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## Independence

**If taken for granted, independence can be lost all of a sudden to alien subjugation. The struggle to regain it, however, may cost much blood, sweat and life.**

**Senior General Than Shwe  
Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council  
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services**

(From address delivered at the opening ceremony of the USDA Special Refresher Course No 3, Management Course No 15 for USDA Executives, and International Relations Course No 2.)



## Referendum will be held after the committee for drawing the State Constitution completes its work according to the principles adopted through collective discussions of delegates of all national races

### Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses NC Plenary Session

YANGON, 29 Dec—The plenary session of the National Convention continued at the Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 11.15 am today, with an address by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The full text of the speech of the Secretary-1 is as follows.

#### NC delegates,

May you all be blessed with physical and mental well-being and a success in serving the interests of the State. And I extend my greetings to you.

You delegates play a major role in the drive for the emergence of an enduring State Constitution necessary for building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing democracy, to which the entire national people have been aspiring.

In most countries, a State Constitution is presented to the people of the country concerned only after the administrative body has written it. Unlike them, in Myanmar, the delegates of various national races from all parts of the nation have the opportunity to attend the plenary sessions, participate in the discussions and adopt the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to draw the State Constitution. Referendum

will be held after the committee for drawing the State Constitution completed the drawing of the State Constitution according to the principles adopted through the collective discussions of the delegates of all national races. So, after you delegates get home you can make a satisfactory explanation about the principles if your friends and acquaintances ask questions.

#### NC delegates,

For ensuring the emergence of a State Constitution that is much-needed in Myanmar, before the National Convention started, all the representatives including representatives of the political parties  
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Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 December, 2006

### Uphold fine traditions of medical services

The Graduation Parade of the 8th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy was held at the parade ground of the academy in Yangon on 28 December.

Defence Services Medical Academy is producing Tatmadaw medical officers with brilliant physical and mental faculty for the national Tatmadaw that upholds Our Three Main National Causes.

The Tatmadaw medical officers are to try their utmost to be endowed with good combat ability, good morale, good discipline, loyalty and unity, and to serve the interest of the State and the people through medical science.

As the aim of medical services of the Tatmadaw is to be healthy, strong and able to fight, the Tatmadaw medical officers are to constantly conduct research on common diseases and environment in the combat areas and to study possible impact of sophisticated weapons in the battle fields.

In the meantime, the Tatmadaw medical officers are to teach every Tatmadaw member and family the importance of first aid and disease preventive measures whenever possible.

Since the Tatmadaw medical officers are doctors as well as soldiers, they are to brilliantly discharge medical duties and carry out combat tasks to defend the nation, while striving for upholding the fine traditions of medical services of the Tatmadaw.

### 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium scheduled in March

YANGON, 29 Dec — The Ministry of Mines and the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium are making arrangements to hold the 44th Myanmar Gems Emporium in March 2007.

Gems and jade fixed at reasonable reserve prices will be sold to the local and foreign gem merchants. Gem merchants who will participate in the 44th gems emporium are to submit fairly reserve prices of their products.

The central committee will coordinate with departments concerned for ensuring convenience of the gem merchants in their sales and export. Furthermore, the central committee is making arrangements for attendance of local and foreign gem merchants at the 44th gems emporium.

The gem merchants wishing to sell their goods at the emporium may contact the Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems Emporium during the period from 1 January to 16 February 2007. — MNA

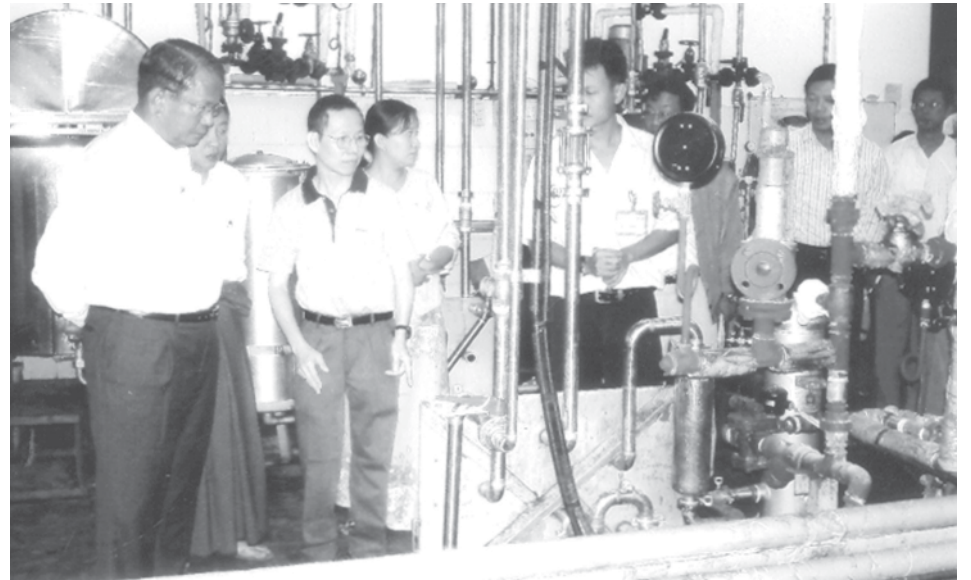
## Peoples' Desire

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

### Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Hline and Mayangon Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected production of soft drink factory and water purifying factory under the Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in Hline Township this morning and stressed the need for increase in production. He also inspected the production process of leather factory of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries on Insein Road in Hline Township.

Next, the minister inspected the process of manufacturing boots of No 1 Footwear Factory in Mayangon Township.



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects the soft drink factory of the Myanmar Foodstuff Industries. — INDUSTRY-1

Later, he also inspected production process and manufactured

cloth towels at Mayangon Bandage Factory of Myanmar Textile Indus-

tries in Mayangon Township and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

### Farmers in Shwebo, KinU, YeU on alert for bird flu

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — Local authorities and farmers in Shwebo, KinU and YeU Townships are put on full alert to watch winter birds which have been blamed for the bird flu outbreak in the area last year.

So far, there has not been found H5N1 virus in the droppings of the birds, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Mauug Maung Thein said at the meeting with local farmers at the farming zone in KinU Township on 24 December.

The minister said that wild birds fly to Maha Nanda Lake in Shwebo in early October to escape from the severe winter and leave in March.

At the meeting, experts from Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department urged local farmers to increase the awareness of bird flu and to prepare for the prevention of the air-borne disease, and answered the queries of the farmers. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Mauug Maung Thein meets livestock breeders in KinU Township. — L & F

### Khapaung, Pathi to supply power to grid

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Dec — Minister for Electric Power-No 1 Col Zaw Min inspected Khapaung and Pathi hydel power projects in Bago Division (East) on 25 December and assisted in the construction work.

On his tour, he discussed matters related to the projects with respon-

sible officials and called for the completion of the projects ahead of schedule.

Two 15-MW generators will be installed at Khapaung Hydel Power Plant and two 1-MW generators will be installed at Pathi Hydel Power Project. Upon completion, Khapaung plant is expected to generate 117 million kilowatt hours while Pathi Hydel Power Project will generate 8 millions kilowatt hours in a year, officials said in their reports to the minister on his inspection tours.

The power generated by the two hydel power plants will be sent to the national grid.

Pathi Hydel Power Project is located 10 miles north-east of Toungoo.

MNA

# China, Laos vow to traditional friendly ties

BEIJING, 28 Dec— Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong said on Wednesday that China will work closely with Laos to lift their traditional friendship to a new height.

China will make joint efforts with Laos to enhance cooperation in such areas as economy, education, culture and further coordination in

international affairs, said Zeng. Zeng made the remarks while meeting with Thongloun Sisoulith, member of the Political Bureau of Lao People's Revolutionary Party. He is also Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

Thongloun, leading a Lao ruling party dele-

gation, visits China at the invitation of the Communist Party of China (CPC). His visit is aimed at exchanging ideas with the CPC on reform and opening-up, economic development and party construction.

The two parties and governments will explore new ways of cooperation to push forward China-Laos relations in a healthy and stable manner, said Zeng, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee. — MNA/Xinhua



Hua Guofeng, the third chairman of the Communist Party of China, and his wife, Han Zhijun, attend a ceremony to honour the 113th anniversary of the birth of Mao Zedong, at Mao's Memorial Hall in Beijing, 26 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

## Cuban province has 50 residents over 100 years old

HAVANA, 28 Dec— The Cuban province of Sancti Spiritus has more than 50 residents over the age of 100 years old, Cuba's public health authority said in a report published on Wednesday.

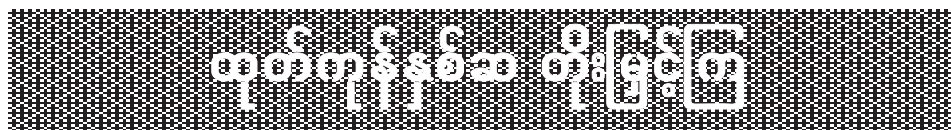
The province has Cuba's third highest longevity index, following Villa Clara and the capital Havana. Some 17 percent of the residents in the province, or around 79,000 people, are over 60. The report said that free health services were the cause of the life expectancy increase in the area. There are eight rest homes in the province to provide shelter for those who lack family support during the day. At least 8,500 citizens in the province receive special food and other health care.

