

Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Indian President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to Her Excellency Mrs Pratibha Patil, President of the Republic of India on her assumption of the high office of the President of the Republic of India on 25 July 2007. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Maldives

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayaum, President of Republic of Maldives on the occasion of the 42nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2007. — MNA

National Convention Convening Commission holds meeting No 5/2007 Some proposals deserve serious consideration

**Entire people are aspiring for
emergence of a State constitution**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at meeting No 5/2007 of National Convention Convening Commission. — MNA

YANGON, 25 July— The National Convention Convening Commission held its meeting No 5/2007 at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township here this morning, with an address by NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

NCCC Joint-Secretary-2 Director-General of

the Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as MC.

The Secretary-1 in his address said that the final session of the NC has been reconvened since 18 July. At the NC session held in the late 2006, eight delegate groups submitted and read out 18 proposals they had compiled regarding the National Convention Convening

Work Committee chairman's clarification to the detailed basic principles for 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".

At the ongoing Na-

tional Convention, the panel of alternate chairmen's presentation on the collection of NC del-

egate groups' proposals was read out to the plenary sessions held on 20 and 23 July.

The Work Committee found that of the proposals for the chapters the (See page 8)

It is needed to seek the approval of all delegate groups in order to adopt such appropriate suggestions as detailed basic principles of respective chapters. In the process, the Work Committee will have to find out the stances of the delegate groups through respective panels of chairmen.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Development of industrial zones through increased production of quality products

Development of industrial zones is vital for the development of the industrial sector of the nation. There are tangible results which have emerged from efforts made by the government in the industrial, economic and social fields.

Industrial zones were established to concentrate small industries in one area. In the past most of the industries were situated only in Yangon and Mandalay. Nowadays industries are growing in all parts of the country.

New Pyay Industrial Zone was opened in Nawade Ward in Pyay on 13 July. The zone first produces parts of the motor vehicles, compressors, physic nut grinding machines and paddy husk-powered engines.

Now the zone is producing import-substitute parts, jeeps, one-ton light trucks, farm implements and other industrial items. Continuous operation of the industrial zones will contribute towards the progress of the region.

Officials concerned at different levels and industrialists are thus urged to strive for full operation of industrial zones and production of quality products.

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People's Desire

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

Minister attends Waso robes offering ceremony, inspects communication tasks in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 25 July — The 7th Waso robes offering ceremony of the families of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs was held at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Zaykonkyaungtaik Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kavisara and members of the Sangha, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and wife Daw Mu Mu Win, departmental officials, families and guests.

First, the congregation took the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavisara. Next, the minister and wife and departmental officials offered Waso robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Upon arrival at



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and wife donate Waso robes to a Sayadaw at 7th Waso robes offering ceremony. — COMMUNICATIONS

TadaU Auto-Exchange in Mandalay Division on 24 July, the minister and party inspected condition of the machines installed and functions and gave instructions on systematic handling of the machines.

On arrival at Kyaukse Auto-Exchange, engineers briefed the minister on progress of work. Next, the minister

gave instructions on communication tasks to be carried out systematically.

Afterwards, the minister looked into the chosen site to construct GSM telephone tower and buildings at which GSM station to be installed in Meiktila Industrial Zone and gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks meeting the set stand-

ards. At Meiktila Township Post Office, the minister oversaw postal services and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected Microwave Station and Auto-Exchange in Meiktila, attended to the needs and gave instructions on maintenance of the communication equipment.

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Upgrading of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw discussed

YANGON, 25 July — The meeting on upgrading of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the Min-

istry of Hotels and Tourism, here, on 21 July.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for

Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing stressed the need to upgrade hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Ho-

tel to meet the international standards. It is necessary to grow trees in rainy season for greening hotels and their environs, he said.

Director-General U Htay Aung of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism reported on construction of hotels. Hoteliers also took part in the discussions.

Col Kan Chun of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee gave a supplementary report. After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs.

Next, the minister viewed land preparations around the hotels.

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Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspects Hotel Zone in Nay Pyi Taw.

HOTELS AND TOURISM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nguyen Minh Triet re-elected as Vietnamese State President

HANOI, 24 July — The National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam, the country's top legislature, re-elected Nguyen Minh Triet as state president Tuesday morning.

Up to 98.78 per cent of all NA deputies at the ongoing 1st session of the 12th NA voted for Triet, member of the Political Bureau under the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPV-CC) and former secretary of the Party Committee of southern Ho Chi Minh City.

After being re-elected, he said "I will share happiness of everybody,

while sharing sorrow and pains of people. I will try my best to lessen the pains".

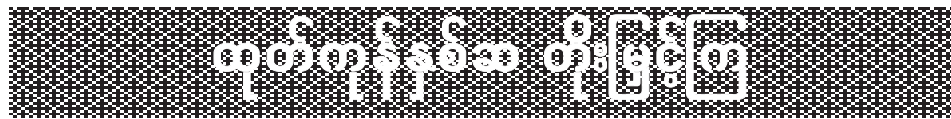
On Tuesday morning, he presented the list of people for the NA to vote for the posts of vice state presidents, prime minister, and heads of the Supreme People's Court and the Supreme People's Procuracy. Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung is expected to be re-elected on Wednesday.

The NA will approve Prime Minister's proposal on appointing deputy prime ministers, ministers and other Cabinet members on 2 August. The

number of ministries and state agencies equivalent to ministries are expected to decrease to 22 from current 26.

During the session from 19 July to 6 August, NA deputies are also to centre discussions on some other important issues, including shortening the term of the 12th NA to four years from the current five years, and passing a bill on amendment to some articles of the Anti-Corruption Law.

MNA/Xinhua



Cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin (L) and Flight engineer Clayton Anderson (R) work on the exterior of the International Space Station on 23 July, 2007. The spacewalking pair will jettison a video stanchion frame and a 1,400-pound Early Ammonia Servicer during the planned 6 hour-plus spacewalk. —XINHUA

Russia says UK playing politics with Litvinenko case

MOSCOW, 24 July— Russian state prosecutors on Monday accused Britain of being more interested in playing politics than solving the case of the poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko.

They hit back at British claims that Moscow was blocking its efforts, saying the British investigation was flawed and had been too hasty in naming a

Russian man as the chief suspect. "I do not think our friends should criticize our justice system. I think their efforts would be better spent improving their own system," Alexander Zvyagintsev, Russia's deputy Prosecutor-General, told a news conference.

"Sometimes it seems to us that Britain is not so much interested in the supremacy of the law as

it is in the ambitions of certain officials."

The killing of Litvinenko, a former Russian agent and critic of the Kremlin who died of radioactive poisoning in a London hospital last November, has brought relations between Britain and Moscow to their lowest point since the end of the Cold War.

British prosecutors want

to try Russian Andrei Lugovoy for murder, but Moscow has refused to hand him over, citing a constitutional ban on the extradition of Russian citizens. London earlier this month expelled four Russian diplomats in protest at Moscow's refusal to extradite Lugovoy. In a tit-for-tat response, Moscow threw out four British diplomats. —MNA/Reuters

Three US soldiers killed in bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 July—Three US soldiers were killed in separate roadside bomb attacks across Iraq, the US military said on Monday.

A soldier assigned to Task Force Marine died of wounds sustained in a roadside bomb explosion near his patrol in south of Baghdad on Sunday, a military statement said. Another soldier was killed Friday when a roadside bomb hit his vehicle south of the city of Samarra, 120 kilometres north of Baghdad, another statement said. A third soldier was killed on Saturday when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, an earlier statement said. —MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong pop singer Andy Lau promotes his new album "Miracle World" in the downtown Hsimending area of Taipei, China on 21 July, 2007. More than 5,000 fans lined up to buy the signed albums. —INTERNET

Castro blames US for new athlete defections

HAVANA, 24 July— Ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro deplored the defection of three athletes and a coach during the Panamerican Games in Brazil, saying on Monday they had betrayed Cuba for dollars.

Cuba's Olympic and world amateur boxing champion Guillermo Rigondeaux and teammate Erislandy Lara failed to appear for their scheduled bouts in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday.

