

**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

**Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) led by Chairman U Chit Maung that had returned to legal fold unconditionally exchanges arms for peace**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—After understanding the genuine goodwill of the government and the national people and development tasks of the State, a national race armed group Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) led by Chairman U Chit Maung that had returned to the legal fold unconditionally exchanged arms for peace at the sports ground in Banyin Model Village of Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South), this morning, and it was attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, senior military officers, departmental heads, members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, (See page 8)

*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents gifts to Chairman of Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization U Chit Maung.*  
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*Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye delivers an address at a ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace of SSNPLO. — MNA*

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 27 July, 2007

## Appropriate suggestions to be adopted in interests of the nation and people

The final session of the National Convention has been reconvened since 18 July to frame a State constitution. Emergence of an enduring State constitution is necessary for transforming the nation into a developed modern democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

The basic principles more than 1000 NC delegates have adopted for emergence of a State constitution in the interests of the people are designed to create a prosperous future of the nation.

At the plenary sessions held up to 29 December 2006, the eight delegate groups submitted the proposal papers they had compiled for 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 plenary sessions of the ongoing National Convention, the members of the panels of alternate chairmen have read out collections of the proposal papers of the delegate groups.

It is found that some proposal papers of the delegate groups are submitted in the framework of the six objectives of the National Convention and the already-adopted detailed basic principles, and such appropriate suggestions deserve serious consideration.

It is needed to seek the stances of all delegate groups through respective panels of chairmen to adopt the suggestions that are submitted in the interests of the nation and the people. Therefore, respective committees, members of the panels of chairmen, and delegates have to work hard in harmony for successful completion of the National Convention.

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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

## Information Minister receives guest



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Country Representative (Myanmar) of Shin Satellite Public Company Ltd Mr Nuthapong Temsiripong. — MNA

YANGON, 26 July — Country Representative (Myanmar) Mr Nuthapong Temsiripong of Shin Satellite Public Company Limited of Thailand called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan

at MRTV on Pyay Road this afternoon.

Also present at the call were directors-general of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and managing directors and officials concerned. — MNA

## Digital multifunction copiers introduced

YANGON, 26 July — Fuji Xerox Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and Concordia International Co Ltd introduced latest models of digital multifunction copiers at the special sales for monsoon season at Traders Hotel today.

Ms Chee Mei Li of Fuji Exrox also briefed on docuwork software and centre ware software produced by Fuji Exrox.

President of Fuji Xerox Asia Pacific Pte Ltd Mr Masashi Honda extended greetings before the copiers were introduced.

Service Centres for DocuCentre-II 3000 copiers were opened at Shwegon Plaza, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Ph 01 544824; 558386; No 5, Ground Floor, SY Building at 30th

Latest models of digital multifunction copiers being introduced at Traders Hotel.

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Street and between 77th Street and 78 Street, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay and at No 3-11, Bogyoke Road, Mingala Ward, Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana, Ph 067-21675. More information is available at Concordia Int'l Ltd, Ph 09-80-31373; 544828, 558386. — MNA

## UMFCCI President meets Vietnamese Ambassador

YANGON, 26 July — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of

Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay met Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung at the office of the UMFCCI.

They held comprehensive discussions on trade, investment, agricultural development and mutual economic cooperation. — MNA

UMFCCI President U Win Myint meets with Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Putin slams Britain over “colonial thinking” in row

Moscow, 25 July—Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday denounced Britain for making insulting demands that betrayed outdated colonial thinking, in comments likely to escalate a row over the murder of Alexander Litvinenko.

Britain and Russia have each expelled four diplomats in a spat over the murder and Moscow’s refusal to extradite the chief suspect in the case.

“What they propose is an obvious vestige of colonial thinking,” Putin was shown saying on Russian state television.

“They must have clearly forgotten that Britain is no longer a colonial power, there are

no colonies left and, thank God, Russia has never been a British colony,” Putin said.

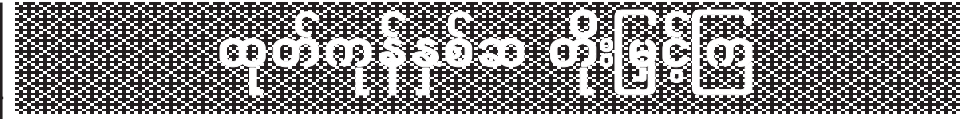
Britain has demanded Moscow extradite Russian businessman Andrei Lugovoy so that he can be put on trial in London for Litvinenko’s murder.

Russia has refused, citing its Constitution, which forbids the extradition of Russian citizens. “They should better change their brains than our Constitution,” Putin said at a meeting with youth organizations in Zavidovo, some 120 kilometres (75 miles) northwest of Moscow.

Shown wearing an open shirt and jeans and sitting surrounded by youth activists, a stern Putin used

highly forceful Russian and sometimes seemed angry, almost spitting out the word “brains”.

Asked for a reaction to Putin’s comments, a Foreign Office spokesman in London told *Reuters*: “We continue to look for a willingness from the Russian authorities to work constructively with us to bring this crime, committed in the UK, to justice in a British court.”—MNA/Reuters



A guided missile destroyer and a supply ship left this southernmost Chinese island on Tuesday for a friendship visit to Russia, Britain, Spain and France.—XINHUA

## US Treasury bans dealings with Hizbollah supporters

WASHINGTON, 25 July—The US Treasury Department said on Tuesday it has moved to block financing to Lebanese guerilla group Hizbollah by banning US transactions with a foundation in Iran and a finance company in Lebanon.

The Treasury said in a statement it was designating the Teheran-based Martyrs Foundation and the Al-Qard al-Hassan finance firm in Beirut as providing financial support to terrorist organizations.

The move invokes an executive order to freeze any assets they may have under US jurisdiction and prohibit any Americans from conducting transactions with them. Two individuals associated with Hizbollah support activities also were blacklisted. The designation includes a Dearborn, Michigan-based fundraising office set up by the Martyrs Foundation under the name Goodwill Charitable Organization.—MNA/Reuters



Japanese toymaker Tomy Company’s ‘Omnibot17u i-SOBOT’, listed by the Guinness Book of Records as the world’s smallest humanoid robot in production, are displayed during a news conference in Tokyo recently.—XINHUA

## US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 July—A Marine was died of wounds sustained from a roadside bomb explosion

in Iraq’s western province of Anbar, the US military said on Tuesday.

The incident took place on Sunday during combat operations in the Sunni insurgents’ stronghold, a military statement said.

Earlier, the military said that three more of its soldiers were killed and two others were injured in separate roadside bomb attacks across the country in the past few days.

The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq to more than 3,630 since the outbreak of Iraq war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

## China blocks US bid for WTO tax subsidy probe

GENEVA, 25 July—China blocked a US request on Tuesday for a World Trade Organization investigation into tax exemptions and refunds that Washington says give Chinese businesses an unfair advantage.

In a first-time filing to the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body, the United States said it was “deeply concerned” about the practices it said violated world trade rules.

“China offers tax refunds, reductions and exemptions that discriminate against imported products ... or that subsidise China’s exports,” it said its request for a panel.

Mexico lodged similar complaints in a separate request for a panel which China also blocked on Tuesday. WTO procedures allow countries to turn down initial requests for panels to give more time for consultations. On the second request, a panel is set up automatically. The next Dispute Settlement Body meeting is set for 31 August.

The United States and Mexico agreed on Tuesday to merge the complaints into one dispute to be handled by a single panel.

China, in its submission to the Dispute Settlement Body, said it was “regrettable” the two complainants chose to pursue arbitration instead of continuing with bilateral talks.—MNA/Reuters

## At least 26 killed in suicide bomb attack in south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 July—At least 26 people were killed and some 80 others were wounded in a suicide car bomb attack near a hospital and a marketplace in the Iraqi city of Hilla on Tuesday, local police said.