MNA/Xinhua



Flood victims monitor their house to keep it from being looted in Malaysia's small town of Panchor in the southern state of Johor, on 26 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

People watch as a shopping plaza burns in Ormoc City on Leyte Island in central Philippines, on 25 Dec, 2006. INTERNET



Men push up an inflatable banner prior to the start of a march, in Hanoi, to mark the entry of Vietnam to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Vietnam's trade deficit in 2006 is estimated at 4.81 billion dollars, an increase compared with last year but still considered a positive result as Vietnam joins the World Trade Organization next month. —INTERNET

# US to lose from cancellation of joint exercises with Philippines

MANILA, 28 Dec— The Philippine military said on Wednesday that United States side will also lose a lot at last due to Washington's unilateral decision to cancel a major

joint military exercises to protest the jailing of a US Marine convicted of raping a Filipina woman.

In a Press briefing, Philippine military spokesman Bartolome

Bacarro said US troops would be missing the guerilla training that they are learning from their Filipino counterparts in such war exercises as Balikatan (shoulder-to-shoulder) exercises.

The US Government has expressed displeasure over the refusal of the Philippine Government to transfer to US the custody of Lance Corporal Daniel Smith, a US Marine who was sentenced early this month by a local court to 40 years in prison for raping a Filipina woman in

November last year.

It also insisted that a bilateral Visiting Forces Agreement governs the conduct of the yearly and huge-scale exercises and protects US soldiers accused of committing crimes in the Philippines.

The US Embassy here said the US Government will send its troops only to Philippines when the US Government sees that the Philippine Government and its courts are back in compliance with the Visiting Forces Agreement.

MNA/Xinhua



## None hurt as Blair's plane overshot runway

NEW YORK, 28 Dec—A British Airways commercial flight carrying Prime Minister Tony Blair has overshot runway at Miami International Airport but no one was hurt.

Airport officials said the Boeing 747-300, carrying 343 passengers and crew had arrived from London and slid off the runway after landing around 1815 local time. The British Prime Minister was on the plane along with immediate family members, Miami Herald quoted US Secret Service as saying.

Blairs, who were flying first class, came for vacation in Miami Area, agency spokesman Darrin Blackford said. The Secret Service, Herald said, did not have any agents on the plane, but the agency is providing protection for the British Government leader and his family during their South Florida visit.

The plane was not damaged.

MNA/PTI

**The State permits all economic forces such as the State itself, regional organizations, cooperative organizations, joint-venture organizations and private concerns, etc. to take part in economic activities for the development of the national economy**

YANGON, 29 Dec— *The following is a translation of the proposals on laying down detailed basic principles for “General Provisions” to be included in drafting the State Constitution presented by the Delegate Group of National Races at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 27-12-2006.*

**General Provisions**

**Mr Chairman,**

The chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the points that should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter “**General Provisions**” to be included in the State Constitution.

A Constitution is the main law that reflects a nation’s history and portrays the structure of that nation. Moreover, the Constitution is the main pillar of the laws of a nation stipulating the sharing of the three branches of power — the legislative power, the executive power and the judicial power — and the political and economic system. Hence, all the laws of a nation should be in conformity with the Constitution. In the 1974 Constitution of our nation and constitutions of some nations, it is stated that the Constitution is the basic law of laws of the State.

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.**

The State fundamental principles have been laid down after making considerations from various aspects to be in conformity with the current conditions for the nation to enjoy greater degree of peace, stability and prosperity. Hence, the State fundamental principles are guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and in interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and other laws. And it is prescribed in the 1974 Constitution of Myanmar and constitutions

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*U Tin Oo of Kayah State . — MNA*

of some nations.

It is perceived that Myanmar language was prescribed as the official language both in the 1947 constitution and in the 1974 constitution. Myanmar language is used widely everywhere across the nation. It should be used as the official language to ensure equality and smooth relations between the people and the government, and between governmental organizations. So there has been adopted a detailed basic principle “**Myanmar language is the official language**”.

**Mr Chairman,**

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**Mr Chairman,**

After adopting and promulgating the State Constitution, there may be a need to interpret the exact meaning of an expression in practically implementing the Constitution. There should be a law to interpret and refer an expression in the adopted Constitution if there is no specific interpretation.

When need arises to interpret an expression included in the State Constitution that is being drawn under the basic principles and detailed basic principles, the Expressions Law should be referred.

**Mr Chairman,**

He said that the Constitution of a nation is the milestone of that nation. Every country promulgates its Constitution in conformity with its own prevailing economic and social conditions. And the Constitution is worthy of recording as a historic landmark. So, the manuscript of the Constitution should be kept safely for a long time. The country has the National Records and Archives Law. In accord with the law, the Myanmar manuscript of the Constitution, that has been adopted and promulgated through a referendum, should be enrolled for record in the National Archives. The

manuscript is the conclusive evidence of the provisions contained in the Constitution.

One of the basic principles on the economy says:

**“The State permits all economic forces such as the State itself, regional organizations, cooperative organizations, joint-venture organizations and private concerns, etc. to take part in economic activities for the development of the national economy.”**

It implies that the State guarantees the participation of all the economic forces in the economic activities for the national economic development. Simultaneously, some economic enterprises are operated solely by the State under the conditions. Now, the kinds of economic enterprises the government has to solely operate under “**the State-Owned Economic Enterprises Law**” have been prescribed. However, it is prescribed that the government may permit a person or an organization 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.

Now, the nation has seen many economic enterprises that are jointly run with the government based on mutual interest, or internal or external organizations or persons are running under the terms and conditions stipulated by the State. After the State Constitution comes into force, there will emerge economic enterprises the Union government will have to run solely, and economic enterprises that Region government or State government will have to run in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution. And there may arise a situation for which a Region or State government is to be vested with the right to run one of the economic enterprises which the Union government has to run solely, in the interests of the State. Moreover, there may arise situations for which a cooperative society or an economic organization or a person may enjoy the right to run such economic enterprises. It is assumed that a detailed basic principle should be adopted that in such a situation, a Region or State government, a cooperative society or a person can run such kinds of economic enterprises with the government through joint-venture system or under agreements in the interests of the State.

**Mr Chairman,**

There have been many treaties and agreements the Government of the Union of Myanmar ratified after regaining independence with the governments of other countries. Also in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the government has ratified treaties and agreements with the governments of many other countries including ASEAN nations. In this 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. It is found that the 1947 Constitution of our country and the State constitutions of many other countries carry similar provisions.

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## The State permits all...

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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. The 1947 Constitution of our country and the State constitutions of some countries prescribe similar provisions.

Likewise, the Union of Republic of Myanmar that will come into existence after this Constitution comes into force should have the right to sue and may be sued by the name of the Union of Republic of Myanmar. The 1947 Constitution of our country and the State constitutions of some countries prescribe similar provisions.

**Mr Chairman,**

The detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted for the Chapter "General Provisions" cover forming of a constitutional tribunal and fixing its functions.

The Work Committee chairman explained that a constitutional tribunal shall be set up to interpret provisions of the State Constitution, to scrutinize whether or not laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Region Hluttaws and the State Hluttaws and functions of executive authorities of Pyidaungsu, Regions, States and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the State Constitution, to make decisions 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 and among Self-Administered Areas themselves to perform other duties prescribed in the State Constitution. The tasks to be carried out by the Constitutional Tribunal are stated in these detailed basic principles. So, these tasks should be prescribed in the detailed basic principles as necessary in order that they can be scrutinized and decided when the President informs the matters regarding the Union territories.

**Mr Chairman,**

The courts have to hear criminal cases and civil law cases in accord with the existing laws. In the process, 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.

The court concerned should suspend the case it is hearing and submit its views to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for the decision. Regarding the dispute, the decision of the Constitutional Tribunal should apply all the cases,

and the decision should be final.

The Constitutional Tribunal is responsible for interpreting the provisions of the State Constitution. In the process, the President, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Union Chief Justice and the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal should have the right to submit the cases directly to the Constitutional Tribunal. And in a case in which Region or State Chief Minister; the Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw; the chairman of the Leading Body of the Self-Administered Areas and at least 10 percent of members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw submit a case to interpret the Constitution, they should have the right to do so in accord with the procedures rather than submit directly. We agree to these points.

We members of the delegate group of national races consider that the proposed detailed basic principles for the Chapter "General Provisions" should be adopted due to the fact that they cover all necessary points. They are:

- (a) This Constitution is the basic law of laws of the State.
- (b) Myanmar language is the official language.
- (c) The State fundamental principles are the guidelines in interpreting the provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.
- (d) Interpretation of the expressions is based on Myanmar text and referred to the existing Interpretation of Expressions Law.
- (e) A Myanmar manuscript of this Constitution is kept at the National Archives, and it is conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution.
- (f) Permission is granted to the Region government, State government, a cooperative society, an organization 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.
- (g) Reciprocal obligations arising out of any treaties or agreements which before the coming into force of this Constitution were in force are honoured between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of any other State.
- (h) The government may sue and may be sued regarding the charters signed with any of other nations before this Constitution comes into force.
- (i) The Constitutional Tribunal is formed with qualified persons, and they are assigned duties. The President, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall select three members each totalling nine:

- (j) A member of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be deemed to have resigned if he is a member of any Hluttaw or a government employee and they are prohibited to participate in party politics to ensure equality among the members.
- (k) The term of a members of the Constitutional Tribunal is fixed.
- (l) The President is vested with the power to accept the resignation of a member of the Constitutional and to appoint a new member.
- (m) Responsibilities and rights of the Constitutional are designated.
- (n) Persons and bodies that have the right to submit a case directly of in accordance with the designated ways to the Constitutional Tribunal for its stance are designated.
- (o) Formation and relations of the Constitutional Tribunal, responsibilities, powers and rights and role of the chairman and members are designated.