A member of the Cuban handball team, Rafael Dacosta, and gym trainer Lazaro Lamelas defected earlier, Castro lamented, accusing the United States of luring Cuba's best athletes. "Betrayal for money is one of the favourite weapons of the United States to destroy Cuba's resistance," Castro

wrote in his latest column e-mailed to journalists in Havana. The 80-year-old leader, who has not appeared in public since undergoing intestinal surgery a year ago, has

taken to writing to reassert his presence in Cuba and does not miss an opportunity to blast his ideological foe the United States. For years, some of Cuba's top baseball players

— such as Jose Contreras and Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez — have defected to the United States, drawn by million-dollar deals in the major leagues. —MNA/Reuters



US soldiers secure the site where a car bomb exploded in central Baghdad's Karrada neighbourhood. At least 24 people were killed on Monday in Iraq, including 12 in two Baghdad car bomb attacks. —XINHUA

A Constitution is the main law that reflects a nation's history and portrays the structure of that nation

YANGON, 23 July — *The following is the collection of suggestions made by NC delegates on the Chapter "General Provisions" submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at the Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township on 23 July 2007.*

Esteemed NC delegates,

At the plenary session held on 13 November 2006, the Work Committee chairman, regarding the Chapter "General Provisions" said, "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 systems. 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."

And he said, "Presentation has been made on the points that should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter "General Provisions". For your convenience in studying them, a collection of these points altogether is presented as follows:—

1. **This Constitution is the basic law of laws of the State.**
2. **Myanmar language is the official language.**
3. **The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.**
4. **Interpretation of the preamble, articles, clauses, words and expressions contained in this Constitution shall be based only on Myanmar text.**
5. **Interpretation of the expressions of this Constitution should be referred to the existing Interpretation of Expressions Law.**
6. **A Myanmar manuscript of this Constitution shall be kept at the National Archives. The manuscript shall be conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution.**
7. **In the interest of the State, the Union Government may permit—**
 - (a) **Region or State government,**
 - (b) **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.**
8. **The Union of Myanmar shall honour all legitimate obligations arising out of any treaties or agreements which before the commencement of this Constitution were in force between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of any other State, provided that such other State honours any reciprocal obligations towards the Union of Myanmar.**
9. (a) **Any proceedings relating to contracts or liabilities which might have been brought against the Government of the Union of Myanmar before this Constitution comes into force, may be brought against the Union Government.**
 - (b) **The Union of Myanmar may sue and may be sued by the name of the Union of**

Myanmar.

10. The Constitutional Tribunal shall consist of nine members including a chairman. The President, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall select three members each who meet the following qualifications from among Hluttaw members or non-Hluttaw members:

- (a) **person who has attained the age of 50 years;**
- (b) **person who possesses qualifications set for a Pyithu Hluttaw, other than restriction on age,**
- (c) **person who possesses qualifications set for the Union chief justice and a Union High Court judge, other than restriction on age,**
- (d) **person who has political, administrative, economic and security outlooks.**
- (e) **person who is loyal to the State and the people.**

11. The list of three members each nominated by the President, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, and a member nominated for chairmanship of Constitutional Tribunal among the nine members shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its approval.

12. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have no right to reject the persons nominated for members of the Constitutional Tribunal by the President unless it can prove the members disqualified.

13. The President may, in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution, have the right to nominate new members for the seats of Constitutional Tribunal that are still vacant due to failure to obtain agreement of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

14. The President shall appoint the chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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

- 16. A member of the Constitutional Tribunal:**
- (a) **shall be deemed to have resigned from the Hluttaw concerned on the date of being appointed if he is a member of any Hluttaw.**
 - (b) **shall be deemed to have resigned from civil service in accord with civil service rules and regulations on the date of being appointed if he is a government employee.**
 - (c) **shall have no right to participate in activities**

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U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants.
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of the political party concerned during tenure of membership starting from the date of being appointed if he is a member of a political party.

17. A member of the Constitutional Tribunal may have the right to submit his resignation to the President if he wishes to resign before expiry of his tenure due to a reason.

18. The President may appoint a new member in accord with the provisions of this Constitution if there is a vacancy in membership in the Constitutional Tribunal for a certain reason.

19. (a) A member of the Constitutional Tribunal can be blamed or impeached under any of the following reasons:

- (1) **treason;**
- (2) **violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution;**
- (3) **misbehaviour;**
- (4) **incapability of discharging duties prescribed in the State Constitution for a member of the Constitutional Tribunal;**
- (5) **inefficient discharge of duties;**

(b) **If need arises to blame or impeach a member of the Constitutional Tribunal, it shall do so under the provisions prescribed in this Constitution set to blame or impeach the Union Chief Justice or a Union Supreme Court Judge.**

20. The functions of the Constitutional Tribunal are as follows:

- (a) **to interpret provisions of the State Constitution,**
- (b) **to scrutinize whether or not laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Region Hluttaws and the State Hluttaws and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the State Constitution,**
- (c) **to scrutinize functions of executive authorities of Pyidaungsu, Regions, States and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the State Constitution,**
- (d) **to decide on disputes in connection with the State Constitution between Pyidaungsu and regions, between Pyidaungsu and States, between Regions and States, among**

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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,

- (e) **to decide on disputes in connection with the rights and responsibilities of the Pyidaungsu and Regions; or States or Self-Administered Areas in implementing Union law by Regions, States or Self-Administered Areas,**
- (f) **to scrutinize and decide on matters relating to Union territories informed by the President,**
- (g) **tasks entrusted by laws prescribed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,**

21. If there is a dispute as to whether a provision prescribed in a law is in conformity with the Constitution in hearing a case by a court, and the Constitutional Tribunal has not made any decision regarding the case, the court shall suspend its hearing and submit its views to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its decision. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal regarding the dispute shall apply all the cases.

22. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be final.

23. The following persons shall have the right to directly submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal for its interpretation, decision, and stance:

- (a) **President;**
- (b) **Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw;**
- (c) **Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw,**
- (d) **Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw,**
- (e) **Union Chief Justice;**
- (f) **Chairman of Union Election Commission.**

24. The following persons or bodies shall have the right to submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its interpretation, decision and stance:

- (a) **Region of State Chief Minister;**
- (b) **Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw,**
- (c) **Chairman of Leading Body of Self-Administered Areas.**
- (d) **At least 10 percent of the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw.**

25. Formation and relations of the Constitutional Tribunal, and duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be prescribed by law.

26. The role of the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal is designated to be equivalent to the position of a Vice-President, and a member, to the position of a Union minister in order to make reference in prescribing by law regarding the duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal.

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Regarding the explanations, the National Unity Party from the Delegate Group of Political Parties comprising eight political parties said, "The Work Committee Chairman after studying in detail the constitutions of some world nations, the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution of Myanmar explained the detailed basic principles concerning the chapters 'Amendment of the Constitution', 'State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital', 'Transitory Provisions' and 'General Provisions' within the framework of the objectives of the National

Convention and the fundamental principles adopted by the Constitution.

"Hence, the detailed basic principles are suitable to be adopted."

The Union Pa-O National Organization said, "So, I suggest that the 26 points the Work Committee chairman explained be adopted as detailed basic principles."

The Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, "We have studied the paras from 1 to 26 and found no further suggestions concerning them. Hence, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles."

"As regards the para 6, we would like to give a suggestion. Myanmar is formed with Regions and States and self-administered areas where various national races are living. There are national races who are not skilled in Myanmar literature and language. Moreover, some areas of the nation are far away from the place where the National Archives is located. Hence, copies of the Constitution that are translated into the languages of various national races will surely be required."

"So, we would like to make a suggestion that the government enact necessary law to keep the translated copies of the Constitution at the respective Regions, States and self-administered areas."

The Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, "We conducted a careful study on the Work Committee chairman's clarification concerning—

- the designation of Myanmar language as the official language,
- interpretation of the expressions contained in this Constitution based only on Myanmar text when need arises,
- interpretation of the expressions stipulated in this Constitution,
- the statement that the manuscript shall be conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution,
- the economic sector while the basic principles were adopted for designating policies of the State,
- the treaties or agreements signed between the government of the Union of Myanmar and the governments of other countries in the post-independence period,
- any contracts or liabilities signed between the government of the Union of Myanmar and the governments of other countries before the State constitute comes into force,
- the establishment of the Constitutional Tribunal,
- the formation of the Constitutional Tribunal, appointment of members, designation of its members required qualifications, the term of the Constitutional Tribunal, assigning duties to the members, being loyal to the State, and

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U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races. — MNA

functions of the Constitutional Tribunal".

"Here, we noticed that he presented a collection of 26 points that should be adopted as detailed basic principles for the Chapter 'General Provisions'. These points are found appropriate and so we would like to make no suggestions about them and support them."