The attack took place at about 9:00 am (0500 GMT) when a suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden vehicle near a city pediatric hospital and a busy marketplace in central of the city, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The powerful blast killed at least 26 people and wounded some 80 others, most of the victims were women and children, the source said, adding that more than 10 civilian cars caught fire with people inside, the source said.—MNA/Xinhua



Tourists are rescued from the beach following a brush fire at Peschici, southern Italy, on 24 July, 2007.—XINHUA





The outside of the Tianjin Olympic Centre Stadium. After over 1,000 days of construction, the stadium is now on its way toward inauguration.—INTERNET

## Senators question US Attorney General's truthfulness

WASHINGTON, 25 July — US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales came under fire at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Tuesday where lawmakers challenged his truthfulness and ability to lead his scandal-rocked Justice Department.

"The attorney general's lost the confidence of the Congress and the American people," said Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat. He described the department as "shrouded in scandal", and told Gonzales: "I don't trust you."

"Is your department functioning?" asked Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the committee and a leading critic of Gonzales,

particularly for his firing of nine federal prosecutors.

"What keeps you in the job, Mr Attorney General?" asked Senator Herbert Kohl, a Wisconsin Democrat.

"I have decided to stay and fix the problems," replied Gonzales, a close friend of President George W Bush. He earlier served as Bush's White House counsel.

MNA/Reuters



Matt Groening (C), writer and creator of the television series "The Simpsons", poses with Nancy Cartwright (L), voice of Bart Simpson, and Yeardley Smith, voice of Lisa Simpson, at the premiere of "The Simpsons Movie" at the Mann Village theatre in Westwood, California, on 24 July, 2007.—INTERNET

## Four tourists killed in fire in S Italy

BARI (Italy), 25 July — Four people were killed on Tuesday and thousands of tourists were trapped on beaches by a fast-moving brush fire that swept through southern Italy's Puglia region, local authorities said.

Emergency services used patrol boats and helicopters to whisk some 4,000 holidaymakers and residents to safety, according to media reports.

Many had rushed to the beach in bathing suits, leaving all other belongings behind as they tried

to escape the flames.

The fire spread quickly, threatening hotels and holiday villages, port police said. The nationalities of those involved were not immediately clear.

Elena Gentile, in charge of social affairs in the regional council, said two people were found burnt to death in a car and two asphyxiated on a beach near the village of Peschici, where the fire swept close to houses, forcing the evacuation of a hotel, several camp sites and tourist resorts.

Wildfires, often caused by people casually throwing burning cigarettes on the ground but also by illegal builders who want to clear the land from protected forests, are common in Italy during the summer and are spreading faster than usual in the current heat wave.

The authority said it had received 70 calls to send in fire extinguishing planes on Tuesday alone. One pilot died on Monday when his plane crashed in the mountainous central region of Abruzzo.

MNA/Reuters

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## Sun may have reached solar minimum

WASHINGTON, 25 July — The Sun is almost spotless at the present time, a sign that it may have reached solar minimum, according to the latest Sun images released on Tuesday by US federal space agency NASA.

The images taken by SOHO (solar and heliospheric observatory) show that the Sun loses its spots. NASA Scientists say maybe it is the calm before the storm. They are now watching for the first spot of the new solar cycle to appear.

US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts that the next solar

cycle should begin in March 2008 and should peak in late 2011 or mid 2012.

The 11-year-long solar cycle is marked by two extremes, solar minimum and solar maximum. Solar minimum is the period of least solar activity in the solar cycle of the sun. During this time sunspot and solar flare activity diminishes, and often does not occur for days at a time.

When spots begin to appear on the sun once again, scientists know that the sun is heading into a new season of extreme solar activity. At the cycle's peak, solar

maximum, the sun is continually peppered with spots, solar flares erupt, and the sun hurls billion-ton clouds of electrified gas into space.

Solar maximum is often compared to the hurricane season here on Earth. Violent solar events, like flares and coronal mass ejections, are the hurricanes of space weather.

These solar storms are capable of wreaking havoc with satellites, power grids, and radio communication, including the Global Positioning System.

MNA/Xinhua

## US man faces charges for bribery in Nigeria

WASHINGTON, 25 July — A US man faces federal corruption and money-laundering charges for allegedly arranging 6 million US dollars in bribes to Nigerian officials to win a contract for a natural-gas pipeline.

According to charges unsealed by the Justice Department on Monday, Jason Steph, 37, arranged the payments between 2003 and 2005 when he managed on-shore Nigerian operations for Willbros Group Inc, a Houston oil-services firm. Steph resigned from Willbros in 2005 and now lives in Kazakhstan.

Steph faces up to 65 years in prison and millions of dollars in fines if convicted. According to the indictment, Steph and several others arranged the payments to win a 387-million-US-dollar contract with the Nigerian Government to build a pipeline known as the Eastern Gas Gathering System in a remote section of the Niger Delta.—MNA/Reuters



A girl displays her henna-covered hands done by a vendor in Srinagar, northern India, on 24 July, 2007. Henna is an ancient body art which uses botanical dyes to decorate parts of the body for adornment in India.—XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Chile, EU sign agreement to boost cooperation

SANTIAGO, 25 July—Chile and the European Union (EU) on Tuesday signed a cooperation agreement to boost political and economic relations from 2007 to 2013, said Chile's Foreign Ministry.

The agreement was signed during the third Chile-European Union Association Council meeting at the EU

headquarters in Brussels, by Chile's Foreign Minister Alejandro Foxley and the EU's Foreign Affairs Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

Foxley called for a more open EU market for Chile's farm products. In an effort to triple or quadruple its trade with the EU in the next two years, the Latin American country hoped to add olive

oil and seafood to the exported items. It also hoped for a bigger meat export quota.

Exports to the bloc have doubled and EU investments in Chile have reached 65 billion US dollars since the signing of a Chile-EU cooperative agreement in 2003, said the Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua



A photographer takes photos of the newly-finished Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park, a venue for the upcoming 29th Olympic Games, in Shunyi, northeast of Beijing, on 25 July, 2007. The park will host the 2007 World Junior Rowing Championships from 8 to 11 August as a test event prior to the Games.—XINHUA



Actress Kelly Carlson, star of the FX cable channel series 'Nip/Tuck', poses at the Fox TV network All-Star party in Santa Monica, California, on 23 July, 2007.—INTERNET

## Two top oil-drilling companies to merge, consolidate position

WASHINGTON, 25 July—Two of the world's top oil-drilling companies, Transocean and GlobalSantaFe, announced that they will merge to consolidate their position in a fast-growing market, *The New York Times* reported on Tuesday.

Under the terms of the cash-and-stock transaction, shareholders of Transocean and GlobalSantaFe will receive shares in a new company as well as 15 billion US dollars through a recapitalization plan.

The new combined company, which will be called Transocean, will have a global fleet of 146 drilling rigs and 20,000 employees.

The combination gives Transocean a 20-per-cent market share of drilling rigs like jack-up rigs, semi-submersibles and drill ships.

The new company will own 48 units in the fast-growing segment of deepwater rigs able to drill in 3,000 feet (about 914 metres) of water or more.

MNA/Xinhua

## 10th China-Nepal economic, trade committee meeting held

KATHMANDU, 25 July—The Tenth session of China-Nepal Inter Government Economic and Trade Committee Meeting (IGETC) was held on Tuesday in Kathmandu.