Our group support the 26 detailed basic principles the Work Committee chairman presented for the Chapter "General Provisions", and has no suggestions about them.

**Mr Chairman,**

The delegate group of national races has already discussed in support of the detailed basic principles from 1 to 4 for the chapter "Amendment of the Constitution", the detailed basic principles for the chapter "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital", the detailed basic principles from 1 to 8 for the chapter "Transitory Provisions", and the detailed basic principles from 1 to 26 for the chapter "General Provisions", within the framework of the six objectives of the National Convention and 104 detailed basic principles.

We of the delegate group also present four separate suggestions which we assume are proper and good. They are: one separate suggestion for the chapter "Amendment of the Constitution", and three for the chapter "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, the Capital" totalling four to be used as necessary.

**Mr Chairman,**

The past history has taught us a lot of lessons. It is the duty of all the people of the Union to shape a golden age in the future while taking the past lessons wisely. The on-going National Convention is marking the first milestone on the road to democracy. All the delegates are happy and take pride in themselves for the opportunity to collectively take part in the noble task.

We are working out of hours while assessing the personal experience, taking of the lessons of life, and studying the international military, economic and economic affairs based on both practical and theoretical knowledge. Hence, we are witnessing the sound results. The nation has been able to end the internal armed strife and stay away from ideological armed conflicts, catch up with the ever advancing technological field of the 21st century and build almost all the economic infrastructures. The nation will stand tall among the world nations, proclaim the Constitution, and reach the golden age with the continued efforts of the elected public representatives. All the national races of the constant learning Myanmar society are heartily welcoming the golden future.

With full Union Spirit, the delegate group will continue to take part with collective efforts for the emergence of modern and developed genuine discipline-flourishing democratic state and new Constitution that has the power to serve the interest of the nation and the people and contribute to the flourishing of democracy practices in the nation.

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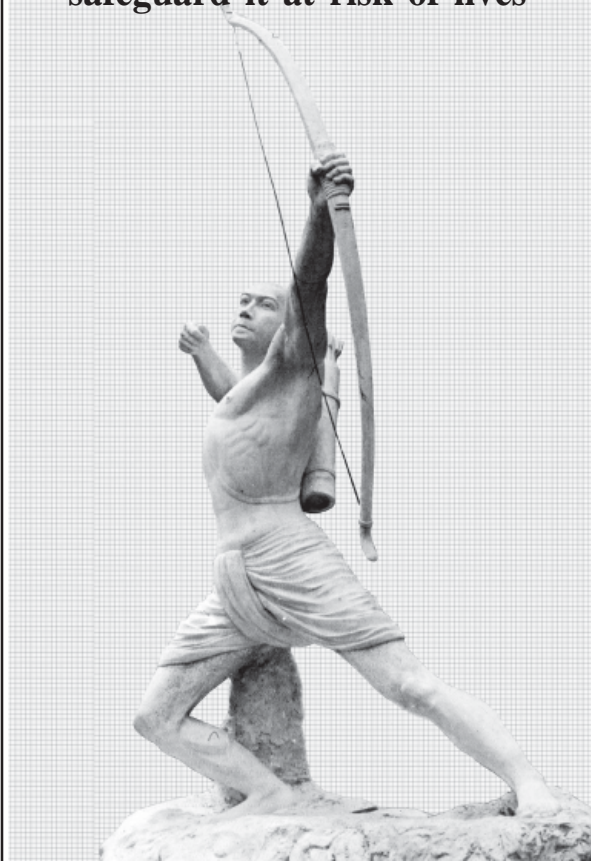
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**Hailing the 59th Anniversary Independence Day**

# Safeguard fruits of independence

*Oke Shaung Hmu (Yadanasi-Loilem)*

### **Cherish the Independence, safeguard it at risk of lives**



The Union of Myanmar is made up of seven States and seven Divisions. Over 100 national races have been living in the country through thick and thin since ancient times.

In retrospect, Myanmar had been standing tall among the nations of the world for thousands of years as she was a stable, independent sovereign state with its own monarchs.

Myanmar fell into the hands of imperialists. All the people in the entire nation faced a great deal of hardships. Myanmar will never forget the sufferings under imperialist subjugation.

In 1824, the imperialists invaded Myanmar and waged three aggressive wars. In 1885, they annexed Myanmar as a British colony. The people were under the control of the imperialists.

Courageous brethren of the Union waged the resistance war and struggled for independence. It was saddening that the imperialists ill-treated Myanmar people and practised the divide-and-rule policy with the intention of prolonging their rule and undermining the national solidarity.

Despite the divide-and-rule policy, Panglong witnessed the Union Spirit that was forged with the determination to remain united not with standing divisive acts of anyone on 12 February 1947. Later, the country regained independence.

Myanmar regained its independence from the imperialists on 4 January 1948. All the people residing in the nation had been able to live on their own on land with pride.

We managed to regain our independence after overcoming hardships and difficulties. The national races sacrificed their lives and blood for the country during the period of over 60 years.

The significant point of independence is the uplift of prestige and dignity of the country, maintaining relations with other independent nations on equal terms, free from the influence of others, building the future on its own and the opportunity to lead a peaceful life with own rules and laws.

Independence does not mean that one can do, live, speak or go as one likes without observing the law.

Necessary rules and laws are prescribed in an

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independent country in accord with its culture and traditions. Deserving rights are given to those who live within the framework of law and punishment is also given to those who fail to abide by the law.

All the national people were able to achieve independence through the strength of patriots after they had been under colonialist subjugation for more than 123 years and overcame various kinds of hardship. However, the past history witnessed that the Union of Myanmar had to pass the periods of ups and downs. Soon after the independence was regained, the whole nation became a battlefield due to internal insurgencies. In 1988 also internal and external instigation caused public unrest in the country undermining the community peace and tranquillity. At that time, the nation was in a state of utter chaos with commotion, beheadings, shouting for democracy and demands for interim government and power. However, the duty-conscious Tatmadaw took over the State duties and paid attention to peace and stability and progress of the State.

Since then, the Tatmadaw with a fine tradition of shouldering duties in all aspects has been serving the interest of the people. Taking lessons from the past history, today's Tatmadaw government is working hard to develop all sectors of the country which still lags behind progress in other countries.

In doing so, the government under the guidelines of farsighted leaders, is working day in, day out to fulfill all the needs of the State and the people, especially those from less-developed regions. All can witness the efforts of the Tatmadaw

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government. As soon as it assumed State duties, it placed emphasis on ensuring national consolidation, peace and stability of the State and the rule of law. And then for the emergence of a modern developed State with strong economy, the government started building infrastructures such as universities and colleges, technological colleges, computer colleges and 200-bed hospitals across the nation after establishing 24 special development regions. Moreover, measures are being taken for the improvement of all sectors such as agriculture, transport and communications, trade, education, health and social affairs.

Keeping in the fore 'Our Three Main National Causes' — Non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, the government side by side with the people is taking all necessary

measures so that the Union of Myanmar will not lose its independence again.

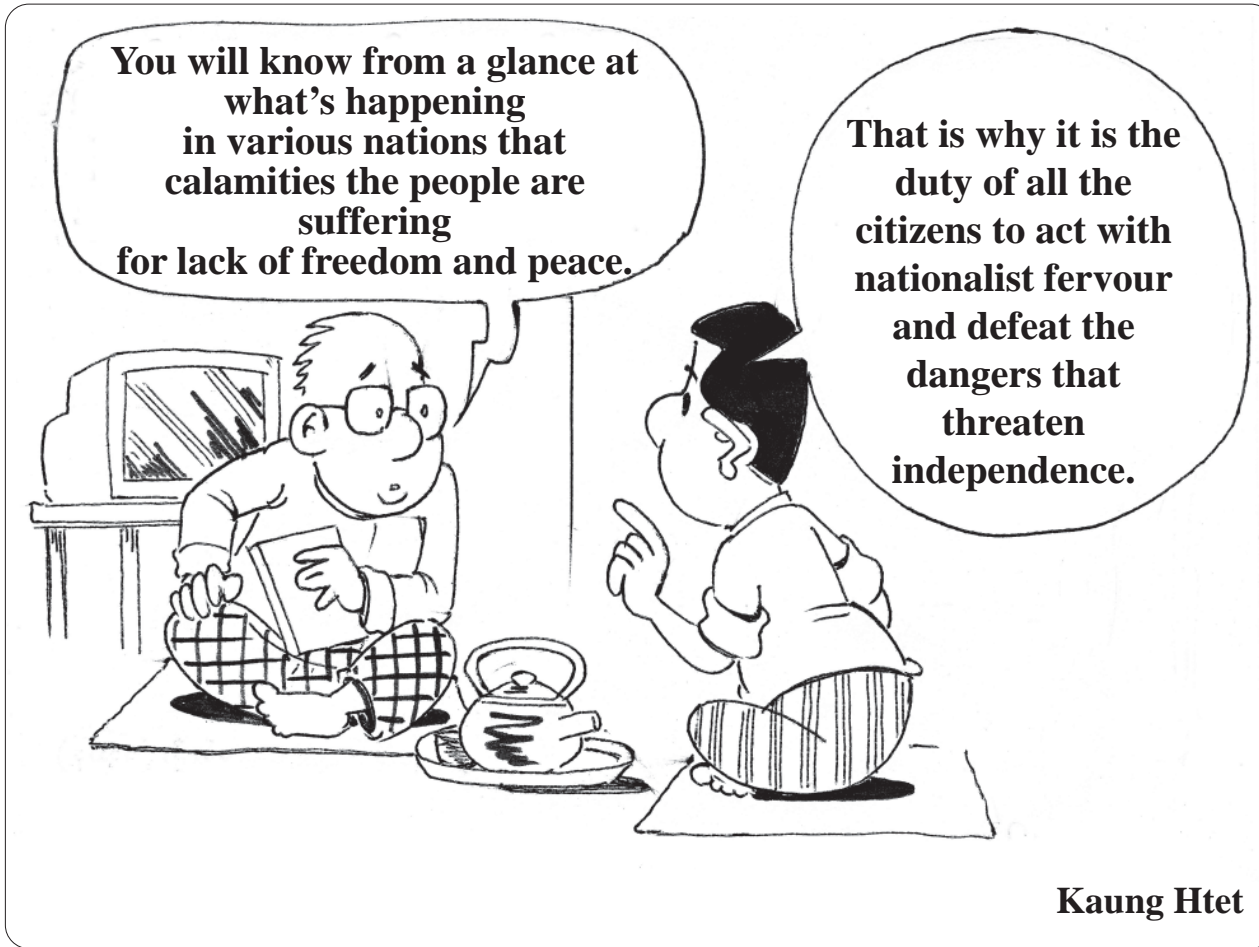
The National Convention is in progress to draw a constitution in accord with the people's desire in order to shape a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. At the National Convention, the delegate group of political parties, delegate group of representatives-elect, delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, representatives of 17 national race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold and delegate group of other invited persons are discussing and laying down detailed basic principles for the future of the State.

