandas in the 1960s, he said.

Twenty-six of the surviving panda cubs were bred by zoologists in Southwest China's Sichuan

Province: 17 were born at the Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre and nine at the Chengdu Research Base.

One of the twin pandas born in neighbouring Chongqing Municipality also survived, and another was born to mother panda Lun

Lun at the US Atlanta Zoo.

"Thanks to the scientists' hard work, we have accumulated mature techniques and experience in breeding giant pandas," he said, "the record number of cubs in this year shows the captive breeding of giant pandas has entered a golden age." Gaint pandas, only found in China, are known as "living fossils" and about 1,590 still live in the wild, mostly in the provinces of Sichuan and Shaanxi. More than 180 had been bred in captivity at zoos worldwide by the end of 2005.—MNA/Xinhua



12-year-old female giant panda 'Meimei' holding her newborn baby on her chest. Santa Claus brought Japan twin giant panda cubs on 23 Dec, 2006, one of the world's rarest animals originated in China.—INTERNET

Vietnam decodes bird flu virus genes

HANOI, 26 Dec— Vietnamese scientists have successfully decoded genes of bird flu virus strain H5N1, paving the way for production of vaccines used among humans, local media reported on Monday.

The Ho Chi Minh City Pasteur Institute has decoded genes of 24 samples of the viruses which killed fowls and people in Vietnam's southern region in the 2004-2005 period, said *Youth* newspaper.

The decoding shows that there have been some changes in the genes. Based on the decoding, the institute in southern Ho Chi Minh City is facilitating the production of H5N1 vaccines to be used among humans.

In November, Vietnam's Nha Trang Institute of Vaccines and Biological Products in central Khanh Hoa Province announced it has successfully turned out 5,000 doses of H5N1 vaccine for humans in labs, which have yielded good results after being tested on white mice, guinea-pigs and cockerels. The institute will produce another 5,000 doses of the vaccine in early 2007 for tests at international verification centres.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Ecuador soccer teams prepare for 2007 Copa Libertadores

QUITO, 26 Dec — Ecuador soccer teams were preparing on Monday for the 2007 Copa Libertadores: El Nacional and Emelc looking at their group phase rivals and Liga Deportiva Universitaria at their qualifying phase rivals.

El Nacional is set to play its 19th Copa facing Argentina's Banfield and Paraguay's Libertad. There is one place open in the group, to be decided when Peru's Sporting Cristal play Mexico's third best qualified team.

Emelc, second placed in the Ecuador league, faces Brazilian team Internacional de Porto Alegre, Uruguay's Nacional and the winner of a qualifying match between Argentina's Velez Sarsfield and Uruguay's Danubio.

Intenacional is the favourite to win this group, having recently beating Spanish team Barcelona and having won the Copa last year.

The qualification phase begins on 24 January. The group phase began on 14 February and the elimination phase began on 2 May. The final will be played in two legs on 13 January and 20 June.

MNA/Xinhua



Blackburn Rovers' Robbie Savage (L) shoots against Liverpool during their English Premier League soccer match at Ewood Park, Blackburn in northern England on 26 December, 2006. —INTERNET

Mourinho faces defensive concerns

LONDON, 27 Dec — Jose Mourinho says the absence of captain John Terry and keeper Petr Cech has left Chelsea vulnerable in defence.

Terry, who may need back surgery, has missed the last three league games — in which Chelsea conceded six goals — and Cech fractured his skull in October.

"We sold William Gallas and Robert Huth in the summer. We don't have enough cover so at this moment in time we are having problems," said boss Mourinho.

"Normally for Chelsea three consecutive matches would mean three clean sheets."

To lose Petr and John at the same time is a very difficult problem to solve, especially in a



Mourinho's Chelsea trail Manchester United by four points. —INTERNET

squad without more central defenders.

Terry missed Chelsea's 3-2 wins at both Everton and Wigan and the 2-2 with Reading on Boxing Day.

He was also sidelined for the Carling Cup victory over Newcastle.

Mourinho paired Ricardo Carvalho along-

side right-back Paulo Ferreira in the centre of defence against Reading.

"For us to win matches right now we need to score three times. Sometimes we'll do it, sometimes we won't," added Mourinho.

In September, German defender Huth moved from Stamford Bridge to Middlesbrough and Gallas joined Arsenal.

Chelsea's first-choice keeper Cech was injured in a collision with Reading's Stephen Hunt in October.

Internet

Peru defender Rebozo arrested for drunk driving

LIMA, 26 Dec — Peru international defender Miguel Rebozo was arrested on Monday in Miraflores, a neighbourhood in Peru's capital Lima, for drunk driving and knocking down a cyclist, the police told media. Fire brigade volunteers carried the injured 24-year-old woman to a local hospital.

Rebozo fought with the officers who arrested him, then held him down. He was taken to the Costa Verde de Miraflores police office in handcuffs.