The Chinese delegation led by Wang Chao, Assistant Minister of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, and the Nepali delegation led by Vidyadhar Mallik, the Secretary of Finance of Nepal, held the meeting in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Welcoming the Chinese delegation, Mallik expressed the strong desire of the Nepali Government to broaden and deepen the bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

During the meeting, the two sides have reviewed the development of bilateral trade, economic and technical cooperation after the ninth IGETC, and expressed the desire of further strengthening and promoting the bilateral friendly cooperation, and signed a Minutes.

Agreement of Economic and Technical Cooperation to support Nepal's economic development and two Letters of Exchange about technical support for an X-ray inspection system and logistic support for the Constitutional Assembly Election by China were also signed.

The Chinese delegation will call on Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, and Minister of Finance Ram Sharan Mahat and Minister of Industrial, Commercial and Supplies Rajendra Mahato. — MNA/Xinhua

An actress shows motions for visiting international students in the Qinlan Hall of Kunqu Opera in Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, on 24 July, 2007.—XINHUA



## Oil falls below \$77 on OPEC price concerns

NEW YORK, 25 July—Oil fell below 77 US dollars a barrel on Monday as some funds booked profits after OPEC expressed concern over near-record prices and pledged to pump more crude if needed.

London Brent crude, viewed as more reflective of global prices than US oil, settled down 78 cents to 76.86 US dollars after sliding as low as 76.42 US dollars a barrel. Brent hit 78.40 US dollars last week, just off its all-time high of 78.65 US dollars struck last August. US crude settled down 90 cents at 74.89 US dollars. OPEC President and United Arab Emirates Energy Minister Mohammed al-Hamli said on Sunday that oil's strength was a worry but the world economy was still growing in spite of it.

"The statement is important... as it could be the first indication that OPEC may be willing to consider easing up on its supply allocations at its September meeting, and could be accounting for the softer opening we are seeing so far today," a report said.

MNA/Reuters

## Zambia urged to develop nuclear energy

LUSAKA, 25 July—An expert from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said nuclear energy is one of the options Zambia has to avert the looming power deficit in the generation capacity of hydro electri-

city, according to *Zambia Daily Mail*.

It quoted IAEA researcher Peter Bode as saying here on Monday that "African countries are increasingly thinking nuclear power as one of the opportunities they are thinking that it is one of the options."

He said as much as hydro-power is clean and cheap, it has proved difficult to construct and keep water reservoirs in most countries.

Bode is in the country to conduct training on quality management systems based on ISO 17025 for the National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research senior managers.—MNA/Xinhua



## Full Moon of Waso, Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta Day

*Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)*

The full Moon of Waso, the Dhammacakkapavattana Day which falls on 29th July 2007. The Full Moon Day of Waso associates with the four great noble and significant events related to the precious life of the Omniscient Gotama Buddha. On that holy day, the Buddha-to-be (the Gotama Buddha) took pregnancy in the womb of Queen Maya, wife of His Majesty King Suddhodana of Kapilavatthu Kingdom, and also on that holiday at the age of 29, the Buddha-to-be renounced the world, and after having full attainment of the Buddhahood, the Gotama Buddha preached His first great sermon, Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta to His five disciples, in which He explained the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eight Fold path, on the Full Moon Day of Waso. All five disciples received ordination and formed the first nucleus of the holy brotherhood of disciples known as the Sangha.

And also, on the Full Moon Day of Waso, the Omniscient Buddha performed the great miracle called the Twin Miracle. The reason for this was to dispel the wrong views of heretics, and to prove that He possessed the attributes of a Buddha. It is the miracle of water and fire.

### The Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta Day

Over 2540 years ago, the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha preached His first great Sermon, the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta to His five disciples (Kondañña and other four) in the Deer park, now known as Saranath, India, on the Full Moon Day of Waso. In commemoration of this significant and holy event associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples across the Buddhist world celebrate the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta Day on this Full Moon Day of Waso by observing precepts delivered by members of the Sangha and respectfully listening to the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta recited by members of the Sangha.

And also, the generous Buddhist peoples perform meritorious deeds such as offering Waso robes, alms and other offertories to the members of Sangha on the Full Moon Day of Waso, the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta Day.

### RAINS RETREAT PERIOD, Vassavasa

Observing the rains retreat period; confining oneself to a specific monastic dwelling for the three month rainy period.

During the three months of monsoon rains, Bhikkhus go into retreat at a monastery designated before hand at the start of the rainy season. This practice was introduced during the life-time of the Buddha. Before the Buddha decreed the rains retreat period, Bhikkhus walked across fields under cultivation. People started to criticize them as some people believed that plants and even drops of water were living beings. Why is it that the disciples of the Buddha go on travels all the year round and trample young plants and insects into oblivion while even members of other sects do not go on journeys during the rains? Even birds and animals have the good sense to stay in their nets or dens during the rains, people complained. To put an end to this controversy the Buddha decreed that the rains-retreat period be observed. Rains retreat period may be observed by taking up the designated residence during one of the two periods:

- (1) Earlier rains retreat period (purimavassavasa), commencing from the day after the fullmoon of Waso (roughly corresponding to July) and ending on the fullmoon day of Thadingyut (roughly corresponding to October);
- (2) Later rains retreat period (pacchimavassavasa), commencing from the day after the fullmoon of Wagaung (roughly corresponding to August) and ending on the fullmoon day of Tazaungmon (roughly corresponding to November).

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## Waso robes offered to members of the Sangha

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Under the patronage of Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw San San, the 16th Waso robes offering ceremony of families of the Ministry of Mines was held at Thiri Yadana Hall of the ministry in Thingangyun Township yesterday.

Present on the occasion were members of the Sangha of Maha Theidpan Pariyatti Sarthintak, managing directors of the enterprises under the ministry and officials and families.

Next, departmental heads offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha and a day meal to them.

Similarly, the 2nd Waso robes offering ceremony of families of the Ministry of Education was held at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on the same day.

Present on the occasion were member of the Sangha of Maha Letesan Kyaungtaik, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and wife Dr Daw Sandar Aung, Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, the chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations, guests and families. Next, the congregation offered Waso robes and provisions and a day meal to members of the Sangha.

Likewise, the 2nd Waso robes offering ceremony of families of Supreme Court was held at the meeting hall of the court in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 24 July.

Present on the occasion were members of the Sangha of Thabyayaye Mogokvipasana Dhammayeiktha, Deputy Chief Justices U Khin Maung Latt and U Tun Tun Oo, Judges of Supreme Court U San Tint Yi and U Sein Hlaing, the director-general, directors and staff families.

Next, the congregation offered Waso robes and provisions and a day meal to members of the Sangha. — MNA

## Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from Bangladesh

YANGON, 26 July — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air this morning after paying an official visit to the People's Republic of Bangladesh from 21 to 26 July at the invitation of Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh Mr Touhid Hossain.

While in Bangladesh, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu attended the Second Annual Consultation Meeting between two Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Bangladesh at the State Guest House in Dhaka on 23 July. They discussed a wide range of bilateral issues of mutual interest to further strengthen the bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

The Myanmar delegation attended the working lunch hosted by the Bangladeshi Foreign Secretary at the State Guest House in Dhaka.

Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador U Nyan Lynn, the deputy minister met with Honourable

Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh. In the evening, the deputy minister attended the dinner hosted by the Foreign Secretary at Flambe Restaurant.

On 22 July, the deputy minister met staff of the Myanmar Embassy at the residence of the Myanmar Ambassador in Dhaka.

On 24 July, the deputy minister visited Jamuna Museum and Jamuna Bridge. Next, he received Honorary Consul Mr Hakim Ali of Myanmar at Sheraton Hotel. In the evening, the Myanmar delegation attended the dinner hosted by Chairman Mr Syed Mahmudul Hug of Bangladesh-Myanmar Business Promotion Council.

Members of the delegation Director U Kyaw Tin of Political Affairs and Head of Branch-1 Daw Cho Cho Soe arrived back together with the deputy minister.