The Lahu National Development Party said, "The Work Committee Chairman explained the 26 detailed basic principles for the chapter on General Provisions at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 13 November 2006. In his explanations, he gave references to the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution of Myanmar, and constitutions of some world nations, for the benefit of the nation. Moreover, we find that his explanations are in conformity with the nation's natural conditions, traditions and culture, customs, history and current political, economic and social conditions. In this regard, we would like to suggest that all the 26 detailed basic principles should be adopted."

The Union Kayin League said, "The 26 points the Work Committee chairman explained regarding the term of the Constitutional Tribunal, appointment of a member to the Constitutional Tribunal, impeachment of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal, its functions, disputes as to whether a provision of a law is in conformity with the Constitution in a case being heard by a court, and designation of the status of the chairman and a member of the Constitutional Tribunal are complete. So, these 26 points should be adopted as detailed basic principles."

The Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, "The collection of the detailed basic principles for the Chapters 'Amendment of the Constitution', 'State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital', 'Transitory Provisions' and 'General Provisions' should be adopted, as presented by the Work Committee chairman."

The Wa National Development Party said, "We Wa National Development Party suggest that the detailed basic principles for the Chapters 'Amendment of the Constitution', 'State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem, and the Capital', 'Transitory Provisions' and 'General Provisions' to be included in the State constitution should be adopted."

The Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect said, "Of the four proposals, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties have evaluated the presentations of the representatives of the National Unity Party and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization. And the discussions of respective representatives are the same as they have done."

Independent Representatives-Elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in

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Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from that delegate group said, "Therefore, the points from No 1 to No 26 the Work Committee chairman explained at the NC plenary session held on 13 November 2006 should be adopted.

"I would also like to make a suggestion about a **constitutional index**. An index should be stated in the booklet of the State constitution in order that when need arises to refer sub-paras, paras and pages, the facts can be looked up in the booklet in a short time. The constitutions of some countries feature an index, but those of most countries do not feature an index. The former countries state an index in the end of the booklet of the State constitution. So, I would like to suggest that after the booklet of the State constitution is in circulation, it should feature a **constitution index**.

"I have learnt that in order to achieve success in working in a systematic and smooth way, there need some methods such as

- implementation of tasks in accordance with policy guidelines,
- reviewing the weak points in doing so,
- assessing the reviews,
- evaluating the assessments,
- laying down better policy guidelines based on the findings. This aphorism is reasonable and useful at any times. In pursuing policy guidelines, it is required to regularly find out weak points and strong points. It is also needed to assess the reviews to know as to whether achievement is made or not. Only then, will it be possible to know whether the assessments

are effective. And it is required to constantly review the weak points and causes and effects of the remedies to lay down better plans and new guidelines. Now, most nations are practising such methods. So, in building a modern and developed nation in accordance with the upcoming State constitution, emphasis should be placed on **reviewing, assessing the reviews, remedying and evaluating.**"

Six Independent Representatives-Elect from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect—U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency (2), U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi Township Constituency (1), U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency (2), U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency (2), U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency (1), and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency (2) in their discussions said that what the Work Committee chairman had clarified for the Chapter "General Provisions" to be included in the State constitution were complete and reasonable. "So, the 26 points should be adopted as detailed basic principles," said the six independent representatives-elect.

The Delegate Group of National Races said, "Our group support the 26 detailed basic principles the Work Committee chairman presented for the Chapter "General Provisions" and has no suggestions about them."

The Delegate Group of Peasants said, "The 26 detailed basic principles for the Chapter "General Provisions" the Work Committee chairman has explained should be adopted."

The Delegate Group of Workers said, "The 26 points the Work Committee chairman has presented for the Chapter "General Provisions" should be adopted as detailed basic principles."

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, "We are in support of adopting the

26 detailed basic principles for the Chapter "General Provisions as explained by the Work Committee chairman".

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, "The clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman at the plenary session of the National Convention held from 10 to 13 November concerning the facts of the chapter "General Provisions" are realistic, suitable and comprehensive. We have no separate suggestions concerning the chapter. We are in support of adopting the 26 detailed basic principles of the chapter as explained by the Work Committee Chairman."

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, "The 26 points the Work Committee chairman has explained for the Chapter "General Provisions" to be included in the State constitution should be mentioned in the forthcoming State constitution. So, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles."

Esteemed National Convention delegates,

Now, we have read out the findings of the panel of alternate chairmen of the NC plenary sessions on the proposal papers submitted by the representatives of the delegate groups, political parties from the delegate group of political parties and some NC delegates for 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" to be included in the State constitution regarding the clarification of the Work Committee chairman.

In conclusion, I would say, in view of these proposal papers, the delegate groups and many delegates have expressed their support for the explanations of the Work Committee chairman. And some delegates not only support the explanations but also make some separate suggestions.—MNA

Veterans sue US over "shameful failures" in care

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 July—The many medical claims by veterans of US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has completely overwhelmed the American Government, leading to "shameful failures" in treatment, a class-action lawsuit filed on Monday alleged.

"Because of those failures, hundreds of thousands of men and

women who have suffered grievous injuries fighting in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are being abandoned," according to the lawsuit filed in the US District Court for Northern California.

More than 1.5 million US service members have been sent to Iraq or Afghanistan since 2001.

Repeated and extended deployments to war zones

have driven a rise in post-traumatic stress among troops. But Pentagon and Veterans Affairs Department lack the resources and staff to help service members, according to recent reports.

The filing by two veterans groups sued various officials in the Department of Veterans Affairs and US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales

and challenged the constitutionality of a 1988 law establishing various VA practices. The two plaintiff organization represent about 12,000 American veterans.

"Unless systemic and drastic measures are instituted immediately, the costs to these veterans, their families, and our nation will be incalculable, including broken families, a new generation of unemployed and homeless veterans, increases in drug abuse and alcoholism, and crushing burdens on the health care delivery system and other social services in our communities," the suit said. The suit said the Department of Veterans Affairs faced a backlog of 600,000 claims, with some veterans dying while waiting to settle claims. It also claimed the VA was unable to deal with the growing number of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder cases.—MNA/Reuters

Djibouti Airways cargo plane crashes in Somali

ADDIS ABABA, 24 July—One person died and eight others sustained light and severe injuries after a cargo airplane, which is the property of the Djibouti Airways, crashed in Ethiopia's Somali Region on Monday, Ethiopian police said.

The official *Ethiopian News Agency* quoted Guled Diryo, a local police officer, as saying that the accident occurred on Monday in Shinele town at around 1:00 pm (1000 GMT).

One of the persons on board died after he was sent to a local hospital and all of the injured were admitted to the hospital for medical treatments, according to the news agency.

The *Antonov An-26* cargo airplane, which took off from east Ethiopia's Dire Dawa Airport for Djibouti, crashed due to technical failure, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

Landslide kills 30 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 24 July — About 30 people were killed after landslide hit a remote village in Indonesia's Central Sulawesi Province, local Press said Monday.

The landslide swept through Bungko Utara Village in Morowali regency at around 19:00 local time Sunday, reported leading news website Detikcom.

"We got reports from a local clinic that around 30 people were killed in the accident," Health Ministry official Rustam Pakaya was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



The *i-Limb*, one of the world's first bionic hands, is seen with other prosthetic limbs in New York on 23 July, 2007. — XINHUA

Snake gourd cultivation increases individual income of Paukkon village in Minhla township

Article: Nu Nu Yi, Tin Tin Win
Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



A long row of snake gourd trellis seen at Paukkon village, Minhla Township.

A large number of snake gourds thriving in the fields stretching out as far as the eye could see welcomed us when we of the Myanma Alin team arrived at Paukkon village in Minhla Township, Bago Division.

The land surface of Minhla Township in Bago Division gradually inclines westwards. The

Thanks to its humid atmosphere, the village cultivates crops and vegetables all around the year. The village grows snake gourd *Thichosanthes anguina* from March to July annually, matpe from July to October, and cabbage from October to February. It also grows groundnut as mixed crop. Rice is

which can be said to be its main source of income. The village is transporting truck-loads of the produce almost daily to Bayintnaung and Thirimingala wholesale markets in Yangon. If a farmer grows 0.22 acres of snake gourd he can make a profit of K 150,000 within five months.

A farmer needs to feed the plants with natural and chemical fertilizers in a



Snake gourd needs trellis to grow well.