Overall, the success of the National Convention will augur well for the future of the State and the people.

Translation: NY+ST

**Objectives of 59th Anniversary Independence Day**

- All the national people to join hands forever for safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty of the State;
- All the national people to collectively safeguard non-disintegration of the Union and non-disintegration of national solidarity;
- All the national people to make concerted efforts for the emergence of an enduring constitution and building of a new, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation; and
- All the national people to work in concert for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and the patriotic spirit.



**POEM**

**Independence is**

- \* Independence is  
What's not quite apparent when we have it  
But too apparent when don't  
A web of suffering.  
Mired into slavery  
How heart-rending.  
Not even allowed our own rice  
Can't take rest in own garden  
Have to go along with  
Someone else's whims.
  - \* Independence is  
Not to be taken for granted  
Not for just the sake of having  
If so, all of a sudden  
Can fall in a flash  
Into somebody's hand.  
The time taken to regain it  
Would be many years  
Much blood and life  
Have to be sacrificed.
  - \* Independence is  
What caters for all citizenry  
To be alert and with lasting thoughts  
Specially imbued with correct nationalism  
So that it shan't be lost again  
We have to safeguard it.  
Myanmar's sovereignty  
Shall only in the hands of Myanmar  
With equal gusto in helping.  
And with hands firmly held  
Onward shall we march.
- Soe Moe (Pathein) (Trs.)

**Hlawga Park to be kept open for public recreation**

YANGON, 29 Dec — Hlawga Park of the Ministry of Forestry will be kept open from 8 am to 5 pm on 1 January (Bakari Idd Day) and 4 January (Independence Day) 2007 for public recreation.

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**New stamps to be issued to mark 59th Independence Day**

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Dec — Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will issue K 2 and K 5 postage stamps in commemoration of the 59th Anniversary Independence Day which falls on 4 January. The stamps will be available at State/Division/District/Township Post Offices on 4 January 2007.

Seals will be put on the new stamps bought from General Post Offices of Yangon and Mandalay on 4 January. — MNA

**နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင်  
မော်တော်ယာဉ်မသုံးစွဲရနေ**

လစဉ် လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) နှင့် နောက်ဆုံးပတ် (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့) တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေ သွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့်ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေ ဖြစ်သည်။

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ဇန်နဝါရီလအတွက် (၁၄-၁-၂၀၀၇) ရက်နေ့

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## Government is placing emphasis on improving the sectors of political, economic and social affairs by laying down the 12 State objectives

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and representatives-elect held preliminary meetings and designated the delegate groups, the number of the delegates and procedures of the National Convention with common consent. Therefore, the Chapter Headings and their Serial Order, and State Fundamental Principles for the State Constitution were laid down in 1993; the chapters "The State Structure" and "The Head of State" in 1994; prescribing Self-Administered Divisions and Self-Administered Zones, in 1995; and Formation of Legislature, Formation of Executive and Formation of Judiciary, in 1996.

The National Convention, which had to be adjourned temporarily since 1996, was reconvened on 17 May 2004. And up to now it has been held four times. Due to the sustained efforts of you delegates, the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles necessary for the State Constitution are being adopted successfully for one heading after another.

Regarding the accomplishment of the work, of the 15 chapters laid down at the National Convention Plenary Session held on 7 April 1993 for framing the State Constitution, eight chapters have been adopted successfully owing to the collaborative efforts of you delegates.

At the plenary session held from 10 to 12 October 2006, explanation was made to the delegates to give advice and make suggestions to decide whether the findings of the Work Committee Chairman for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" of the seven remaining chapters should be adopted as detailed basic principles or not.

And at the plenary session held 10 and 13 November 2006, clarification was made to the delegates to give advice and make suggestions to decide whether the findings of the Work Committee Chairman for the chapters "Amendment of the State Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions" and "General Provisions" of the remaining seven chapters should be adopted as detailed basic principles or not.

Now, the detailed basic principles for the eight of

the 15 chapters to be included in the State Constitution have been adopted. And to adopt the detailed basic principles for the seven remaining chapters, respective delegate groups have presented the proposals of the delegates at the plenary session held from 27 November to 7 December and at the plenary session held from 21 December to date.

So, now the Work Committee has presented all the chapters to seek advice and suggestions from the delegates.

**The National Convention is attended by the representatives of national races across the nation, representatives of national races who have returned to the legal fold and those representing all walks of life. Therefore, I would say the demands of those who plotting clandestine schemes to harm the National Convention have varnished under the correct influence of the National Convention that is fully endowed with essence.**

**Delegates,**

At the ongoing National Convention, the panel of chairmen will have to compile a proposal paper after reviewing the suggestions the delegate groups have discussed and submitted. Then the National Convention Convening Commission and Work Committee will have to assess the proposal paper and lay down detailed basic principles after seeking approval of the delegates at the next plenary session of the NC. That is why the NC will resume on an appropriate occasion in 2007.

**Delegates,**

As you know, the desire of all the people is the peace and stability and progress of the State by upholding 'Our Three Main National Causes' — Non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national consolidation and perpetuation of sovereignty. Therefore, the government is working hard to achieve the goal of building a peaceful and modern developed nation.

In doing so, drawing lessons from the past, the government knows that peace and stability of the State and national consolidation are of utmost importance. Thanks to cooperative efforts of the Tatmadaw and the

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people, national armed groups which rose against the government for half a century after independence was regained for their different ideologies and isms have returned to the legal fold and they are now attending the National Convention for the emergence of a democracy with discipline flourishing. However, some elements with negative view relying on foreign countries are still attempting to stifle the effort for peace and stability and progress of the State. So, we are to guard against such danger through the strength of the people.

**Delegates,**

In order to develop the State, it is necessary to have economic infrastructures. The government is placing emphasis on improving the sectors of politic, economic and social affairs by laying down the 12 State objectives. It can be witnessed that the State has seen significant progress in both economic and social sectors such as agriculture, industry, transport, energy, electricity, social affairs, education and health.

These are the result of hard work of the State and the people based on own strength and resources. Therefore, it is required to hand down these fruitful results to future generations. The ongoing National Convention is being held in order to write an enduring State constitution. The past history has taught us that the constitution is the lifeblood of the State. Overall, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you all for your active participation in the National Convention sidelining your personal matters.

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

Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who had returned to the legal fold, 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.

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

According to the agenda of the Plenary Session, Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarified future tasks for the National Convention saying that the National Convention resumed on 10 October 2006 to lay down and adopt detailed basic principles for formulating an enduring State Constitution of the Union of Myanmar.

The delegates have been energetically taking part in the National Convention, while keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes for the success of the functions of the National Convention, the first step of the seven-point Road Map.

Throughout the process of the National Convention, the delegates, who are the national races of all the states and divisions, have frankly presented proper and sound suggestions in the interest of the nation and the people, while dealing with each other like close relatives. They are put on record with honour.

The delegates presented suggestions to adopt detailed basic principles in connection with the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the Chapter "Legislation" at the plenary session of the National Convention held from 2 to 9 January 2006 and the Chapters "the Role of Tatmadaw" and "Citizenship and Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" at the plenary session of the National Convention held from 24 to 30 January 2006. The alternative panel of chairmen after studying the suggestions presented its compilation concerning the suggestions on 11 and 12 October 2006.

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sented by the delegate groups and some delegates are found to be sound and proper enough to serve the interest of the nation and the people. As regards the matter, the National Convention Convening Work Committee coordinated with the alternative panel of chairman whether to adopt those separate suggestions as detailed basic principles or not. The panel of chairman after seeking the opinions of the delegates concerned presented the collected opinions of the delegates to the Work Committee in writing.