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*Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu calls on Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Honourable Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, at the latter's Office in Dhaka. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS*



## NC delegates participate...

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to be included in drawing the State Constitution. Next, the Alternate Chairman delivered the concluding remarks.

### Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia

The group meeting took place at the hall-6 this afternoon. The meeting was presided over by U Hla Myint together with members of the Panel of Chairmen Dr Maung Maung Wint and Dr Thein Nyunt. Deputy Director U Than Win and Assistant Director U Nyein Myint acted as MCs.

Alternate Chairman U Hla Myint made a speech. Afterwards, members of the Panel of Chairmen ex-



Alternate Chairman Dr Myo Thant Tin addresses meeting of Delegate Group of Workers. — MNA



U Hla Myint addresses meeting of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia. — MNA

plained the clarification of the NCC Work Committee Chairman to find out the stances of the delegate groups through respective panels of chairmen on 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" to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

The meeting came to a close after the Alternate Chairmen had given concluding remarks.

### Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons

At the meeting hall-8 of Nyaunhnapin Camp, Vice-Chairman U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar Historical Commission presided over the group meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen Secretary of Myanmar Historical Commission U Tun Aung Chein, U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Spe-

cial Region-2, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2 and U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6.



U Sai Aung Tun addresses group meeting of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons. — MNA



## Energy Minister visits oil fields in Minbu

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected exploration of oil and natural gas in Htauksharbin/Kanni oil field in Minbu Township, Magway Division on 23 July.

On his visit to the oil well No 739, an official reported to the minister on condition of drilling the oil well and Managing Director U Myint Kyi of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise on the arrangements for drilling of more oil wells

in the field. During his visit, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi opened the new well. Well No 739 produces 19 barrels of condensate and 2.4 million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

During his tour in Magway Division, the minister met with employees of Petrochemical Plant (Manthanpayakan) of MOGE in Minhla and urged them to make more efforts for meeting the production target of the plant. — MNA

### Daw Myint Myint Soe addresses 6th Annual General Meeting of MAWFA. — MNA



## MAWFA holds sixth AGM

YANGON, 26 July — The sixth annual general meeting of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association - MAWFA was held at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel this morning.

It was attended by members of the panel of the patrons of the association Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the Minister for Foreign

Affairs, Daw Lei Lei Kyi, wife of the Deputy Minister, wives of the ministers of honoured members, the executive members of the association, wives of the officials of the ministry of Foreign Affairs, wives of the ambassadors of ASEAN member countries and members of the association.

Daw Myint Myint Soe delivered an opening

address at the occasion.

Next, Chairperson of the executive committee of the association Daw Khin Hnin Nyunt and Vice-Chairperson Madame Dana Phany extended greetings.

Later, Daw Myint Myint Soe accepted over K 3 million donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. — MNA

## Five members of Labutta and Wundwin Tsp NLD quit

YANGON, 26 July — Daw Mya San Aye, U Kyaw Tin, U Than Wai and Daw San of Labutta Township National League for Democracy in Ayeyawady Division and U Bo Ni of Wundwin Township NLD in Mandalay Division resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 16 July sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned.

In their resignation letters sent to Labutta and Wundwin Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said they no longer had faith and trust in the party and its leaders. That was why they quit the NLD of their own volition, they said. — MNA





*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win greets members of SSNPLO at a ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace. — MNA*



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win shakes hands with a local at a ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace. — MNA*

## Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation...

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War Veterans Organization, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and local people, totalling over 4,500.

It was also attended by 137 members of the

MTA (Narai), MTA (Matkyan), MTA (Shwepyiaye), SSS, Ka-La-La-Ta, KNPPDP, KNDP (Dragon), Ka-Ma-Sa-Nya, Kayan Pythit Party, KNG, SSAS (Meinsin), SSNA (Wamyeim) and Wa Special Region-

departmental persons, social organization members and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint presided over the ceremony. First, the commander delivered an address.

*(The speech of the commander is reported separately.)*

On behalf of the Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO), Chairman U Chit Maung, commanding officer U Chit Aung of No 943 battalion and U Kyaw Win Khaing unconditionally handed over arms to Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye.

Chairman U Chit Maung of SSNPLO explained the purpose of unconditionally exchanging arms for peace and expressed gratitude to the government, the Tatmadaw and the national people for extending warm welcome to them.

*(The speech of SSNPLO Chairman U Chit Maung is reported separately.)*

Next, commanding officer U Chit Aung of No 943 battalion of SSNPLO explained the purpose of unconditionally exchanging arms for peace and thanked the government, the Tatmadaw and the national people for their warm welcome.

*(The speech of commanding officer U Chit Aung of No 943 battalion of SSNPLO is reported separately.)*

On behalf of the local people, a local Shan national Ma Aye Moh Moh Hlaing warmly welcomed U Chit Maung and party for their unconditional exchange of arms for peace to ensure prevalence of

*(See page 9)*



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence views arms and ammunition exchanged for peace by SSNPLO. — MNA*

armed group led by Chairman U Chit Maung of SSNPLO.

Also present were responsible persons from 17 national race armed groups including SSA Brigade (1), SSA Brigade (7), SSNA (Mongyun), PNO Group,

2 that had returned to the legal fold.

On arrival at the sports ground in Banyin Model Village, Chairman U Chit Maung of Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) and members were welcomed by



*Arms and ammunition exchanged for peace by SSNPLO. — MNA*



## Shan State Nationalities People's...

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peace and stability and carry out more regional development tasks in Hsingseng-Saikkhaung region.

(The speech of Shan national Ma Aye Moh Moh Hlaing is reported separately.)

Next, Member of

the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented gifts to SSNPLO Chairman U Chit Maung and commanding officer U Chit Aung of No 943 battalion.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye also presented gifts to U Kyaw Win Khaing of SSNPLO.

USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave 100 bags of rice and 200 viss of edible oil to SSNPLO Chairman U Chit Maung.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint presented supplies to commanding officer U Chit



Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye accepts arm handed over by Commanding officer of No 943 Battalion of SSNPLO U Chit Aung. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents gift to Commanding officer of No 943 Battalion of SSNPLO U Chit Aung. — MNA

Aung of No 943 battalion. Director-General U Than Swe of Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races handed supplies to SSNPLO Chairman U Chit Maung.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed display of arms and ammunition of the SSNPLO, and greeted SSNPLO Chair-

man U Chit Maung and party and local people.

A 137-member national race armed group led by SSNPLO Chairman U Chit Maung unconditionally exchanged arms for peace with one M-82 launcher, one BA-72, one Winchester, one M-7, two 60mm Homein-made mortars, four RPGs, two M-79s, 23 M-22s, five M-21s, five BA-64s, seven

BA-63s, eight .30 carbines, two Colt pistols and three revolvers, eight 9mm pistols, four M-20 pistols, three hand-made guns, two short barrel guns, four long barrel guns, two M-23 China-made sub-machine guns, 34 M-16s, one M-16 sub-machine gun, two M-16s/40mm and one .38 pistol together with assorted ammunition and grenades. — MNA



Members of social organizations and local people welcome members of SSNPLO. — MNA





# Myanmar is in process of being transformed into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline

## Armed struggle line unnecessary for democratic transition



**Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye accepts arm presented by Chairman of SSNPLO U Chit Maung. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace of SSNPLO at the sports ground in Banyin Village of Hsihseng Township today.

Now, the Union of Myanmar is in the process of being transformed into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. The most fundamental requirement in the process is restoration of regional peace and prevalence of law and order along with a condition in which people can lead a peaceful life. What is the most important for ensuring stability and peace of the Union

is that we all have to remain united and harmonious and to strengthen the unity of national brethren who have been living together sharing joys and sorrows in the Union since time immemorial.