“Snake gourd likes water and is a water-and pest-resistant crop”, Village head U Han Shwe tells us.

proportionate ratio once a week to increase their yield.

Almost every household in Paukkon village cultivates snake gourd during the season. Large piles of the produce can be seen at the village at the harvesting time.

When we interviewed Ma Nyo Nyo Than, a farmer and a trader of the produce, she said, “I sell bundles each containing 25 snake gourds at K 1800 per unit at the start of the harvesting season. Now I am selling them at unit price of K 1200.”

Chairman of Village

Peace and Development Council U Han Shwe, on behalf of the village farmers, also told us, “Snake gourd likes water and it is a weather-and pest-resistant crop.

Hence, the village is famous for its snake gourd produce as almost all the families of the village grow the plant.”

It is important for a village to have robust economy to implement the

five-rural development project. A village like Paukkon where individual income is increasing will certainly achieve progress in various sectors. Donations made every day by the local people at the village monastery stand witness to the fact.

(Translation: TMT)

(Myanma Alin: 8-7-2007)

ONE VILLAGE ONE PRODUCT

township grows rice and other crops on the lowlands in the west and vegetables on the higher ground in the east. Paukkon village of the township is renowned for its agriculture business.

cultivated on lowland areas.

Paukkon village plays an important role in Minhla Township that is designated as a special agriculture zone. It is also famous for its snake gourd



Village women tying snake gourds into bundles for transport.

National Convention Convening Commission holds...

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NC delegate groups had presented, some were submitted in the framework of the six objectives of the National Convention and the already-adopted detailed basic principles, and they deserved serious consideration.

It is needed to seek the approval of all delegate groups in order to adopt such appropriate

stances of the delegate groups through respective panels of chairmen.

When the delegate groups submit their stances to the Work Committee through respective panels of chairmen, the Work Committee has to forward the stances to the NCCC.

The NCCC, the Work Committee, the Management Committee, mem-

So, all those responsible have to work hard harmoniously in this regard.

Those with negative views and subversive elements inside and outside the country are now resorting to various means to tarnish the image and disrupt the functions of the ongoing National Convention. Nonetheless, they are just a handful of people. The entire people are aspiring for the emergence of a State constitution that is being drawn in accordance with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted.

The NCCC chairman called for hard work for successful completion of the National Convention and fulfilling the requirements for the well-being of the delegates such as in their stay, meals, transportation, health care and security while the NC is in session.

The NCCC secretary reported on work progress in recording the processes of the NC, administrative matters for the delegates,



MAHASI MISSIONARY ARRIVES BACK : Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujata of Mahasi Ayeyektha Monastery in Toungoo and Mahasi Pyaisonaye Monastery in Yangon on arrival at Yangon International Airport on 25 July, 2007. The Sayadaw toured Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand to teach meditation methods for a month. — H

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suggestions as detailed basic principles of respective chapters. In the process, the Work Committee will have to find out the

members of panel of chairmen and all NC delegates are duty-bound to accomplish other works to be carried out at the ongoing session.

Foreign Minister felicitates his counterpart of Republic of Maldives

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — On the occasion of the 42nd Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Ahmed Shaheed, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives. — MNA

USDA CEC member attends road, bridges opening ceremony

YANGON, 25 July — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of Bogyoke Road and nine concrete bridges constructed by Pyapon Township

Development Affairs Committee with the contribution of local people in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division on 23 July.

It was also attended by Pyapon District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Myo Chit, district/township level departmental officials and members of social

organizations.

The responsible persons opened the road and nine bridges. Next, the CEC member and party looked into the new road. The CEC member also inspected the Kandawgyi clean water tank and factory, and gave necessary instructions.

Similarly, the CEC member attended the

opening ceremony of Kyonbok wooden bridge in Dedaye Township. At the office of Dedaye Township DAC, the CEC member heard reports on rural development and organizational tasks presented by officials and left necessary instructions.

Next, the minister met with service personnel at the office of Kungyangon Township DAC. After hearing reports on supply of water in the township, the minister fulfilled the requirements and delivered an address.

Later, the CEC member gave instructions on construction of roads and bridges in rural region at the office of Kawhmu Township DAC.

The minister also met with service personnel at the office of Twantay Township DAC and attended to the needs.

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NCCC Vice-Chairman Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe in his report said that of the proposal papers submitted by delegate groups and delegates regarding the seven chapters at the last NC session, some are the ones that can benefit the nation and the people. He also gave an account of the programmes the Work Committee will have to implement to seek the approval of all delegate groups through respective panels of chairmen.

Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung

reported on the tasks the committee is carrying out for the well-being of the delegates in the accommodation, reception, welfare, transportation and health care services.

The commission members held discussions and submitted means for successful completion of the NC.

The Secretary-1 assessed the reports and gave conclusion remarks. The meeting ended at 10.15 am.

NCCC Vice-Chairman Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut also attended the meeting.

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No interest and trust in NLD

83 members resign from Ayadaw Township NLD

YANGON, 25 July — A total of 83 members including U Zaw Naing Win, U Chit Than, U Kyi Nyo, U Zaw Myint Naing and Daw Khin Than of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division, resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned on 15 July.

In their resignation letters sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they did not trust the party any longer nor take interest in the performance of the party. That was why they resigned from the party, they said. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends an opening ceremony of a bridge in Pyapon. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets wellwishers at a ceremony to donate cash and kind to National Convention. — MNA

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein...

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Vice-Chairman of the NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Commission members and officials also accepted 30 bags of rice worth K 780,000 donated by U Aung Than Oo of Myanmar Paddy and Rice Merchants Association; 30 bags of rice worth K 780,000 donated by U Soe Maung of MPRMA; 1,200 copies of note books and 1,200 pieces of key chains worth K 762,000 by Managing Director U Soe Paing of Myanmar Optic Glasses Co Ltd; K 700,000 for 16 shows of films in July at the National Convention by Chairman U Myint Thein Pe of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon; 4,800 bottles of Hmancho traditional medicine cough syrup worth K 675,000 by U Hla Htay-Daw Tin Nwe Oo; 120 viss of fish flash worth K 540,000 by General

Manager U Than Lwin of Asia Kye Pwar Yay Co Ltd; 20 bags of rice worth K 520,000 each by Mandalay and Ayeyawady Division branches of Myanmar Paddy and Rice Merchants Association and Rakhine State Rice and Paddy Co Ltd; K 500,000 each by 29 wellwishers; K 400,000 by U Chit Khaing of Ayethaya Golf Resort; 200 viss of fish worth K 400,000 by Annawa Fisheries Holdings Ltd; 15 bags of rice each by First Hsanther Trading Co, Bago (East) and (West), Sagaing Divisions Mon State and Magway Division branches of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Merchants Association; 700 viss of onion worth K 33,600 by Chairman U Pyone of Myanmar Onion,

Garlic and Kitchen Crops Merchants Association; K 300,000 each by 18 wellwishers and cash and kind donations of 26 wellwishers. Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

On behalf of the wellwishers, NC delegate U Win Myint explained the purpose of the donations.

Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and NCCC members cordially greeted the wellwishers.

Today's donations of 104 wellwishers totalled K 53,265,500 — K 30,500,000 in cash and donations worth K 22,765,500. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects...

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necessary instructions. Afterwards, they inspected sanitation tasks along Thamaing Creek drain between Mayangon and Hline townships.

In his instruction at the work sites, Lt-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need for officials at different levels to supervise tasks for proper flow of water at drains in order to prevent overflow

of water in townships. Hence, it is necessary to upgrade the drains to the concrete ones. Not to block flow of water at the drains, necessary action is to be taken against those who throw garbage and waste into the drains. — MNA

CEC Member looks into regional development tasks in Kayah State

YANGON, 25 July — CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Nyunt Tin attended a ceremony to open the extended building of Basic Education Primary School of Kayanthaya (North) in Loikaw on 23 July.

First, the CEC member and the chairman of Kayah State PDC made speeches on the occasion. Next, officials concerned formally opened the extended building of the school.

Afterwards, Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Kyi of Kayah State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and officials presented school uniforms to the students. Next, the CEC member and party inspected the extended building.

Afterwards, the CEC member and party attended a ceremony to open the rural health care centre (Branch) in Loikaw. Upon arrival at construction site of No 1 Sethmu Ward, the

CEC member gave instructions on building of the briefing hall.

Afterwards, Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Lwin of Kayah State People's Hospital accepted water tanks, water purifier and related docu-

ments of the building of the common room donated by World Vision Myanmar.