In accord with the suggestions of the most of the delegates, the National Convention adopted the detailed basic principles in connection with the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the Chapter "Legislation" at its plenary session held on 25 and 26 October 2006, and the detailed basic principles for the Chapter "the Role of Tatmadaw" at its plenary session held on 26 October and the detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Citizenship and Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" at its plenary session held the next day. Thanks to the full cooperation of the delegates, the National Convention was able to adopt the said detailed basic principles.

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 30 and 31 October 2006 read out the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman regarding detailed basic principles to be adopted for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency".

Concerning the Work Committee Chairman's clarification, the delegates held group-wise meetings and compiled collections of suggestions, and presented them to the plenary session of the National Convention held from 27 November to 7 December this year. The proposal paper of the delegates of the political parties was presented at the plenary session of the National Convention on 27 and 28 November, the proposal paper of the delegates of the representatives-elect was presented on 29 and 30 November, the proposal paper of the delegates of the national races group was presented on 1 December, the proposal paper of the delegates of the peasants group was presented on 4 December, the proposal papers of the delegates of the workers group and the intellectuals and intelligentsia group were presented on 5 December, the proposal paper of the delegates of the State service personnel group was presented on 6 December, and the proposal paper of the delegates of the other invited persons group was presented on 7 December.

At the plenary session of the National Convention held from 10 to 13 November, the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman concerning detailed basic principles for the chapters (See page 10)

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“Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions” was read out.

As regards the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, the delegates held group-wise meetings and compiled collections of suggestions, and submitted them to the plenary session of the National Convention held from 21 November to date. The proposal papers of the delegates of the political parties were submitted to at the plenary session of the National Convention on 21 and 22 December, the proposal papers of the delegates of the representatives-elect were presented on 26 December, the proposal papers of the delegates of the national races group and peasants group were presented on 27 December, the proposal papers of the delegates of the workers group and the intellectuals and intelligentsia group were presented on 28 December, and the proposal papers of the delegates of the State service personnel group and other invited persons group were presented this morning.

After studying the suggestions presented by the delegate groups, we found that the delegate groups after making thorough discussions on the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification discussed in support of the clarification with reasonable assumptions; and that they presented separate suggestions of their own, which are within the framework of the six objectives of the National Convention including Our Three Main National Causes and based on the 104 fundamental principles and their studies and experiences. The panel of chairmen of the plenary session of the National Convention will submit the collections of proposals chapter-wise after analyzing the suggestions in detail.

The National Convention is adjourned today, and it will resume on an appropriate date in 2007 for the members of the panel of chairmen to compile collections of suggestions based on their studies on the suggestions, and for the delegates to conduct their business and social undertakings well.

When the National Convention resumes, detailed basic principles concerning the Chapters “Election”, “Political Parties”, “Provisions on State of Emergency”, “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions” will be adopted in accord with the views and opinions of the delegates. In addition, the National Convention Convening Work Committee has plans to present its explanations to annul the detailed basic principles that are no longer needed, and to make amendments and additions concerning some expressions of the detailed basic principles after re-analyzing and considering the adopted detailed basic principles, to the National Convention. In this

regard, I would like to urge the delegates to make preparations to present their sound suggestions at the coming plenary session of the National Convention. And with this I conclude.

Next, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained the management matters. He said that the National Convention which resumed on 10 October 2006 will be adjourned soon. The NC delegates will go back home to their respective regions. Therefore, the Commission has made arrangements for transport and management matters for the convenience of the delegates who will leave for home by air, by train or by car this evening, on 30 and 31 December.

Arrangements have been made for supervision and safety of their going home by officials of the States and Divisions. Private cars will be permitted to pick up equipment of the delegates from the hostels, after being checked at the gates. Officials will provide transport facilities to the delegates who will leave by air and by train to the airport and railway stations.

The Commission has requested authorities of respective states and divisions on 20 December to enable the delegates to conveniently reach their destinations. In addition, the Security Subcommittee will collect identity cards from the NC delegates at the hostels, and the cards will be issued to them at Nyaungnabin Camp in the coming National Convention.

When the National Convention is about to resume, invitation cards will be sent to all the NC delegates in advance. The authorities concerned in the states and divisions have been informed to provide all the necessary assistance to the delegates. When the invitation cards are being sent to the delegates, the authorities concerned will be informed again in order that they can provide the delegates with the necessary assistance.

As there were some weaknesses in management sector of the National Convention held in 2004 and 2005, remedial measures have been taken to the most possible degree for the convenience of the delegates. But, it is learnt that the delegates found it difficult in some cases due to various reasons. However, it is also learnt that the delegates were magnanimous in such weaknesses as those at the service of delegates made efforts with might and main for the convenience of the latter, regarding them as their parents, brothers and sisters.

During the National Convention, it was convenient for the delegates to enjoy meal, accommodation, transport, health and welfare of delegates. And arrangements are to be made for the convenience of the NC delegates in the coming National Convention.

News letters of the NC are distributed daily during the National Convention. As the news letters covered matters on group meeting and the laying down of detailed basic principles carried out by the NC, they would turn out to be priceless records for the delegates.

It is seen that the delegates enthusiastically participated in the writing of articles, poems, stories,

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humour and cartoons including the salient points of the National Convention with the help of officials concerned. This being the case, the news letters were informative and entertaining and popular among the delegates.

With the help of news letters, the delegates have the opportunity to better understand traditions and culture of national races, thereby contributing much to national unity. Since the manuscripts of news letters are beneficial and advantageous the Ministry of Information is making arrangements to insert them in journals and newspapers. Based on the manuscripts a book will be published.

He said that he thanked officials, staff members and delegates who did their bit in successful publishing of news letters. In addition, he also expressed his thanks over concerted efforts of staff members of the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Defence, the Myawady Crew, the anyeint of Yangon Command, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Gita Asiayon and Artists and Artisans Asiayon for their participation in the entertainment programmes.

In the meantime, he thanked organisations and well-wishers who made cash and kind donations for the success of the National Convention, delegate businessmen and film producers who contributed their shares in sports and entertainment programmes.

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In the same way, he stressed the need for delegates to make a through study of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down at the NC and constitutions of nations of the world including Myanmar.

In conclusion, he wishes the delegates to be free from all forms of dangers on their way home, to be happy meeting with their families, to be able to attend the coming National Convention and to be able to serve the interest of races, religions, Sasana and their own all the more.

Next, Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered a speech.

*(The speech delivered by Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein is reported separately.)*

The Plenary Session of the National Convention which resumed on 10 October 2006 with objectives— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, consolidation and perpetuation of sovereignty, flourishing of a genuine multi-party democracy system, further flourishing of noblest and worthiest of worldly values, namely, justice, liberty and equality in the State and for the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the future State— successfully concluded at 11.50 am.—MNA

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# Proposals of Delegate Group of...

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Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special

Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who have returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchayay 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 Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers 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 Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, 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 1,070 out of 1,080 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 99.07 per cent, and the plenary session commenced with the permission of the meeting chairman.

Delegates presented proposals of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel 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 Sein Lwin of the Ministry of Mines presented the proposal.

Next, U Than Tun of Attorney-General Office presented the proposal and the Plenary Session took a break at 9.55 am.

When the Plenary Session resumed at 10.10 am, delegates presented proposals of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons. First, U Lwizi Kyaw Kyaw of (KNPP) (Hoya) presented the proposal.

Next, U Saw Hla Tun of ChaungU Township, Sagaing Division, presented the proposal and the Plenary Session went into recess at 10.55 am.

(Proposals of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons will be reported.) — MNA



Chairman of NCCC, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, commission members and delegates attend the plenary session of the National Convention.—MNA

## Six members quit Taungdwingyi Township NLD

YANGON, 29 Dec — A total of 6 members of Taungdwingyi Township National League for Democracy of Magway Division — U Than Win (a) U Than Htut of Ohndaw No 2 Ward on 16 October and U Aye Tun, U Bo Ni, U San Tin, U Myint Maung and U Aye Lwin of Thaphangon Village on 26 October — sent resignation letters to the NLD and local authorities

on their own volition.

In their resignation letters sent to Magway Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said that they no longer wished to participate in party politics and they had lost faith and trust in the NLD. That is why, they quit the party on their own accord, they said.—MNA

### Proposals to be published

YANGON, 29 Dec— Proposals of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons 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 Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today, will be published in the dailies.—MNA

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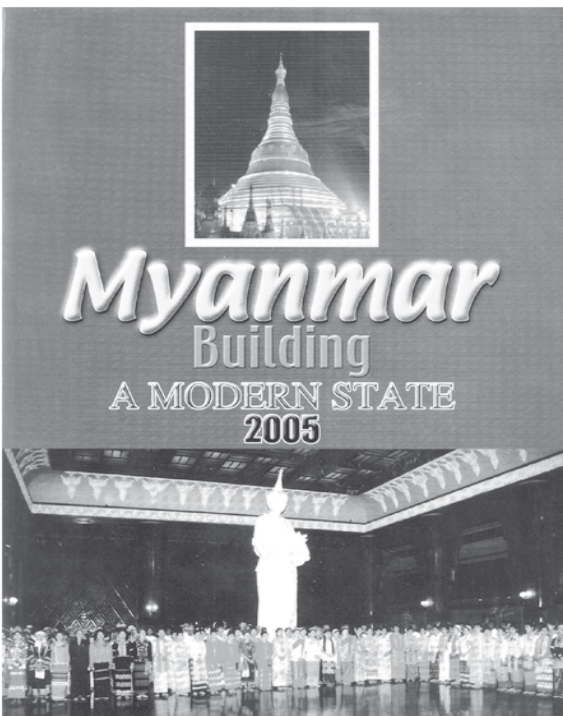
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**Spanish doctor says  
Castro does not have cancer**

MADRID, 28 Dec— Distinguished Spanish doctor Jose Carlos Garcia Sabrido said on Tuesday that Cuban leader Fidel Castro does not have cancer on his return from Cuba, where he conducted a medical check on the ailing Castro.