Looking back the conditions of Shan State more than 15 years ago, as you know unlike the conditions in the post-independence period, it lagged behind other parts of the nation in various sectors including transport, education, health, and social affairs. In addition, due to the armed conflicts, local people had to live in a state of alarm and went through the hell in the period. In order to remedy such evil consequences local people were suffering, the Tatmadaw, since it took over State duties, has been working hard in various sectors for improving the social well-being and unity of national races. At the same time, it tried its best to wipe out the danger of narcotic drugs in Shan State that was an evil legacy the colonialists left on purpose.

**Due to the benevolent attitude and unremitting efforts of the Tatmadaw government and cooperation of the leaders of national races, now Shan State except some fringes no longer sees armed insurgency and enjoys fruitful results of peace along with improvement in the security, transport, economic, education, health and social sectors. The danger of narcotic drugs in the region is dwindling away. However, some parts of Shan State have yet to enjoy the taste of peace. So, I would like to urge all local people to work hard so that peace and stability are restored well throughout the entire Shan State.**

It is a great pleasure for me to say on behalf of the government as well as of national people that I am very glad to see that U Chit Maung and party have

unconditionally exchanged arms for peace to be harmonious with the people in the interests of national people. **And with the concept that armed struggle line is unnecessary for the drive for democratic transition the people are implementing together and is opposed to democracy, they have given up the armed struggle line. So, I would say their choice will help achieve perpetual peace for which the entire people are desirous and expedite the tasks for regional development. I am sure that the scene U Chit Maung and members are receiving a warm and wholehearted welcome from local people is filling the hearts of the people of the Union of Myanmar with great pleasure.**

The entire local people in Hopong Township and Hsihseng Township thank all the members of U Chit Maung's group because they will be able to enjoy fully the taste of peace. In honour of such a correct decision of U Chit Maung and members, the military command will fulfil all the requirements for their basic needs as far as it can. Moreover, I pledge that I will present reports occasionally to the government in this regard so that it will render necessary assistance to them.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all national race groups joining hands with the government in the development undertakings in the framework of the law including U Chit Maung and members who have unconditionally exchanged arms for peace with the aim of reuniting and living together with national brethren through thick and thin, to work together with local people in the interests of the whole Union, while equipping themselves with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit to maintain and enhance the already-achieved peace, stability and progress. — MNA

## We make commitment today to participate in regional development tasks in our region joining hands with people



**Commanding officer U Chit Aung of No 943 Battalion of SSNPLO. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July —The following is a translation of the address of commanding officer of No 943 Battalion of Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization U Chit Aung at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange

arms for peace of SSNPLO at the sports ground in Banyin Village of Hsihseng Township today.

We, the SSNPLO, believed in goodwill of the government and returned to the legal fold in 1994. Despite having returned to the legal fold, we carried

arms and bullied the people. Because of our bad habits, people had not given us support willingly. Gradually, we began to realize that people supported and provided assistance to us in fear. We began to understand that our acts were not quite right. We realized that only when we unconditionally exchanged arms for peace, could we serve the interests of the country and the region, and could the people live in peace. **We donot want the people to get worried. Besides, we begin to understand the goodwill and endeavours of the State.** These are the reasons why we unconditionally exchange arms for peace today. When we returned to the legal fold, there were some doubts in our mind. We,

along with our leader U Chit Maung, are going to unconditionally exchange arms for peace to satisfy the desire of the people. **We could not serve interests of the people by carrying arms in the past. As we lived by extorting money from the people,**

**they were afraid of us. Therefore, we make a decision today to participate in regional development tasks in our region joining hands with people so as not to become burden to the people. I am glad to see that the people warmly welcome**

**us when we unconditionally exchange arms for peace.**

We promise that we will never commit wrong acts of the past. We want to invite other armed groups to unconditionally exchange arms for peace. — MNA



**TVs, provision and utensils provided for members of SSNPLO led by U Chit Maung. — MNA**



## Basic principles laid down by NC are ones we once aspired for guaranteeing rights to all regardless of race, religion with least gap



**Chairman  
of  
SSNPLO  
U Chit  
Maung.**  
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The following is the translation of speech of Chairman U Chit Maung of Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) delivered at a ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace at the sports ground in Banyin Model Village of Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South) today.

I am Chairman U Chit Maung of SSNPLO. I am a PaO national. Our group once rose against the government for our belief. It can be said that we followed the armed struggle line. This was because of our attachment to our locality and race. We did so with the aim of establishing the new life and improving conditions of our people. During the period of 45 years, our acts caused sufferings to our people and hindrances to their development. Our native areas witnessed armed conflicts very often resulting in the sufferings of the people. The period was total darkness indeed.

With the passage of time, we came to realize that we were in the wrong. Still, we had not been able to set ourselves free from that position. We could not see the truth, either. And we considered the untruth to be the truth. In the time of the SPDC we came to understand the efforts the government made for the welfare of the people and the goodwill towards them. So, our group returned to the legal fold in 1994 and began to work in cooperation with the government for the benefit of the people. However, we had been under the influence of the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists and we did not have complete trust in the government. So, we continued to hold arms and worked with the government but our stand was not clear. So long as we continued to hold arms we were feared by the people but we thought we won their support.

**As our armed opposition against the government continued for many years we began to realize that our acts did not benefit the local people, the nation and ourselves. Realizing that it would be conducive to the democratic system to carry out activities in accordance with the provisions of the enduring constitution that is being formulated by the State, our group decided to disarm ourselves.**

We witness the government has been implementing development projects for the people of hill areas and in the plains most equitably. As we have witnessed dramatic progress made in the education, health, social and transport and communications links in our Shan State with gaining momentum after designating development zones throughout the country, we have long been evaluating the armed struggle line of ours. **The basic principles laid down by the National Convention now in session are the ones we once aspired for guaranteeing rights to all regardless of race or religion with the least gap and as such I**

have no doubt whatsoever in the government's endeavours and goodwill.

**The duty to ensure stability, peace, development and interests of the people in our region falls on us. I will not be able to live with peace of mind so long as I cannot carry out this duty. With this conviction and complete trust in the government and overcoming the narrow racism, we hand over the arms we have held for many years to the State. We have decided to live within the frame of law as members of the public in appreciation of the love and goodwill extended to us by the State. The local population have warmly welcomed our decision. On behalf of the members of the group, I pledge that we will never be a burden to the people.**

Here, I would like to urge the national brethren former armed groups that have returned to the legal fold but who have continued to hold arms the way we did earlier for various reasons and tendencies, **to do away with suspicions and unconditionally exchange arms for peace the way we have done now, thereby showing their love and goodwill towards the people and serve their interests.**

**At present, we are heading for the new democratic nation after laying down the seven-step Road Map. It is a good opportunity for all the national brethren. It is the sincere belief of our group that pursuing the democratic goal without armed struggle line is more reasonable than doing so with such an evil practice.** In conclusion, I would like to express my deepest thanks to the government, the Tatmadaw government for forgiving and welcoming us with magnanimity and to the local people for understanding and forgiving us and extending a warm welcome. — MNA

## Armed conflicts between national brethren result from colonialists' divide-and-rule policy

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The following is a translation of the address made on behalf of local people by a local Shan national Ma Aye Moh Moh Hlaing delivered at a ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace at the sports ground in Banyin Model Village of Hsihseng Township, Shan State (South) today.

Ma Aye Moh Moh Hlaing, a Shan national, on behalf of the local people, said: it is a pleasure for me to get an opportunity to express my feelings I had never dared to speak out even quietly and secretly in the past. Thanks to the peace, I am able to express them now.