Next, the CEC member and party attended a ceremony to honour the students who won distinctions in 2007 matricula-

tion examination.

Afterwards, they attended Waso robes and Buddha statues offering ceremony in Loikaw on 24 July and offered provisions to members of the Sangha.

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Weeks-long tour of Singapore scheduled

YANGON, 25 July — STI Education in Myanmar and GBS of Singapore have planned to make an excursion tour to Singapore from two to four weeks in order to study economy and management of Singapore in the last week of August.

During the tour, economists of Guilford Business School will give lectures and participants will be taken to visit 15 interesting places in Singapore including National University of Singapore, Singapore Management University, Nanyang Technological University, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Monetary Authority of Singapore, Sing Tel, Creative Technology, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Housing Development Board, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Asia Pacific

Brewery-Tiger Beer, Singapore Port Authority, Mi and Star Hub.

Those wishing to participate in the tour can contact STI Education, Building-7/Room-3 and Building-4/Room-7, Myanmar Info Tech in Hline Campus (Ph: 507046, 507048,

507151 and 507152). A seminar on the tour will be held at 3 pm on 28 July at the same venue. Besides, Mr David Stevens will lecture on curriculum material design and development at 1 pm on the same day.

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Commander, Minister inspect Myogyi Dam Project in Ywangan Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam Project in Ywangan Township, Shan State (South), on 22 July and called for timely completion of the project.

The project is being implemented by the Irrigation Department. At the briefing hall of the dam, an official of the project reported to the commander and the minister

on construction of the main dam and tunnels of the dam.

Two 15-MW generators will be installed.

The main tunnel of the dam will be 1,698 ft long and so far, over 700-ft-long distance of the tunnel has been dug. The diversion tunnel is 1,575 ft long and concrete laying of the interior surface is in progress.

During the tour, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo visited the construction site of the tunnels and called for minimizing wastage.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspect Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam in Ywangan Township, Shan State (South). — A & I

Labour beats Defence 3-2

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Phyo Maung Maung Oo scored two goals to secure Ministry of Labour's 3-2 victory over Ministry of Defence in the group DD in the second round of the First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament in Paungloun Sports Ground of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, today.

Soe Khaing Win scored one goal for the Ministry of Labour, and Zaw Win Hlaing shot double for the Ministry of Defence.

Among the spectators were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Deputy Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Aung Kyi.

In Paungloun Sports Ground, Ministry of Industry-1 plays against Ministry of Communications, Posts



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin enjoys football match of Ministry of Labour team and Ministry of Defence team.

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and Telegraphs in the group-AA tomorrow, and Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs against Ministry of

Livestock and Fisheries on 27 July in group-AA, and Ministry of Commerce meets Ministry of Cooperatives on 28 July in group-BB.

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Minister inspects upstream Paunglaung Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min together with officials concerned went on an inspection tour of upstream Paunglaung Hydropower Project, which is being implemented on Paunglaung river, 26 mile east of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana, this morning.

At the briefing hall, project director U Tin Aye briefed the minister on data of the project, completion of earth work, condition of already-built Paunglaung

river crossing bridge, future tasks, progress of building the diversion canal and Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the minister fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions on timely completion of the project tasks meeting the set standards. Next, the minister and party inspected earth works at the bottom of the embankment and diversion canal. Afterwards, the minister presented cash

award to service personnel who participated in the construction of the diversion canal.

After that the minister met with officials and gave instructions on efforts to be made for timely completion of the project tasks as targeted and maintenance of the approach road of the project and minimizing waste and loss and occupational safety.

Upon completion, the project can benefit 140 megawatts for the local people. — MNA

Minister visits Pyitaungdan Oil Field, Fertilizer Plant (Kyawswa)

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi visited Pyitaungdan Oil field in Bago Division (West) on 22 July and inspected the oil exploration project, a joint venture of China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) and Myanmar.

First, the minister visited Oil Well PSC 101 which produces 39 barrels of condensate and 4.2 million cubic feet of natural

gas per day.

During his inspection tour of the Oil Well PSC 2, officials concerned reported on condition of drilling the well.

He also urged officials concerned to make more efforts for meeting the target for exploration of oil and natural gas in Pyawbwe which has prospects for oil and gas.

On 23 July, Minister Brig-Gen Lun

Thi visited Fertilizer Plant No 3 (Kyawswa) in Aunglan Township, Magway Division, and called on employees of the factory to step up their efforts for an increase in production of the factory.

On his visit to the factory, the minister inspected the control room, the distribution department and maintenance of machinery and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Six NATO led troops killed in Afghan violence

KABUL, 24 July — Six NATO-led soldiers were killed in the past two days in violence in Afghanistan, military spokesmen said on Monday.

Four soldiers were killed and one wounded when their convoy was struck by an improvised explosive device while on combat operations in eastern Afghanistan, Lieutenant-Colonel Claudia Foss of the NATO-led forces said. The nationalities of the victims have not yet been released. One Norwegian soldier was killed in a clash to the south of Kabul on Monday, Oslo said.

On Sunday, another NATO soldier was killed in an ambush in the eastern province of Kunar, the alliance said.

The deaths occurred as US-led troops killed more than four dozen insurgents in a battle in Afghanistan's southern province of Helmand, the US military said.

The military said there

had been no civilian casualties but one resident of the area told Reuters at least eight civilians died in Sunday's battle in the province's Musa Qala District.

MNA/Reuters

PBANRDA Ministry offers Waso robes to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 25 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing, the PBANRDA Ministry held the 15th Waso robe offering ceremony at Border Areas and National Races Development (Tiger)

Parahita School on Kamayut Railways Station Road in Hline Township this morning.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Uttara of Zeyawady Monastery of Hline Township. The Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts and recited Parittas together

with other members of the Sangha.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe and wife Daw Khin Mya Chit donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Later, the Zeyawady Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

MNA

Twin car bombings kill six in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 July — At least six people were killed and 12 others were injured in twin car bombings in central Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

“Two booby-trapped cars parking in two locations in Baghdad's Karradah neighbourhood detonated in a quick succession, killing a total of six people and wounding 12 others,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

One of the car bombs was parking near a police headquarters in Karradah neighbourhood and the other was near a market in the same neighbourhood, the source said. He added that the toll could rise as ambulances are evacuating more victims. — MNA/Xinhua

Philippine police on heightened alert for ASEAN meeting

MANILA, 25 July — After Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's State of the Nation Address (SONA), the police is maintaining a nationwide heightened alert for the 40th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Ministerial Meeting next week, officials said on Tuesday.

"This is a continuing alert status because of the upcoming ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, especially now that the delegates will soon be arriving," said Director Wilfredo Garcia, Philippine National Police Directorate for Operations chief.

The heightened alert was raised Saturday, two days before the SONA, in anticipation of protest rallies.

A heightened alert means half of the 118,000-strong police force must remain at their posts at all times.

Over 6,000 cops will be fielded in Metro Manila to ensure peace and order and to secure some 40 ministers and their spouses, said Garcia.

The delegates will be arriving in the country on 26 July. The ministerial meeting formally opens on 27 July.

MNA/Xinhua



Nigerian pupils work on computers at a primary school in Abuja, in this 30 May, 2007 picture. A non-profit group that designs low-cost computers for poor children hopes to start selling multimedia laptops to consumers by Christmas, a foundation executive said on Monday. — INTERNET



Cast member Gretchen Mol (R) arrives with her husband Tod Williams at the premiere for the movie "The Ten" in New York, on 23 July, 2007.

XINHUA

Insurers face UK flood bill of over \$4.12b

LONDON, 24 July — Insurers face their biggest UK flood bill in 20 years, with claims set to top two billion pounds (4.12 billion US dollars) after intense rain left swathes of central, northern and southern England under water.

The bill from flooding in recent days across the central counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire is likely to run into hundreds of millions of pounds, an Association of British Insurers (ABI) spokeswoman said.

That comes on top of an estimated bill of 1.5 billion pounds from flooding in June that hit central and northern England and caused chaos in the cities of Sheffield and Hull, the ABI said.

"We could see claims in excess of two billion pounds," the ABI spokeswoman said.

MNA/Reuters

Thousands of homes without water after floods in England

EVESHAM(England), 24 July — Thousands of people in Gloucestershire were without water on Monday after a treatment works had to be shut down due to flooding from torrential rain.