“His physical activity is excellent, his intellectual activity intact, I’d say fantastic, he’s recovering from his previous operation,” Garcia Sabrido, head of

surgery at Madrid’s Gregorio Maranon public hospital, told a news conference after returning from Cuba.

“He asks every day to return to work, but doctors advise him not to, to take it easy,” said he.

Asked whether Castro was suffering from cancer, Garcia Sabrido said, “As far as I know, I deny this absolutely.”

Castro “is not suffering from a malignant illness but from a benign process with a series of complications”, and is “in a process of slow but

progressive recovery”, the doctor said. He needs no new surgery, but requires physical therapy, a strict diet and rest, he added.

When asked whether he thought Castro would be physically capable of once again governing Cuba, Garcia Sabrido said: “If his recovery is absolute, then naturally, yes.”

Garcia, who has a long-term connection with the island, brought modern equipment with him to examine Castro, at the invitation of the Cuban Government.

MNA/Xinhua

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**Vietnam to import more bird flu vaccines next month**

HANOI, 28 Dec— Vietnam will import additional 25 million doses of H5N1 vaccines and 4.5 million doses of H5N9 vaccines in January 2007 to vaccinate poultry amid recent bird flu outbreaks in two southern provinces, the local newspaper *People* reported on Wednesday.

The H5N1 vaccines will be used for unvaccinated fowls, mainly ducks unlawfully hatched and raised by local residents despite a national ban on waterfowl hatching, and the H5N9 vaccines for white-winged ducks (similar to ducks but bigger). To date, Vietnam, which has already vaccinated most of the chickens and ducks

nationwide, has yet to vaccinate its white-winged duck population of nearly 10 million due to unavailability of suitable vaccines. However, it recently found that Italian H5N9 vaccines are suitable for white-winged ducks, according to the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Vietnam has basically contained bird flu outbreaks in the two provinces of Ca Mau and Bac Lieu, in which over 6,000 fowls were killed by the disease early this month. Relevant local agencies have recently vaccinated nearly 18,000 ducks unlawfully hatched by residents and culled over 11,000 poultry in the

provinces’ six affected communes to prevent further spread of the disease.

Bird flu will spread to the southern Mekong Delta and break out in northern localities if anti-disease activities, including strict surveillance, detoxification and control over poultry transport, trade, slaughtering and smuggling are not ensured, the department said.

MNA/Xinhua

**Japan, South Korea sign legal assistance treaty**

TOKYO, 28 Dec—Japan and South Korea normalized a mutual legal assistance treaty on Wednesday, strengthening bilateral cooperation on fighting cross-border crimes.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso and visiting South Korean Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Song Min Soon exchanged the ratification documents prior to their talks in Tokyo, *Kyodo News* reported.

The treaty, which is aimed at expediting criminal investigations and trial proceedings of international crime involving both countries, enables law-enforcement authorities of the two countries to directly work with each other without going through diplomatic channels when cooperation is needed.—MNA/Xinhua

**Over 100 kilos of cannabis resin seized in eastern Algeria**

ALGOERS, 29 Dec— About 102.5 kilos of cannabis resin had been netted recently by Algerian police in Constantine, east of Algeria, Algerian news agency *APS* has reported.

These drugs were found hidden in houses of two traffickers in small plates, each of which weighs 200 grammes. The market value of the drugs was about 8 million dinars (110,000 US dollars),

A total of five people aged 21 to 35 were involved in this case and had been brought before court, *APS* reported on Wednesday.—MNA/Xinhua

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## Canadian heart transplant patient to climb Antarctica Mountain

OTTAWA, 28 Dec— In a bid to show how healthy he is, a Canadian heart transplant patient tried to climb to the tallest peak of Antarctica, only to fail because one of his doctors started to have health problems.

The 54-year-old firefighter and father of four had hoped to become the first such patient to stand atop Antarctica's tallest peak, only to turn back just 200 metres from the summit, according to a report from the Canadian Press (CP) available here on Wednesday.

But it was not his heart or endurance that gave out, it was in fact the health of his doctors, of

all people, who fell ill with altitude sickness during the expedition that started 3 December.

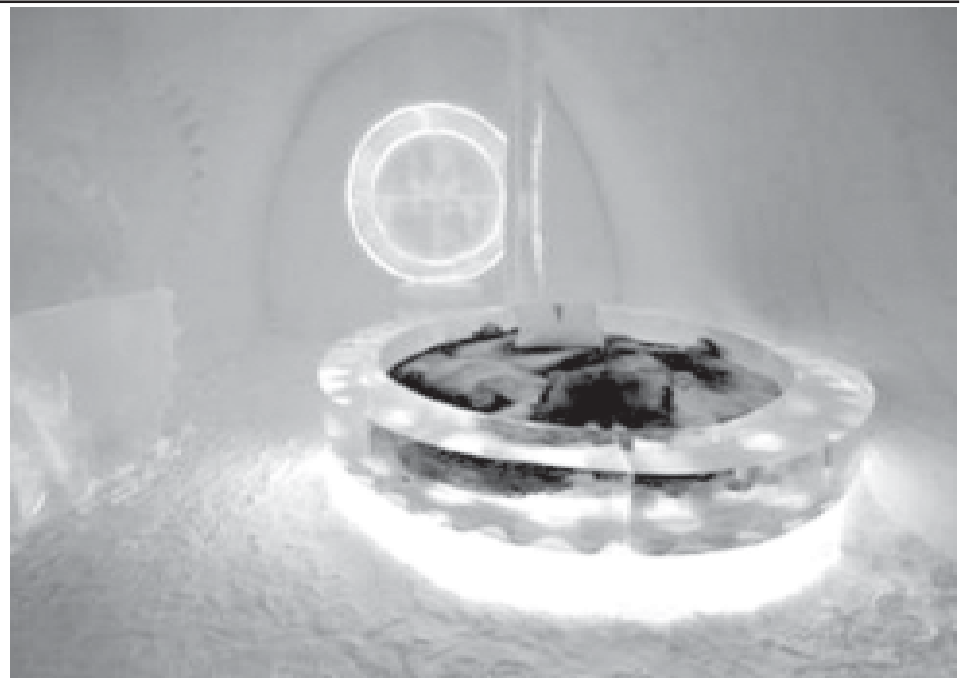
"I'm not disappointed," Shippam told reporters a few hours after his flight landed on Christmas Day at his hometown of Thunder Bay, Ontario, where some 200 friends, relatives and local politicians turned out to greet him.

"We decided as a team that really, the important thing was to get them to lower altitude.

The only treatment really for what they had was to get the thicker air." Among the most critically ill was Dr Heather Ross, the expedition leader and

medical director of the Toronto General Hospital's heart failure and cardiac transplant programme, the report said.

According to her daily online blog, the "patient became the rescuer" as Ross was suffering from high altitude pulmonary edema and her oxygen saturation level had reached a 40-per-cent low.—MNA/Xinhua



A deluxe suite is furnished with a sculpted ice bed and artwork at the Icehotel in Jukkasjarvi, northern Sweden, on 25 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

## Former US President Gerald Ford dies at 93

LOS ANGELES, 28 Dec— Former US President Gerald Ford died at age 93, said his widow on Tuesday.

"My family joins me in sharing the difficult news that Gerald Ford, our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, has passed away at 93 years of age," said Bette Ford in a statement.

"His life was filled with love of God, his family and his country," the statement added.

The statement was released at the Eisenhower Medical Centre in Rancho Mirage, California, where Ford had been hospitalized.

Ford battled pneumonia in January 2006 and underwent two heart treatments in August at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, the Associated Press reported.

He was the longest living president, followed by Ronald Reagan, who also died at 93. Ford was the only unelected president in the history of the United States.

In 1973, he was appointed vice-president after Spiro Agnew, then vice-president resigned to avoid prosecution on corruption charges.

On 9 August, 1974, Ford took office as the 38th US president minutes after Nixon resigned to avoid impeachment over the so-called "Watergate" scandal and then served in the White House for 895 days.

Ford had been a congressman from Michigan for 26 years before he ascended to the top office of the United States.—MNA/Xinhua



Greg Pike's dog Booger, cat Kitty and white mouse Mousie, rest at the end of a day in Bisbee, Arizona, on 24 Dec, 2006. —INTERNET

## Moderate quake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 Dec — A 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian eastern province of North Sulawesi on Wednesday.

The tremor occurred at 05:56 am local time (22:56 GMT Tuesday) and was centred 196 kilometres northeast of the provincial capital of Manado, an official with the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The epicentre of the undersea quake was located 59 kilometres beneath the Maluku Sea.

There is no immediate report of damages.

MNA/Xinhua

## Google to expand newspaper ad programme

WASHINGTON, 28 Dec — Search-engine giant Google will roll out an expanded newspaper ad programme in the coming months, The Washington Post reported on Wednesday.