**Shan  
national  
Ma Aye  
Moh  
Moh  
Hlaing.**  
MNA

Resulting from the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists, armed conflicts between the national brethren broke out before the time I was born. Our people were facing all sorts of troubles since I was a child. The armed conflicts had separated families and local people had to flee their homes and live in fear. It was impossible for us to dream when the conflicts would end and peace would come true. We had to lead our lives without peace and security. Parents could not earn their living well, and we the students could not pursue education well.

We were delighted to hear that national race armed groups returned to the legal fold during the time of the State Peace and Development Council after giving up their armed struggle line. In reality, we have not yet fully enjoyed peace and some insurgent groups are still collecting extortion money from the villagers. So, they are still a burden to the local people. Although there are no longer gun battles and fighting in the region, the local people still have to fear the armed insurgents remnants. We have to secretly report their operations to the authorities concerned.

In the past, this region lacked development of all sectors such as security, economy, social affairs and education due to armed conflicts. That was why the local people had to move to other secure places. In 1994 U Chit Maung's group entered the legal fold and participated in regional development work, thereby contributing to moderate development of transport, economic, agricultural

and education sectors. However, perpetual peace could not be achieved and those who enthusiastically participated in regional development tasks were strongly criticized and regarded as the government's supporters. We, national local people, had not been in a position to fully enjoy peace and security.

Today, we local people feel as if we were blessed with an unprecedented reward because we have learnt a good news that the SSNPLO led by U Chit Maung has realized the genuine goodwill of the government and unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in the interest of local people. In addition, they have given up collecting taxes that is a burden on national people and decided to reunite with the people through thick and thin. So, we can now enjoy fully the taste of life security and peace and we will be able to lead a peaceful life. And now peace has been restored and all sorts of man-made barriers to regional development are no more, so I am sure our region will enjoy rapid development in a short time.

In conclusion, I would say my heartfelt thanks goes to U Chit Maung and members who made a correct decision and have given up armed struggle line to enable local people to create a peaceful and modern society, the government that has expressed its benevolent attitude, welcomed warmly and provided necessary assistance for them, and national people who cordially, warmly and wholeheartedly welcomed them. — MNA



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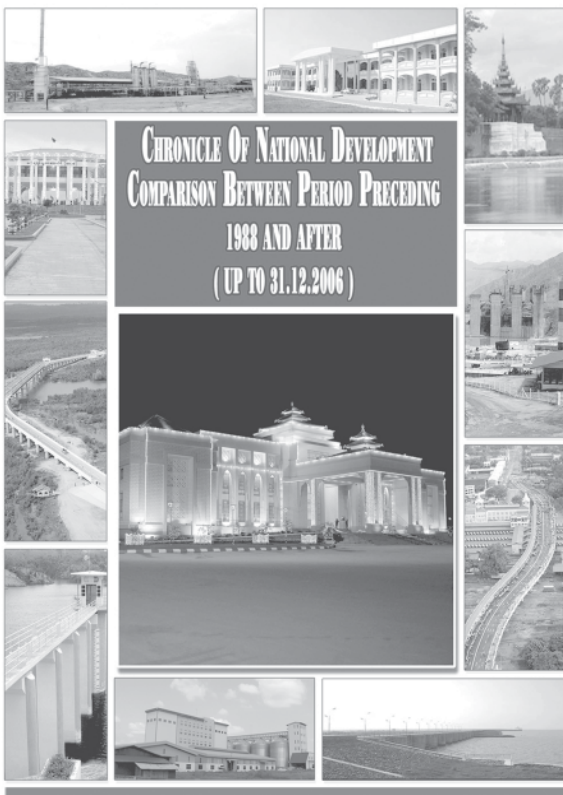
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Civil Protection officials said Puglia remained at high risk of fire because of the continuing drought there. In Calabria fire-fighters brought under control a fire near the A3 Salerno-Reggio Calabria motorway which had been shut down on Sunday, the reports said.— *MNA/Xinhua*



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**US-China joint probe nets \$500 fake software**

SHENZHEN (China), 25 July—More than 500 million dollars' worth of pirated software, including counterfeit Microsoft and Symantec products, has been seized in a long-running joint probe by Chinese police and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, officials from both countries said on Tuesday.

The operation began in 2005 and has led to 25 arrests and the smashing of several pirating syndicates in China that were making and distributing counterfeit soft-

ware around the world, mostly to the United States.

"The cooperation between the US and China is an important development," said Steven Hendershot, the FBI's legal attache in Beijing. "But we still have a long way to go."

Widespread intellectual property rights violations across a range of industries, including software, music, movies and

fashion, have been a major source of friction between China and major trade partners the United States and Europe.

Details of what officials called the "unprecedented cooperative effort" between China's policing ministry and the FBI were unveiled to the media at an intellectual property conference in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen.

More than 290,000 counterfeit software CDs

and certificates of authenticity have been seized in the operation.

Six manufacturing and retail facilities were dismantled and 47,000 counterfeit Microsoft CDs seized, as well as equipment to manufacture Symantec computer software products.

The FBI estimated the retail value of the software seized at more than 500 million US dollars.

MNA/Reuters

Cast member **Julia Stiles** poses at the premiere of "The Bourne Ultimatum" at the Arclight in Hollywood, California on 25 July, 2007.—INTERNET



**Nokia to acquire multimedia company Twango**



An undated handout photo shows the Nokia 1100 phone.

BEIJING, 25 July—Nokia, the world's top mobile phone maker, would buy US-based photo-sharing social networking site Twango in order to help mobile phone users better organize wireless downloads and ease connections between handsets and desktop computers, media reported Wednesday.

But the company did not disclose the

price of the coming deal.

Nokia has increased its acquisitions under Chief Executive Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo, who took over in June 2006. Kallasvuo has said the firm is looking to acquire more companies to strengthen its multimedia and corporate offering.

"The Twango acquisition is a concrete step towards our Internet services vision of providing seamless access to information, entertainment, and social networks," Anssi Vanjoki, head of Nokia's multimedia unit said in a statement.

"We have the most complete suite of connected multimedia experiences including music, navigation, games, and — with the Twango acquisition — photos, videos, and a variety of document types," he said.

Twango was founded in 2004. US traffic data from measurement firms Hitwise and Quantcast and global data from Alexa.com show it has found little audience so far compared to sites like YouTube, PhotoBucket or Flickr.

Internet

**Jumbo squid invading Central California waters**

BEIJING, 25 July—Jumbo squid capable of competing with sharks and tuna for food are invading central California waters, according to a study published Tuesday.

The Humboldt squid — or *Dosidicus gigas* — can change its eating habits to consume anchovy, hake and other commercial fish populations, according to an article published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences journal. The squid can grow up to 7 feet long and weigh more than 110 pounds.

"Having a new, voracious predator set up shop here in California may be yet another thing for fishermen to compete with," said the study's co-author, Stanford University researcher Louis Zeidberg. "That said, if a squid saw a human they would jet the other way."

The jumbo squid used to be found only in the Pacific Ocean's warmest stretches near the equator. In the last 16 years, it has expanded its territory throughout California waters, and squid have even been found in the icy waters off Alaska, Zeidberg said.

Zeidberg's co-author, Monterey Bay



Colossal squid (*Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni*)

Aquarium Research Institute senior scientist Bruce Robison, first spotted the jumbo squid here in 1997, when one swam past the lens of a camera mounted on a submersible thousands of feet below the ocean's surface.

More were observed through 1999, but the squid weren't seen again locally until the fall of 2002. Since their return, scientists have noted a corresponding drop in the population of Pacific hake, a whitefish the squid feeds on that is often used in fish sticks, Zeidberg said.