Speaking to Press after the incident, Rebozo said that he had been drunk driving, but denied hitting the cycling woman. — MNA/Xinhua



Nashville Predators right wing Alexander Radulov (47) of Russia scores a goal against St Louis Blues goalie Manny Legace (34) in a sudden-death shootout to give the Predators a 3-2 win in an NHL hockey game in Nashville, Tenn, on Tuesday, 26 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

18 arrested in Vietnam for illegal soccer betting

HANOI, 26 Dec — Police in Vietnam have arrested 18 people suspected of illegal online betting on international soccer matches, police said Monday.

"We arrested several people early Sunday," a police official in Ho Chi Minh City said without elaborating.

The raid was organized in 13 different locations. 18 people were detained and around 7 billion dong (437,000 US dollars) were confiscated on the spot, said the daily Thanh Nien newspaper.

The arrested men had received betting orders on the English Premier League from local gamblers and then passed them abroad. — MNA/Xinhua

Memphis Grizzlies' Pau Gasol (16), of Spain, goes to the basket against Washington Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (0) during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game on Tuesday. INTERNET



Six injured as leaders dismayed

SYDNEY, 27 Dec — Six sailors were injured after one of the race leaders Maximus was dismayed during the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

Three crew members had to be airlifted to hospital in Canberra with chest, pelvic and back injuries.

Maximus had been vying for the lead in heavy seas with ABN Amro, which was also dismayed and had to retire.

In total, eight of the 78 yachts competing were forced out of the race, which is currently being led by defending champion Wild Oats XI.

In 1998, six sailors died and seven boats were sunk or abandoned when a severe storm hit the race.

Organizers were not expecting severe weather this time but strong winds decreased early on Wednesday, easing conditions for the yachts still in the race.

"The mast just came straight down the boat, down the cockpit, out the back, boom and all," said Ian Treleaven, one of the Maximus crew members who



Three Maximus crew members were airlifted to safety. —INTERNET

received minor injuries.

ABN Amro skipper Mike Sanderson said his crew was "bitterly disappointed" as he was returning to Sydney instead of racing on to Hobart.

"We had a great first night on the water and we had managed to keep right up there," he said.

But he added that "the most important thing is that all the crew are safe and we have had no injuries".

Last year, Wild Oats XI became the first boat in the race's history to complete the triple of line and handicap honours and a race record.

It wiped more than an hour off the previous time to win the 628-nautical mile (723 mile; 1,163km) race last year in one day, 18 hours, 40 minutes and 10 seconds. —Internet

Farah in fine form on Irish roads

DUBLIN, 27 Dec — Mo Farah equalled Rob Denmark's British 5km road running record in County Donegal, Ireland, on Boxing Day.



Farah won the event by over 90 seconds. INTERNET

The European cross country champion won in a time of 13 minutes 29.68 seconds which, in accordance with regulations, was rounded up to 13 mins 30 secs.

"I didn't know I was on record pace but with three kms remaining I knew I was running sub-14 minute pace," he said.

Farah ends the 2006 season as the fastest British athlete at 3,000m, 5,000m, 5km road and 10km road. — Internet

First Exhibition on Knowledge about Traffic Rules opens in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Dec — The First Exhibition on Knowledge about Traffic Rules, organized by Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee, was opened at No 1 Basic Education High School in Pinyinana this morning, with an address by Patron of the Enforcement Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Ministers for Rail



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin unveils signboard of competitions and exhibition on traffic rules knowledge. — MNA

Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads, Chairman of the Enforcement Committee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw

Command, social organizations and local people. Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Director-General Police Brig-

Gen Zaw Win of Myanmar Police Force and Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than formally opened the exhibition.

The commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads viewed vehicles and agricultural equipment manufactured by private

automobile industries. They also visited booths of MPF, Fisca Co and the Ministry of Education. (See page 9)

Weather

Significant Night

Temperatures on

27-12-2006

Haka	(0°C)
Pinlaung	(1°C)
Heho	(2°C)
Namhsan	(3°C)

Development tasks in Rakhine State inspected

YANGON, 27 Dec — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe went to Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State, on 23 December and assisted implementing the development tasks in the region.

He met with local authorities and officials concerned at the hall in Kyaukpyu Airport and heard reports on development tasks and attended to the needs.

After the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein went to An, Rakhine State, and inspected condition of the runway at An Airport.

On his inspection tour, the commander and the minister discussed matters related on regional development tasks with responsible officials.

During the tour of Manaung in Rakhine State, Member of the Panel of Patrons of Union Solidarity and Development Association Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and Central Executive Committee Member Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with executives, members and organizers of Manaung Township USDA at the office of the township USDA.

After hearing reports on implementation of development tasks in the region, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe explained regional development tasks to be implemented by Manaung Township USDA and tasks of the association. He also gave instructions on the health, transportation and drinking water supply sectors in the region. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Maung Shein and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect runway of An Airport. — TRANSPORT

INSIDE

The NCGUB assigned Maung Hla, a bachelor, who arrived in Marnepalaw, as a superintendent and the NLD assigned Ma Win, a spinster, as a liaison. As Dr Sein Win and U Win Khet were not on friendly terms they did not approve the marriage of Maung Hla and Ma Win. Regarding this, Maung Hla was so angry and furious that he was going to hatch a plot to kill those senior men from the NLD. And I had to calm down Maung Hla, who was satisfied and left.

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