After two months into a test with 100 advertisers and 66 newspapers,

Google executives said that its pilot programme has exceeded their expectations, and the top five participating newspapers are getting several bids a week from advertisers, according to the report.

"The volume (of ads sold) is tripling where we

thought it would be," said Tom Phillips, director of print ads at Google. "I think we'll have real impact next year" on newspapers' bottom lines, he said.

"We open the medium to a whole new class of advertisers."

MNA/Xinhua



A light helicopter is on sale at a newly opened shopping mall in Wenzhou, East China's Zhejiang Province, on 27 Dec, 2006. The two-seat EXEC162F helicopter, which is manufactured by an American factory, is priced at 1.15 million yuan (US\$143,750). —INTERNET



A Christmas tree rises on the Moscow Red Square late on 25 Dec, 2006, Kremlin's Spasskaya (Saviour) tower in the background and a fragment of a skating rink in the foreground.

INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Christie ecstatic after victory

LONDON, 27 Dec—Inverness Caledonian Thistle manager Charlie Christie was a happy man after the 2-1 win over Rangers - one he admits was unexpected.

"It was a tremendous night as it is well documented that we have been on a bad run," he told BBC Radio Scotland.

"To take six points from Glasgow Rangers and show the appetite and desire that we did was phenomenal.

"We matched them toe-to-toe and we got a tremendous goal at the end to win

it, so I'm delighted."

It was the Highlanders first home win over the Glasgow side but follows their victory at Ibrox earlier in the season and Christie felt this result was a boost for his side. "It is just three points, an unexpected three points, but it does lots for confidence as we have been on such a poor run," he added.

"We had more attempts on goal - barring Celtic this season - against Rangers than any other side in this league—it was well into double figures—so that says a lot for my players."

John Rankin won the game with a wonderful last-minute strike and Christie was proud of the former Ross County midfielder.

"It was such a sweetly struck shot from a boy I brought here," he said.

"We are a small club but this result shows what we are capable of and we now look forward to the matches against Falkirk and St Mirren."—Internet



Christie was delighted with the win over Rangers.—INTERNET

## Terry has surgery on back injury

LONDON, 28 Dec—Chelsea and England captain John Terry has undergone successful surgery to cure his troublesome back injury.

But Blues officials have yet to reveal how long they expect the 26-year-old centre-half to be out of action.

"The operation to remove a sequestered lumbar intervertebral disc was successful," said a Chelsea statement.

Chelsea have conceded six goals in three league matches without Terry and have fallen four points behind Premiership leaders Manchester United.

The early indications are that Terry could return within weeks not months.

But having sold both William Gallas and Robert Huth, manager Jose Mourinho has admitted the continued absence of Terry has left him short of defensive options.

The Blues have already conceded 15 league goals so far this season - only seven fewer than they did over the whole of the last Premiership campaign.

Terry's injury could also hit England, who are due to play Spain at Old Trafford on 7 February.

Internet



Terry injured his back in training earlier this month.—INTERNET

## Gohouri signs for Moenchengladbach

BERLIN, 29 Dec—Steve Gohouri has signed a three-and-half year deal with Borussia Moenchengladbach Thursday after successfully passing a medical, the German First Division club confirmed.

The Ivory Coast defender was previously with Young Boys Berne and will join Gladbach for training on 3 January.

MNA/Xinhua

## Baptista unsure over Arsenal fate

LONDON, 27 Dec—Julio Baptista wants to stay at Arsenal but it unsure whether he has a long-term future at the club.

Baptista, on a season-long loan from Real Madrid as part of the deal that saw Jose Antonio Reyes go the other way, said: "I want to help the team.

"The idea is to participate as much as possible and at the end of the year evaluate everything and decide if the positives outweigh the negatives.

"I don't want to be just one more player," he told Spanish paper AS.

The Brazilian was a long-term target of manager Arsene Wenger before joining the London club.

But he has made just two starts for



Baptista wants to play a significant role for Arsenal.—INTERNET

Arsenal and appeared as a late substitute during the Boxing Day win at Watford.

And Baptista added: "Arsene Wenger tells me he will wait until I get used to this league, but until I play regularly I won't achieve that."—Internet

## Argentine defender arrives Rome to talk with AC Milan

ROME, 29 Dec— Argentine defender Leandro Grimi arrived in Milan on Thursday to talk with AC Milan over a possible January transfer to the Italian club. The 21-year-old plays in Argentina for Racing Avellaneda and is posed to complete a two-million-euro (2.64-million-dollar) transfer to Milan and eventually replace his idol Paolo Maldini. "Maldini is my role model and I hope to be like him one day," Grimi told Sky Italia after landing at Malpensa Airport.

"I am a left-sided defender who loves to attack, and God willing I will be the new Maldini." 38-year-old Maldini has been in Milan for 23 seasons and is likely to retire at the end of the season. — MNA/Xinhua

## Swedem defender Gramqvist loaned to Wigan

STOCKHOLM, 29 Dec— Sweden defender Andreas Granqvist is to join English Premier League club Wigan Athletic on loan until 30 June next year, his club Helsingborg said on Thursday.

The 21-year-old was captain of Helsingborg last season as they finished fourth place in the league and won the Cup.— MNA/Xinhua

## Premier League rejects two players over red card appeal

LONDON, 29 Dec — Manchester City midfielder Joey Barton and West Ham defender Paul Konchesky had their appeals of lifting red cards in Premier League matches last weekend turned down on Thursday.

Barton was sent off for a tackle on Abdoulaye Faye in Manchester City's 2-0 defeat to Bolton at Manchester Stadium, and Konchesky fouled Fulham winger Wayne Routledge in the 0-0 draw at Craven Cottage.

The Premier League's disciplinary commission banned Barton for three games and Konchesky for one.

Barton will miss Manchester City's trip to West Ham on Saturday, its home match against Everton on 1 January, and the third-round FA Cup match at Sheffield Wednesday on 7 January.— MNA/Xinhua

## Charlton hopes to sign Steven Pressley

LONDON, 29 Dec — Charlton Athletic are hoping to sign former Hearts captain Steven Pressley to help in their fight against relegation from the English Premier League.

"There is a good chance he will be at Charlton and it will be a good addition if we can secure him for nothing to lose," manager Alan Pardew told the club's website on Thursday.

Pardew's first game in charge of the London club ended in a 2-2 draw with Fulham. He is the club's third manager this season, following the sackings of Iain Dowie and Les Reed. Pressley, who has more than 30 caps for Scotland, left Hearts earlier this month following an "amicable agreement".

He had been suspended by the Scottish Premier League club after criticizing the way it was being run.

Pardew, who was sacked by West Ham United this month, thought Pressley's characters and leadership can help Chalton out of the relegation.— MNA/Xinhua

## Italian referee Collina back to soccer

ROME, 29 Dec — Italian eminent soccer referee Pierluigi Collina has been appointed as a consultant for the Italian football referees' association, interim Italian football federation (FIGC) president Luca Pancalli said Thursday.

Collina, who retired as a referee in August 2005, will assist newly-appointed referees chief Cesare Gussoni.

Collina, 46, has been working as a financial adviser since his retirement.

Famed for his bald head and intimidating stare, Collina was regarded as one of the best referees in the world. His proudest moment came when he took charge of the 2002 World Cup final between Brazil and Germany.— MNA/Xinhua

## Platini seeks 3-berth limit for top leagues in Champions League

PARIS, 29 Dec — French soccer legend Michel Platini has vowed to limit English, Italian and Spanish representation in the Champions League to three clubs if he wins election as UEFA president next month.

The former St Etienne and Juventus midfielder is challenging present UEFA chief Lennart Johansson, who has been in the job since 1990, for the powerful position with the election due on 26 January.

In a five-point programme outlining his policy priorities, Platini said that he felt there were too many clubs from the big European leagues taking part in the continent's premier tournament.

MNA/Xinhua

# Vietnam's Internet, phone subscriptions up in 2006

HANOI, 29 Dec — Vietnam had over 14.5 million Internet users, or 17.5 per cent of its population, by early this month, compared with the respective figures of 9.9 million and 12 per cent in early December 2005.

Of the 14.5 million users, over four million are subscribers, including 454,000 broadband ones, the Vietnam Internet Network Information Centre told *Xinhua* on Wednesday, noting that the country's total international bandwidth currently stands at 6,325 Mbps.

Vietnam, with a population of over 83

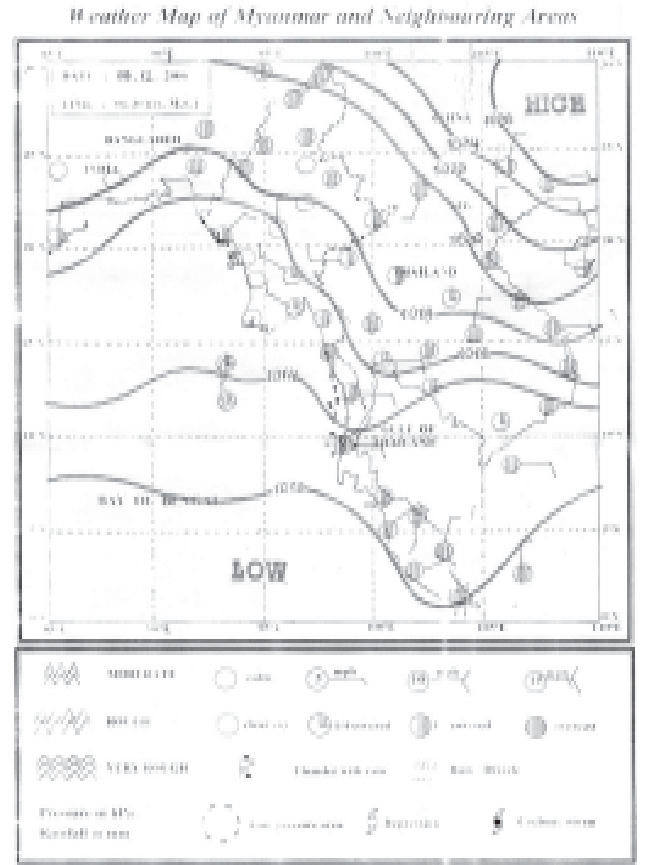
million has so far this year, signed up 10 million fixed and mobile phone subscribers, a year-on-year surge of 188 per cent. It currently has 25.5 million phone subscribers, many of them are mobile phone ones.