Internet

**Australian passenger jet makes emergency landing in Bali**

DENPASAR (Indonesia), 25 July—A passenger jet operated by Australia's Jetstar with more than 300 people on board had to make an emergency landing on Indonesia's Bali Island due to engine problems, an airport official and airline spokesman said on Monday.

The Airbus plane was travelling from Bangkok to Melbourne when a fault was detected in one of its engines, Denpasar Airport

spokesman Munir said.

The plane diverted to Denpasar, where it made a successful emergency landing at 04:46 am (2046 GMT on Sunday), and the problem was being investigated, said the official.

A Jetstar spokesman said one of the plane's engines shut down automatically after the computer system detected a fault.

"The plane made a safe

landing without issue," the spokesman said, adding that engineers were working on the engine in Denpasar and the nature of the fault was still not known.

"We are in discussions with Airbus. The plane is only three weeks old and we are scratching our heads a bit. We are not ruling out further discussions (with Airbus) about the financial impact on us."—MNA/Reuters



# SPORTS

## Iraq beat S Korea on penalties, reach Asian Cup final

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 July — Iraq reached their first Asian Cup final on Wednesday night, beating South Korea 4-3 on penalties in a pulsating semifinal that ended goalless after extra time.

Noor Sabri was Iraq's hero when he saved Korea's fourth spot-kick from Yeom Ki-hun. After Ahmed Menajed had made it 4-3 to the West Asians, Korean Kim Jung-woo hit the post to send the Iraqi players into raptures.

"It was a great game," Iraq coach Jorvan Vieira told a news conference. "The game was 50:50 but we missed more opportunities than them. We were tired too, but Korea were more tired than us."

It was the vanquished side's second penalty shootout in four days, having overcome Iran 4-2 in Sunday's quarterfinal after another goalless 120 minutes.

"We are all very, very disappointed," Korea coach Pim Verbeek said. "In the first half we forgot to play football and use the spaces. Second half we played much better but we were not sharp in the final third and sometimes not lucky."

"I knew extra time would be tough for us after Sunday." — MNA/Reuters

## Iraq coach slates AFC over hotel mix-up

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 July — Iraq's Brazilian coach Jorvan Vieira has slammed the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for leaving his weary players stranded for hours without hotel rooms.

Vieira said his players waited for four hours at the Prince Hotel lobby in Kuala Lumpur after arriving from Bangkok on Monday before only eight rooms were made available for 31 people.

Iraq play South Korea on Wednesday in an Asian Cup semifinal and Vieira said their travelling ordeal nullified any advantage they had over the Koreans in terms of an extra day's rest.

"We left Bangkok at 7 am, arrived at the hotel at 5 pm and then waited four hours for only eight rooms," Vieira, whose team defeated Vietnam 2-0 in the quarterfinals on Saturday, told journalists on Tuesday.

"Then we had to pick up our luggage, we trained at 9 pm and my players only had their dinner at 1.30 am."

Vieira said the Iraqi team had planned to leave Bangkok on Sunday but stayed an extra day on the AFC's advice.

MNA/Reuters



The National Football League ordered star quarterback Michael Vick on Monday not to report to preseason training with his Atlanta Falcons team after he was indicted on dog-fighting charges. —INTERNET

## Saudis snap Japan jinx to reach Asian Cup final

HANOI, 26 July — Saudi Arabia ended Japan's bid for a third straight Asian Cup title on Wednesday, Malek Maaz scoring twice in a 3-2 win to send the Saudis into the final.

Maaz sent his nation into their sixth final in the last seven tournaments with a superb solo goal, wriggling past three Japan defenders before smashing the ball into the top corner.

"We're delighted," Saudi Arabia coach Helio Cesar dos Anjos told reporters. "To beat the best team in Asia means so much. It was the best game of the Asian Cup."

Saudi Arabia, who lifted the Asian Cup in 1984, 1988 and 1996, face Iraq on Sunday in Jakarta after the Iraqis knocked out South Korea on penalties to reach their first final.

"Tonight was a huge victory for Arab football," said Brazilian Anjos. "I hope it will bring peace and happiness to the people of Iraq and also in Saudi Arabia."

The Saudis had never previously beaten Japan at the Asian Cup, including defeats in the 1992 and 2000 finals, but they were the sharper team throughout in Hanoi.

Saudi captain Yasser Al Qahtani had volleyed his side in front in the 35th minute but Japan took just two minutes to pull level through defender Yuji Nakazawa's towering header.

Maaz restored Saudi Arabia's lead with a bullet



Saudi Arabia's Yasser Al Qahtani (L) kicks the ball in front of Japan's Keita Suzuki during their semi-final match at the 2007 AFC Asian Cup soccer tournament at My Dinh Stadium in Hanoi on 25 July, 2007. — INTERNET

header two minutes into the second half only for Yuki Abe to equalize again for Japan with an acrobatic volley in the 53rd minute.

"We let them off the hook," shrugged Japan's Bosnian coach Ivica Osim. "We had more chances but couldn't take them. They had three and scored them all."

"We looked tired and we ran out of ideas. One or two of our key players simply didn't play well enough."

Japan, who had beaten Australia in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals, take on South Korea in the third-place playoff in Palembang, Indonesia on Saturday. — MNA/Reuters

## Bent opens account as Spurs win again in South Africa

CAPE TOWN, 25 July — New club record signing Darren Bent opened his account for Tottenham Hotspur as the English club won a second match on their South Africa tour, beating Orlando Pirates 2-1 in Cape Town on Tuesday.

Bent, who joined Spurs for 16.5 million pounds (33million US dollars) from Charlton, opened the scoring with a 12th minute strike, beating the offside trap to chip over goalkeeper Francis Chansa.

Wayne Routledge got the second for the English side six minutes from the end when he drilled home from close range after being left unmarked at the back post.

Pirates got a consolation penalty straight after but needed to take it three times before finding the net through Joseph Kamwendo.

Spurs goalkeeper Radek Cerny saved twice but moved forward off his line twice before the kick was taken. — MNA/Reuters

## Ailing Beckham ruled out of SuperLiga match

CARSON (California), 25 July — David Beckham, as had been widely expected, was ruled out of the Los Angeles Galaxy's SuperLiga match against Mexican side Pachuca on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old England midfielder has been struggling to shake off a lingering ankle injury and Galaxy head coach Frank Yallop says he needs more time to recover.

"His ankle is still a little bit tight, although it has improved over the last week," Yallop told reporters. "But he needs to get to a point where he's comfortable."

Beckham, signed from Real Madrid on a 32.5 million-US-dollar five-year deal, was on the field for only 12 minutes, plus four minutes of stoppage time, on his Galaxy debut against Chelsea on Saturday.

He has not been able to train with the Major League Soccer team, mainly spending time in the treatment room and the gym. — MNA/Reuters

## Italian club scrap Japan tour after earthquake

TOKYO, 25 July — Italian soccer club Catania have cancelled their pre-season tour of Japan after an earthquake last week triggered radiation leaks, organisers said on Tuesday. The club had been scheduled to play matches against three J-League sides next week.

Radioactive leaks at a major nuclear power plant followed the 6.8 magnitude earthquake in the north-western city of Kashiwazaki. — MNA/Reuters



Astana team rider Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan cycles to win the 15th stage of the 94th Tour de France cycling race between Foix and Loudenvielle-Le Louron, on 23 July, 2007. —INTERNET



# White powder causes panic at US Embassy in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, 26 July — Employees at the American Embassy in Kuwait on Monday received a parcel containing suspicious white powder, which causes security

alarm, the Kuwait's *Arab Times* daily reported on Tuesday. The white powder was contained in a package, which was found by security men posted at

the South Gate of the embassy. Suspecting that the powder was explosive in nature, they immediately took precautionary steps and informed the Kuwaiti authorities, the daily said.