Bottles of water are being handed out by Severn Trent after its pumps at Mythe Water Treatment Works in Tewkesbury, which serves the towns of Gloucester and Cheltenham,

southwest England, became engulfed in flood water.

About 70,000 properties are without water, and as many as 140,000 may be affected, a spokesman for the water utility said.

It could be days before pumps are working again, and flood water are expected to continue rising, he told the BBC.

People living in Cheltenham are being urged to use water sparingly as only about 20

hours of supply are left. Prime Minister Gordon Brown is expected to visit a flood stricken area of western England on Monday to see the damage and recovery efforts.

In southeast London 175,000 people were warned to boil their tap water after torrential rain caused flooding at Sutton and East Surrey Water's Cheam treatment plant and affected the water supply.

MNA/Reuters

Four killed, two wounded in US shooting

WASHINGTON, 24 July — Four people were killed and two others were wounded Monday morning in a shooting incident in Atlanta, in the southeastern US state of Georgia, US media reported.

The alleged gunman, identified as Abdulaziz Ibrahim, shot three people to death and wounding two others before killing himself, CNN reported, quoting Atlanta police.

The incident, which was apparently murder-suicide, occurred at around 7:00 am local time in a home in southwest Atlanta, and it appeared the gunman and all the victims were related, police said.

The two wounded, with one only three years old, were rushed to hospital and were in critical condition.

MNA/Xinhua

Flood kills 40 in N-W Pakistan, 40 missing

ISLAMABAD, 24 July — Pakistani villagers retrieved 10 more bodies from debris on Monday to take the death toll to 40

from a flash flood that swept through their home in the mountainous northwest last week, police said.

Forty people were still missing as authorities faced difficulties removing debris due to a lack of heavy machinery in the area.

The flood washed away more than a dozen houses on Friday in Ushari Dara in Dir District, 190 kilometres (120 miles) northwest of Islamabad.

"We have 40 deaths while about 40 are still missing," police officer Faiz Mohammad at the Dir police control room told Reuters. He said local authorities lacked heavy machinery.

MNA/Reuters



Photo grabbed from local television shows a building burns after it was crashed by an aircraft in Basel, Switzerland, on 23 July, 2007. A small aircraft crashed on Monday into a building in the Swiss city of Basel, killing the pilot and injuring three others, local police said. —XINHUA

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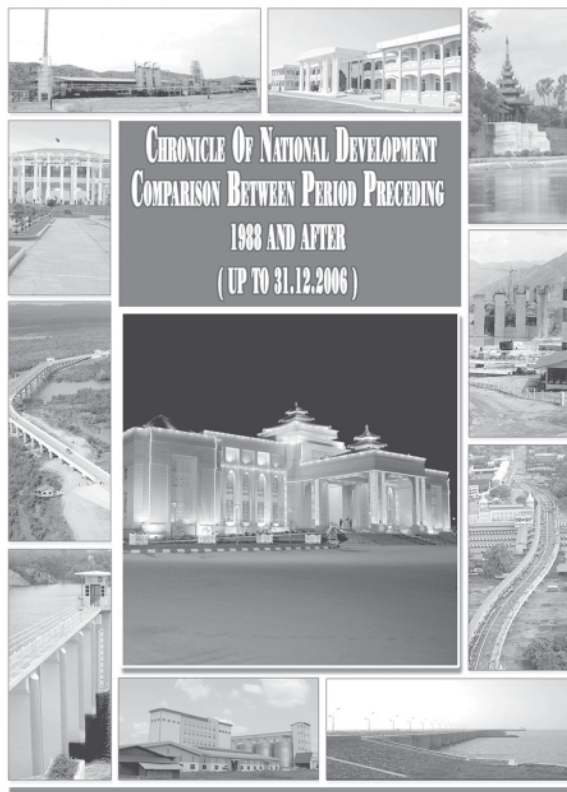
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Indonesia grounds all "OV-10" aircraft after accident

JAKARTA, 24 July—The Indonesian Air Force decided Monday to ground the remaining light attack aircraft *OV-10 Bronco* following an accident that killed a pilot earlier in the day.

"All the *Broncos* will be grounded until we know the cause of the accident," Air Force Chief Air Marshall Herman Prayitno told reporters here.—MNA/Xinhua



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WHO warns of worsening dengue spread in Western Pacific

MANILA, 24 July —The World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday warned that the Western Pacific Region may be heading for a major dengue outbreak unless concerted effort and cooperation are undertaken quickly.

The disease, which arrived earlier than usual in this year, has already caused hundreds of deaths in the region, the WHO's Regional Office for the Western Pacific said in a statement.

Stronger political commitment and greater spending from Member States are needed to support dengue prevention and control programme, so as to improve dengue surveillance and the management of patients, the statement said. For the past decade, ten countries and areas, namely Cambodia, China, French Polynesia, Fiji,

Malaysia, Laos, New Caledonia, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam, accounted for 98.4 per cent of all dengue cases and 99.7 per cent of all deaths in the Western Pacific Region, it added.

The statement, however, said that current official information from most WHO members is incomplete, making it difficult to get an accurate estimate of the magnitude

of the problem in the Western Pacific Region. It urged countries to provide dengue information to the WHO.

Since there is no vaccine to prevent dengue nor are there any effective antiviral drugs to treat the disease, the WHO has called for an integrated approach among its members to dengue fever prevention and control.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive-by shooting killed one, injured another in Thai south

BANGKOK, 24 July—Violence went on unabated in Thailand's far southern region as a man was killed and another injured in a drive-by shooting in Yala Province Monday, media here quoted local police as saying.

Mahama Jehni, a 46-year-old Muslim man, was killed in Ban Ubeng Village in Yaha District at 12:30 pm, according to news network *The Nation*.

His friend, Abdulkoder Yayor, 44, was shot at his leg and injured.

Police said the two victims were riding their motorcycle when two men on another motorcycle caught up with them and opened fire at them.

MNA/Xinhua

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NZ scientists find new clue of obesity

WELLINGTON, 25 July —New Zealand scientists have discovered new clues that help to explain why some people appear more likely than others to put on weight.

Auckland's Liggins Institute released a report Wednesday suggesting that not all people are biologically the same.

The study shows that the fetus takes cues from its life in the womb, such as the availability of nutrients, to predict what its future environment will be and chart a course of development that will fit it for that life.

Thus, if a mother has

a poor diet during pregnancy, her fetus might predict that future food supplies will be scarce and set its metabolism to store and conserve fat.

However, if this early prediction proves false and food — particularly food high in fat — is readily available, the infant may find its metabolism programmed for adult obesity and conditions such as heart disease and diabetes.

In a landmark study published two years ago the group provided the first experimental evidence that this developmental programming could be reversed.—Internet

Soft drink may increase heart disease risk

BEIJING, 24 July —Drinking one or more soft drinks a day may increase the risk of getting heart disease, media reports quoting a new research said Tuesday.

The research published in the US Heart Association's journal *Circulation* finds that adults who drink one or more soft drinks a day have about a 50 percent higher risk of metabolic syndrome, which in turn boosts the chance of getting heart disease. In the five criteria to diagnose metabolic syndrome, the study finds a 30 percent increased risk of developing a large waistline, a 25 percent increased risk of developing high blood triglycerides as well as high blood sugar, and a 32 percent higher risk of having low high-density

lipoprotein or "good" cholesterol levels, showing no significant link with blood pressure.

Prior studies have linked consumption of sugar-laden soft drinks with multiple risk factors for heart disease, but Ramachandran Vasan of Boston University School of Medicine and his colleagues also find the link extends to diet soft drinks. After adjusting for intake of fat, fiber consumption, total calories, smoking, and physical activity, there is still a link between soft drink intake and metabolic risk factors.

"Even one soda per day



Drinking one or more soft drinks a day may increase the risk of getting heart disease, media reports quoting a new research said on 24 July, 2007.—INTERNET

increases your risk of developing metabolic syndrome by about 50 percent," said Vasan.

But Vasan added that the observational study

could not discern any evidence that drinking soft drinks actually caused the metabolic syndrome. More study is needed.—Internet

Final Potter book sales setting record



Fans of the Harry Potter book series pose for media at the start of the sales of JK Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" in Berlin on 21 July, 2007.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 24 July—"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the seventh and final volume of JK Rowling's bestselling series, sold a record 11 million copies in its first 24 hours on sale in three markets alone, publishers announced Monday. US sales hit a mountainous 8.3

million its first day, according to US publisher Scholastic Inc. In Britain, Bloomsbury sold a record 2.7 million copies of the final Potter book in the first 24 hours.