Under Vietnam's strategy on developing information technology and telecommunications, every 100 residents will

have 32-42 telephones, over 10 personal computers, and 8-12 Internet subscribers, and 30 per cent

of them will use broadband Internet services, by 2010, the centre said.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Friday, 29 December, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Chin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin and Mon States. Yangon and Magway Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Haka (-1°C), and Pinlaung (3°C).

Maximum temperature on 28-12-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 29-12-2006 was 60°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-12-2006 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 28-12-2006 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 29-12-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.46) inches at Mingaladon and (111.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.69) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North-west at 06:30 hours MST on 29-12-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 30-12-2006:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-12-2006:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-12-2006:** Fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-12-2006:** Fair weather.

**Weather outlook for first weekend of January 2007:** During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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၁။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်အား မြို့တော်အင်္ဂါရပ်နှင့်လျော်ညီစွာ သာယာလှပစေပြီး ပြည်သူများစိတ်နှလုံး ချမ်းမြေ့စွာ အပန်းဖြေအနားယူနိုင်ရန် ပန်းခြံများ၊ ကန်ပေါင်များ၊ သစ်ပင်များ၊ မြက်ခင်းများ၊ ပန်းအလှပင်များကို နိုင်ငံတော်ဘဏ္ဍာငွေမှ ငွေကြေးမြောက်မြားစွာ အကုန်အကျခံ၍ တည်ဆောက် ပေးထားပါသည်။ အင်းလျားကန်ပေါင်၊ ကန်တော်ကြီးဥယျာဉ်နှင့် ပြည်သူ့လူလူ အပန်းဖြေရန် ဆောက်လုပ်ထားသည့် ဥယျာဉ်၊ ပန်းခြံများနှင့် ကန်ပေါင်များတွင် မြက်ခင်းများ၊ သစ်ပင်ပန်းခင်းများ၊ ထီးများ၊ ထိုင်ခုံများ၊ တံတားများ၊ မီးလုံးမီးဆိုင်းများနှင့် အခြားလိုအပ်သော ပစ္စည်းများကိုလည်း တပ်ဆင်ထားရှိပါသည်။

၂။ သို့ရာတွင် ပြည်သူများအပန်းဖြေရန်ပြုလုပ်ထားသည့် ပစ္စည်းများသည် စည်းကမ်းမဲ့သော ပြည်သူ့အချို့ကြောင့် ပျက်စီးခဲ့ရပြီး နှစ်သစ်ကူးကာလရက်များအတွင်း အပျော်လွန်ကဲ၍သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ မူးယစ်ရမ်းကား၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ အကြောင်းအမျိုးမျိုးကြောင့် ဖျက်ဆီးခဲ့၍ ပြည်သူပိုင်ပစ္စည်းကာကွယ်ရေး ဥပဒေ ပုဒ်မ-၆(၁)အရ ၂၀၀၃-၂၀၀၄တွင် တရားခံ(၇)ဦး၊ ၂၀၀၄-၂၀၀၅တွင် တရားခံ(၆)ဦး နှင့် ၂၀၀၅-၂၀၀၆ တွင် တရားခံ(၁)ဦးတို့အား ထိရောက် ပြစ်ဒဏ်ချမှတ်၍ အရေးယူခဲ့ရပါသည်။

၃။ ယခုနှစ်တွင်လည်း မြို့တော်သာယာလှပစေရေးအတွက် ပြည်သူများ အပန်းဖြေရန်နှင့် ကျန်းမာရေး လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းများပြုလုပ်နိုင်ရန် ဆောက်လုပ်ထားသည့်လမ်းများ၊ သစ်ပင်များ၊ မြက်ခင်းများ၊ ထီးများ၊ ထိုင်ခုံများ၊ မီးလုံးမီးဆိုင်းများ၊ ဆိုင်းဘုတ်များစသည်တို့အား ပျက်စီးမှု လွန်ကဲ၍သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ မူးယစ် ရမ်းကား၍ သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ အကြောင်းအမျိုးမျိုးကြောင့် သော်လည်းကောင်း ဖျက်ဆီးပါက ယခင်နှစ်များနည်းတူ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူသွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေး နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ



Saturday, 30 December  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  - ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃာ့မဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာရတနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇာတ်က၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘန္တု ပိမိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  - To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  - Morning news
- 7:40 am
  - Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
  - အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
  - Musical programme
- 8:15 am
  - သင်ပုန်းရေးလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am
  - International news
- 8:45 am
  - Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
  - စစ်သည်တေး

- 11:15 am
  - Musical programme
- 11:30 am
  - Games for children
- 11:55 am
  - Round up of the week's TV local news
- 1:00 pm
  - ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:10 pm
  - “ရအောင်ယူ မြအောင်ထိန်း” (အကယ်ဒမီ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ညီညီနေနိုင်၊ ဆုမြတ်ရွှေစင်၊ သူသူဟံသာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 1:20 pm
  - Dance of national race
- 1:35 pm
  - “မနိုင်သောအရှုံး” (ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)
- 1:45 pm
  - International news
- 2:50 pm
  - ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၄၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်ကာကွယ်ရေး ဦးစီးချုပ် ဖလား တပ်မတော် (ကြည်း၊ ရေ၊ လေ) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မိုလ်လွဲ) (တောင်ပိုင်းတိုင်း စစ်ဌာနချုပ်ဘောလုံးအသင်းနှင့် တစ်မတော် (လေ) ဘောလုံးအသင်း)
- 4:45 pm
  - Song to uphold National Spirit

- 5:00 pm
  - အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)
- 5:15 pm
  - (၅၉)နှစ်မြောက်လွတ်လပ်ရေးနေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်
- 5:30 pm
  - ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
  - Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  - Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  - အလှရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm
  - Discovery
- 7:05 pm
  - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကြယ်ကြွေရင်ခုန်သံ” (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 7:45 pm
  - အချုပ်အခြာအာဏာ စွန့်ခွာကြာ ခိုင်မာစေမှု ဒို.ရှေ့ရှု “နှစ်ဆယ့်လေးမည် ရောင်စုံပွင့်လန်း အလှပန်း” (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm
  - News
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လှပသောနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- The next day's programme



Saturday, 30 December  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
  - First love ... Kolan
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
  - The Reflex ... Duran Duran
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
  - Love changes ... Cline Fisher
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
  - The lover after me ... Sauage Garden
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request/ Lunch time music
  - Don't know much ... Linda Ronstadt
  - Keep on loving you ... Jessica Jay
- 9:00 pm Feature for Independence Day
- 9:10 pm ASEAN
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar Culture
  - ... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
  - Jambalaya ... Carpenters
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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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

**Desire of all the people is peace and stability and progress of the State by upholding ‘Our Three Main National Causes’**

**National Convention plenary session continues**

YANGON, 29 Dec — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 11.15 am today.  
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Throughout the process of the National Convention, the delegates, who are the national races of all the states and divisions, have frankly presented proper and sound suggestions in view of the interest of the nation and the people, while dealing each other like close relatives.



Secretary of NCCC Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarifies matters on management.—MNA



NCCWC Chairman, Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarifies matters on National Convention.—MNA

**Proposals of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons presented**

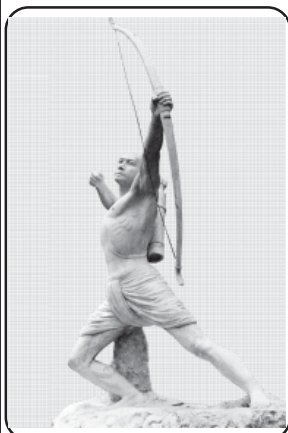
YANGON, 29 Dec — Delegates presented proposals of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons on laying down detailed basic principles for Chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” 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 Con-

vention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of sub-

committees, delegates of political parties National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization,  
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**HAILING THE 59TH ANNIVERSARY INDEPENDENCE DAY**



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The Union of Myanmar is made up of seven States and seven Divisions. Over 100 national races have been living in the country since ancient times through thick and thin.

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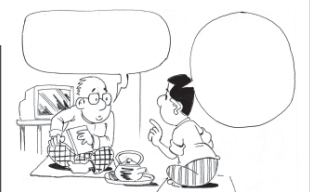
**Independence is**

\* Independence is  
What’s not quite apparent when we have it  
But too apparent when don’t

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**CARTOON**



You will know from a glance at what’s happening in various nations that calamities the...

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