The American Embassy's Press Attache James Fennell told the daily over the phone that the embassy had taken necessary precautionary measures and nobody was injured in the incident.

"We are coordinating with the concerned Kuwaiti authorities to conduct a thorough investigation to determine the nature of the material," he was quoted as saying.

The embassy remains open for business despite the incident, Fennell said.

Confirming that the package contained suspicious material, a security source said Kuwaiti and American authorities immediately coordinated their efforts to deal with the issue.

American explosive experts were instructed to cooperate with their Kuwaiti counterparts to examine the contents of the parcel.

Kuwait's national security apparatus, on the other hand, is closely following up the issue to identify the nature of the white powder, the daily said.

MNA/Xinhua

# Strong earthquake jolts Indian islands

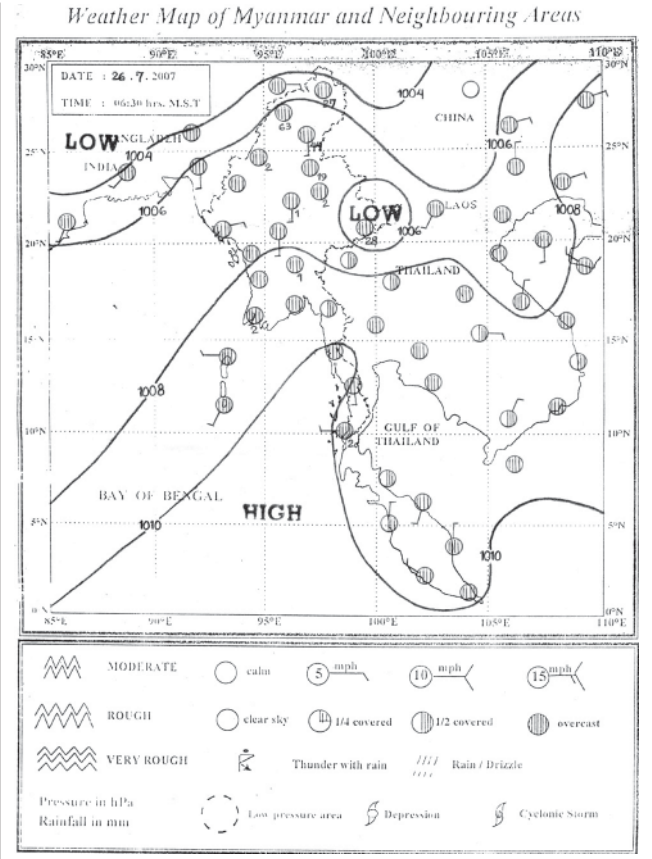
BEIJING, 26 July — A strong earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale jolted sea areas near India's Nicobar Islands on Thursday.

The earthquake occurred at 7.0 degrees north Latitude and 92.4 degrees east Longitude at 7:37 am Beijing Time, according to China's Seismological Monitoring Network.

The epicentre was about 140 kilometres away from Nicobar Islands and about 300 kilometres from Indonesia's Banda Aceh.

The same sea areas were rocked by a strong earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter Scale in 2005, but reported no casualties.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Thursday, 26 July, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan State, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (2.48) inches, Myitkyina (1.73) inches, Yamethin (1.54) inches and Kengtung (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 25-7-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 26-7-2007 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-7-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 25-7-2007 was (0.6) hour approx.

Rainfall on 26-7-2007 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 (6) mph from South-west at (15:30) hours MST on 25-7-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-7-2007:** Rain or thunder-showers will be widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division and isolated 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:** Except for extreme Southern and Northern Myanmar areas, rainfalls intensity will be decreased in the whole country.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-7-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-7-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-7-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 26-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Katha is (1058) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1040) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is (3019) cm. It may remain above its danger level (2900) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1080) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

**"Scarcity of Rainfall Warning"**  
**Issued at (11:00) hours MST on 26 July, 2007**  
 According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, due to the weakening of the Southwest monsoon, except for the extreme Southern and Northern Myanmar areas, rainfall intensity will be decreased in the whole country within next (5) days commencing noon today.



The vehicles buried under a collapsed wall a day after thunderstorms struck in Karachi, on 24 July, 2007. Trucks carrying aid have rolled into Karachi after the death toll from violent storms and flooding along Pakistan's Arabian Sea coast rose to at least 235 people, officials said.

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Friday, 27 July  
View on today

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

- 8:45 am  
8. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအဖွဲ့ပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 4:45 pm  
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm  
5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm  
6. Song of yesteryears
- 5:30 pm  
7. "မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ" (ဇရာ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ကြုံကြုံသင်း)

- အေးအေးခိုင်၊ ထက်ထက်စုလှိုင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်)
- 5:35 pm  
8. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများအချင်းချင်း ပေါင်းစပ်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း
- 6:00 pm  
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:10 pm  
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ ချစ်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm  
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 17. The next day's programme



Friday, 27 July  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-Daytime friends (Kenny Rogers)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Faint (Linking Park)
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Juanita (Shania Twain)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Would you be happier (The Corrs)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:  
-A whole new world (Regina Belle & Peabo Bryson)  
-Kiss the girl (Peter Andre)
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request  
All out of love (OTT)  
-I think about you (Collin Raye)
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



# Work Committee and panel of chairmen meet

YANGON, 26 July— The work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the panel of chairmen of the NC was held at the meeting hall-7 of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township here this morning, attended by Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt and joint-secretaries and members of the panel of the chairmen.

The Work Committee Chairman presided over the meeting. Director (meeting) U Than Aung of Work Committee Office acted as MC.



Chief-Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at work coordination meeting of National Convention Convening Work Committee and members of the panel of chairmen of the National Convention. — MNA

In his address, the chairman said that the Panel of Alternate Chairmen has read out a collection of proposals submitted at the plenary session of the National

Convention for 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" to be included in the State constitution. The purpose of the meeting was to collect the stances of

respective delegate groups regarding the suggestions of the proposals.

NCCWC Chairman U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman U Aye Maung and Secretary U

Thaung Nyunt read out the explanation of the Work Committee Chairman.

The Work Committee chairman made concluding remarks.

MNA

# NC delegates participate in meetings of delegate groups

YANGON, 26 July — Delegate groups of Political Parties, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentia and Other Invited Persons held their group meetings at the designated halls of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township here today.

Before the meetings, members of the panel of chairmen and delegates of the National Convention of the respective delegate groups signed the attendance book.

### Delegate Group of Political Parties

The group meeting of the Delegate Group of Political Parties was held at the hall-1 this morning.

U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Wa National Development Party and U Li Kwe Chin of Shan State Kokang Democratic

Party.

Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu and Assistant Director Daw Htay Htay Win of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as MCs.

Alternate Chairman U Tun Yin Law delivered an address, and members of the Panel of Chairmen explained the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee to find out the stances of the delegate groups

through respective panels of chairmen on 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" to be included in the State Constitution.

The delegates of political parties took part in the discussions.

A group was formed to compile a proposal paper of the political parties included in the Delegate Group of Political Parties, and the Alternate Chairman gave concluding remarks.

### Delegate Group of Workers

This afternoon, Alternate Chairman Dr Myo Thant Tin of Ahlon Township of Yangon Division presided over the group meeting at the hall-5 together with

members of the Panel of Chairmen U Kyaw Myo Win of Padaung Township of Bago Division and U Bo Thein (Taungdwin Bo Thein) of Shan State (East).

Deputy Director U Zaw Win and Assistant Director U Aung Win acted as MCs.

First, Dr Myo Thant Tin gave an opening speech. Next, members of the Panel of Chairmen explained the NCC Work Committee Chairman's clarification to find out the stances of the delegate groups through respective panels of chairmen on 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"

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U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party delivers an address at group meeting of delegate group of political parties. — MNA