In addition, nearly 400,000 copies of the book's English language edition were bought in

Germany over the same period. No other book, not even any of the six previous Potters, has been so desired. "Deathly Hallows" averaged more than 300,000 copies in sales per hour — more than 5,000 a minute — in the United States. Both Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble announced that pre-orders exceeded 1 million. On Sunday, seven of the top best sellers on Amazon were Potter-related.

Thousands of Potter fans queued outside book stores in major cities around the world over the weekend to get hold of the book, which answers the question "Does Harry survive?"

Internet

Lindsay Lohan arrested for drunken driving

LOS ANGELES, 24 July —Hollywood actress Lindsay Lohan, who recently spent more than a month in treatment for alcoholism, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of drunken driving and cocaine possession, police said.

The 21-year-old actress, who is already facing a drunken driving charge in Beverly Hills, was arrested about 1:30 am in the Pacific coastal town of Santa Monica near Los Angeles.

Lohan was booked for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possession of cocaine, and driving on a suspended or revoked license. She was released after posting a 25,000-dollar bail. In a hastily convened news briefing outside the Santa Monica police station, a police officer told reporters that another motorist — whom police described as the mother of



Actress Lindsay Lohan

Lohan's personal assistant — had called police on her cell phone and alleged that the actress was chasing after her in an SUV.

Police said the other motorist and Lohan were in a parking lot and were arguing when officers arrived.—Internet

Study says humans to blame for global changes in rain

WASHINGTON, 24 July — Human activities that spur global warming are largely to blame for changes in rainfall patterns

over the last century, climate researchers reported on Monday.

The report was released as record rains caused deadly flooding in Britain and China. Human-caused climate change has been responsible for higher air temperatures and hotter seas and is widely expected to lead to more droughts, wildfires and floods, but the authors

say this is the first study to specifically link it to precipitation changes.

"For the first time, climate scientists have clearly detected the human fingerprint on changing global precipitation patterns over the past century," researchers from Environment Canada said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



Director and executive producer Michael Bay (L) and cast member Josh Duhamel pose during a news conference of the film "Transformers" in Tokyo on 23 July, 2007.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Three semi-finalists to get byes to 2011 Asian Cup

BANGKOK, 25 July — Three of the four Asian Cup semi-finalists will be given byes to the 2011 finals, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Tuesday.

This year's 3rd/4th place match takes on added significance with the two losing semi-finalists made to go head-to-head for automatic qualification.

South Korea, Japan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia all have a chance to book their places in the 2011 competition in Wednesday's semifinals.

Three-times champions Japan face Saudi Arabia in Hanoi, and Iraq take on South Korea in Kuala Lumpur. *MNA/Reuters*



Japanese players celebrate after winning the penalty shootout against Australia in the quarterfinal match of the Asian Football Cup in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 21 July, 2007. Japan won the match 5-4 and advanced to the semifinal.—XINHUA

Bobby Charlton visits Cambodia to promote soccer

PHNOM PENH, 25 July — British football legend Bobby Charlton arrived in Cambodia Tuesday for a goodwill visit, hoping to boost the country's soccer programme. "Everyone's waiting for Cambodia. Everyone else are just very happy playing soccer in Asia, so Cambodia is next," Charlton told reporters as he left Phnom Penh airport.

During his four-day visit, Charlton said, he will take part in a landmine victim awareness programme.

"We are going to try to teach young people how to recognize the dangerous mines that are still around," Charlton said. His visit is also intended to breathe some life into Cambodia's ailing soccer programme.

Battered by its opponents abroad and beset by scandal at home, the national team is currently ranked 169th in the world.— *MNA/Xinhua*



English Premiership champions Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo (Top) vies with an unidentified Shenzhen Shangqingyin's player during a friendly match in Macau, south China, on 23 July, 2007. Manchester United won the match 6-0.—XINHUA

Injured Scholes to miss start of new season

MACAU, 25 July — Manchester United playmaker Paul Scholes is to have an exploratory knee operation that will rule him out of the start of next season, the club said on Monday.

The influential midfielder has been sent home from their Asian tour after missing the English champions' 6-0 win over Shenzhen Xiangxue in Macao on Monday.

"Paul felt his knee in the last game (against FC Seoul) and we've sent him home for scope to see what kind of damage there is," United manager Alex Ferguson told reporters.

"We've had some scans done and there is a bit of discolourment about the cartilage.

"We don't think it is serious, but we will keep him out for about three weeks to a month." *MNA/Reuters*

Japan's Osim snaps into search, destroy mode

HANOI, 25 July — Japan coach Ivica Osim's cat and mouse games with the media at the Asian Cup more closely resembled a

search and destroy mission on Tuesday.

Even the most innocuous questions were once again shot down in flames

by the fire-brand Bosnian before Wednesday's semi-final against Saudi Arabia.

"Maybe I'll just change all 11 players because we're playing different opposition," Osim growled at an innocent inquiry about his thoughts on the Saudis.

"I don't know why I have to sit here and answer these daft questions time and time again. It's a real shame." Osim's siege mentality deteriorated to the point that he prematurely ordered reporters not to look for scapegoats — more than 24 hours before the holders take on Saudi Arabia.—*MNA/Reuters*



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher is pictured in action against the Cleveland Indians in the fourth inning of their MLB American League baseball game in Cleveland, Ohio on 24 July, 2007. Matsuzaka picked up his 12th win with a 1-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians.—INTERNET

Kaka to stay in Milan

MILAN, 25 July — Brazil playmaker Kaka said on Tuesday he was committed to AC Milan and had never asked for a transfer to Spanish champions Real Madrid.

The European champions have spent most of the close season repelling Real's advances for 25-year-old Kaka, one of the best players in the world.

Milan said in June they were aware Kaka's father had met Madrid officials.

Kaka, who was rested from the Copa America at Milan's request, has been back in Brazil and had stayed silent on the matter until now.

"I have never demanded anything at Milan, I have never asked to renew my contract, to leave or to have a clause to rescind it like many have said," Kaka told a news conference at Milan's training ground. "There was a meeting with Real Madrid and Milan were the first to know about it."

Milan President Silvio Berlusconi reaffirmed on Monday that Kaka would not be sold. *MNA/Reuters*



AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti addresses a news conference at the Olympic Stadium in Athens on 22 May, 2007. AC Milan will face Liverpool in the Champions League final soccer match in Athens on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Mort replaces Shepherd as Newcastle chairman

LONDON, 25 July — Freddy Shepherd was replaced as chairman of Newcastle United by his deputy Chris Mort, the Premier League club announced on Tuesday. "I am delighted to become chairman of such a fabulous club," Mort was quoted as saying on the club's website (www.nufc.premiumtv.co.uk).

"Since arriving at St. James' Park I have been hugely encouraged by the warm welcome I have received from fans.

"The strategic review of the club is going well and, with the new season fast approaching, we feel the time is right to make the change."

The move follows sportswear tycoon Mike Ashley's 134.0 million pound (275.7 million US dollars) takeover of the club last month. *MNA/Reuters*

Tevez agent starts legal action against West Ham

LONDON, 25 July — Representatives of Argentina striker Carlos Tevez on Tuesday started legal proceedings against West Ham United in a bid to settle their dispute over his proposed transfer to Manchester United.

West Ham own Tevez' playing registration but his agent Kia Joorabchian says he retains the striker's economic rights and therefore is entitled to any

transfer fee.

Tevez' move to the Premier League champions has stalled over the question of who should be paid that fee, estimated by the British media to be worth up to 30 million pounds (61.73 million US dollars).

World soccer's governing body FIFA earlier on Tuesday recommended the dispute be settled by the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).— *MNA/Reuters*



Los Angeles Galaxy soccer star David Beckham celebrates his team scoring a goal with his son Romeo and mother Sandra (bottom) while watching them play their SuperLiga tournament friendly match against CF Pachuca from a private box in Carson, California on 24 July, 2007.—INTERNET

China claims first cloned rabbit

BEIJING, 25 July — China has produced the world's first cloned rabbit using a biological process that takes cells from a foetus, state media said on Tuesday.

The female rabbit, which weighed 60 grammes at birth in February, was now growing normally at an animal centre in Shanghai, the *China Daily* said.

Scientists have cloned mice, cattle and other animals since the first cloned sheep, Dolly, was born in 1996. Malaysia is even trying to clone some

of its threatened leather-back turtles to save them from extinction.

But it was only in 2002 that French scientists produced the world's first cloned rabbit using cells from an adult female rabbit, the paper said.

The Chinese rabbit was the world's first to be cloned using "fibroblast" cells from a foetal rabbit, the *China Daily* said.

"Chinese cloning research has reached a global advanced level," the newspaper quoted Wang Hongguang,

director of the China Centre for Biotechnology Development, under the Ministry of

Science and Technology, as saying.

MNA/Reuters

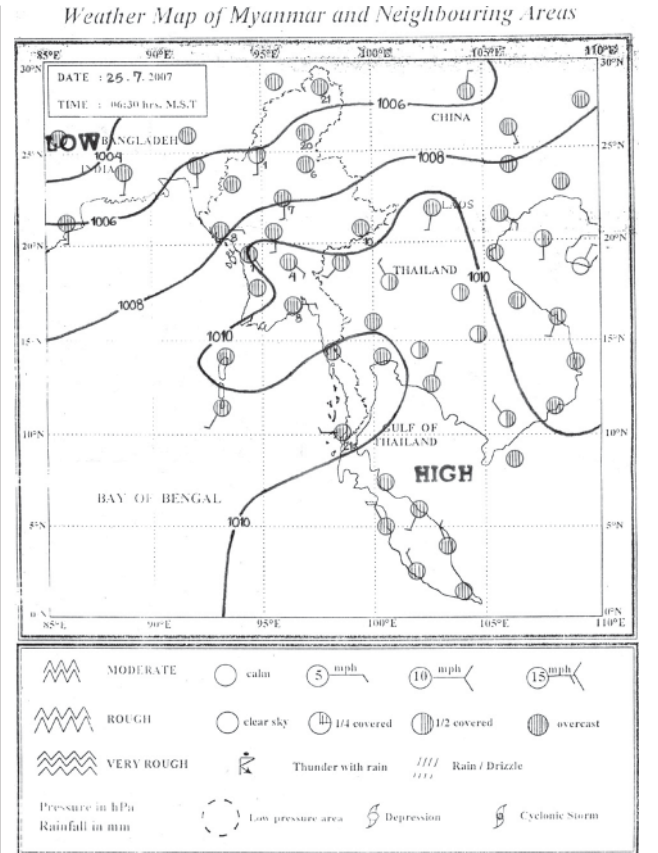
17 rescued from vessel on fire in southern Philippines

MANILA, 25 July — A fire razed a ship off Tawi-Tawi Island in the southern Philippines, forcing its passengers and crew members to jump off the ill-fated vessel, the Philippine Coast Guard said on Tuesday.

The Coast Guard in Manila reported that 17 people of *MV Katrina* had been rescued.

Commander Abdulahim Utulam, deputy district commander of Southwest-Western District Coast Guard, said rescue operations are ongoing, and the cause of the fire has yet to be determined. The Coast Guard said it received the incident report from *MV Federal Rhine* that spotted the burning vessel at 11:39 Tuesday morning.

No information was immediately available as to how many people were on board. — MNA/Xinhua



Polar bear Gogo bites at an ice pillar containing apples at Tennoji Zoo in Osaka, western Japan, on 22 July, 2007. Zoo keepers presented four ice pillars to Gogo, the 2-year-old male polar bear, to beat the summer heat. — INTERNET



Thursday, 26 July
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 5. Dance of national races</p> <p>8:10 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am 7. Dance variety</p> <p>8:30 am 8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 9. Let's Go</p>	<p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. Musical programme</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. Cute little dancers</p> <p>5:10 pm 6. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ</p> <p>5:20 pm 7. Myanmar Movie: "သူနဲ့ပဲနေတော့မယ်" (ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ကြူကြူလင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇွဲဦး MRTV)</p> <p>5:25 pm 8. Musical programme</p> <p>5:35 pm 9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ</p> <p>5:45 pm 10. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများအချင်းချင်း ပေါင်းစပ်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း</p>	<p>(အာဆီယံယဉ်ကျေးမှု၊ ပြန်ကြားရေးကော်မတီနှင့် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ)</p> <p>6:00 pm 11. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 12. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 13. သီရိဇောတာ</p> <p>7:00 pm 14. Discovery</p> <p>7:10 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ ရျစ်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၆)</p> <p>8:00 pm 16. News</p> <p>8:05 pm 17. International news</p> <p>8:10 pm 18. Weather report</p> <p>8:15 pm 19. Myanmar Movie: "ရွှေမှုန်ကြဲတဲ့မိုးကောင်းကင်" (အပိုင်း-၁) (လှမင်း၊ ရာဇာဇေဝင်း၊ သားညို၊ ထက်ထက်မိုးဦး၊ မိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-နောင်ထွန်းလွင်၊ ညီညီထွန်းလွင်)</p> <p>8:20 pm 20. The next day's programme</p>
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Thursday, 26 July
Tune in today

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 25 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Magway Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.24) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) and Mogok (1.54) inches each, Kyauktaw (1.42) inches, Putao (1.26) inches, Machanbaw (0.87) inch, Kawthoung (0.83) inch and Pyinmana and Aunglan (0.67) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 24-7-2007 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 25-7-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-7-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 24-7-2007 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-7-2007 was (1.54) inches at Mingaladon, (0.32) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.11) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (77.56) inches at Mingaladon, (81.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (22:45) hours MST on 24-7-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is feeble to weak in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-7-2007: Rain will be widespread in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-7-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-7-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 25-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Hkamti and Mawlaik are (1514) cm and (1240) cm respectively. The water levels may remain above their respective danger levels of Hkamti (1360) cm and Mawlaik (1230) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends cash and kind donation ceremony in honour of National Convention

YANGON, 25 July — The cash and kind donation ceremony in honour of the National Convention was held at the hall of the Invitation and Reception Subcommittee at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairmen of the NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Commission members, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung

and members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, members of the Panel of Chairmen of the NC, delegates of the NC delegate groups and wellwishers.

Secretary of the Management Committee Col Win Naung acted as MC.

Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted K 200,000 donated by Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence wife Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and family through son Ko Aung Zaw Myint-Daw Aye Mya Aung; 1,100 umbrellas for men and 70 for women worth K 6,435,000 by Chairman U Soe Tun Shein of National Development Co Ltd; books worth K 2,827,500 by NC delegate U Bo Thein (Shan-East) of the Group of Workers; 1,200 books worth K 2,100,000 and 1,300 hand bags worth K 325,000 by Saya San Tin Aung



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donated by a well-wisher. — MNA

(Shwebo); K 1.5 million by UMFCCI President U Win Myint; 400 viss of vegetable oil worth K 1,150,000 by Yuzana Co Ltd; K 1 million each by Myanmar Fisheries Federation, U Kyaw Win of Shwe Than Lwin Construction Co Ltd, U Tint

Hsan of ACE Construction Co Ltd and Dr Khin Shwe of Zay Gabar Co Ltd; 220 viss of groundnut oil worth K 860,000 by U Thein Han+U Aung Myint (Myanmar Oil Dealers Association); and K 800,000 by chairmen of Ward PDCs and teach-

ers and students of Affiliated BEHS in Lshaung Village led by delegate U Maung Lwin of Peasants Group of Nabule region from Yebyu Township. The Secretary-1 presented certificates of honour to them.

(See page 9)

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects sanitation and dredging of drains in Yangon City

YANGON, 25 July — For ensuring proper flow of water, sanitation tasks and dredging of silt were carried out at drains that flow into the river in Yangon West District this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence

inspected dredging of Ywathit Creek-Kyongyi Drain along the Strand Road between Lanmadaw and Ahlon townships at 6:30 am.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein

Lin and Head of Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) U Bo Htay briefed Lt-Gen Myint Swe on tasks being carried out for proper flow of water at the drain that flows into the river.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe oversaw dredging of silt and garbage along Kwinchaung Creek near Thiri Mingala Market in

Ahlon Township, and instructed officials to take necessary action against those who throw garbage into the drain.

They also viewed sanitation tasks being undertaken by workers of YCDC at Ywama drain along Bayintnaung Road between Kamayut and Hline townships and left

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects dredging in a drain between Mayangon and Hline townships. — MNA

“General Provisions” on Pages 4 to 6

Concerning the suggestions of NC delegates on laying down of detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution, the collections of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen on the Chapter “General Provisions” presented at the Plenary Session of the National Convention which was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 23 July 2007 is featured from pages 4 to 6.