

### 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

## Plenary Session of National Convention continues at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 1 Aug — The plenary session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, here, at 9 am today.

Members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee (NCCWC) presented clarification of the Chairman of the NCCWC on

laying down detailed basic principles for the chapters "Election", "Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State Constitution to the plenary session of the National Convention.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commis-

sion Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen and officials of subcommittees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity



*Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presides over Plenary Session of the National Convention. —MNA*

Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National

Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin,

Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, (See page 9)

### Clarification of NCCWC Chairman on "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be published

YANGON, 1 Aug—The clarification of Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State Constitution will be published in tomorrow's issue of the paper.—MNA



*Members of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC and delegates to National Convention attend Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 2 August, 2007

### Breastfeed: Best infant health care

The first week of August is designated as the World Breastfeeding Week and ceremonies to mark the week are held yearly for infants to be healthy.

The theme for World Breastfeeding Week this year is: **Breastfeeding: The 1st Hour — Save ONE Million babies!**

The theme was formulated to urge all mothers to breastfeed their babies within an hour of birth.

Myanmar has actively participated in the activities to mark the Breastfeeding Week like other countries since 1992.

With the sponsorship of the health organizations the essay competitions, talks, articles competitions and seminars are being held from 1 to 7 August. The World Breastfeeding Week offers the opportunity to disseminate knowledge about and enhance the breastfeeding practice throughout the world.

It is recommended that breastmilk, a high quality food with an ideal balance of nutrients, is the perfect source of nutrition for infants.

Breastfeeding is to be introduced for the first six months of baby's life, followed by appropriate and adequate complementary foods, along with continued breastfeeding until the child reaches age 2 or beyond.

At the same time, breastfeeding mothers are to take foods of nutritious value so that infants can enjoy various nutrients and vitamins.

Therefore, mothers need to breastfeed their infants in the first hour of birth since it is recognized as one of the most effective preventive intervention to reduce child mortality.

### Commander, CEC member meet Thandwe District USDA members

YANGON, 1 Aug — Patron of Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein together with CEC member of USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with members of district/township USDAs at the office of Thandwe District USDA on 30 July.

The commander and the CEC member delivered addresses and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the CEC member presented K 1 million for Thandwe District USDA and K 500,000 each for Taungup, Gwa, Thandwe, Kyeintali and Maei Townships to responsible persons. — MNA

## Peoples' Desire

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

### New office of Myanmar Paddy Producers Association opened



Chairman of MPPA U Sein Win Hlaing and party donate offertories to members of the Sangha. — UMFCCI

YANGON, 1 Aug—The Myanmar Paddy Producers Association opened its new office at the UMFCCI Office Tower Level-5 on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township here this morning

Members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw of Mingala Yama Pali Tekkatho in Botahtaung Township Member Sayadaw of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ratthasara administered

the Five Precepts and recited parittas.

Next, Chairman of MPPA Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing and executives, offered 'soon' and provisions to members of the Sangha.—MNA

### Health Deputy Minister looks into Thandwe People's Hospital

YANGON, 1 Aug — Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo together with Head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Cho Tun and officials of the ministry went on an inspection tour of Thandwe People's Hospital on 30 July.

The Deputy Minister met the medical superintendent, specialists, nurses and health staff and gave instructions to them on measures for health care services to be carried out when there occurs natural disasters and enable the victims to receive medical treatment safely.

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### Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd to construct two cement plants

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — A Chinese company today signed deals with Myanmar Ceramics Industries and Yangon City Development Committee to construct two 500-ton cement plants in upper Myanmar.

The signing ceremony was held at Ministry of Industry-1 here attended by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and departmental officials.

Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd will build a 500-ton cement plant in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township and the other one in Pyinnyaung

Village in Thazi Township, Mandalay Division.

Managing Director U Soe Yi of Myanmar Ceramics Industries and Managing Director Mr Wong Jia An of Jiangsu Pengfei Group Co Ltd signed a deal to construct the plant in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Aung Than Win and Mr Wang Jia An signed a deal to construct the plant in Pyinnyaung Village in Thazi Township.

Mr Wang Jia An extended greetings and the signing ceremony concluded. — MNA

### Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung donates cash to a headmistress for construction of a primary school in Kyaiklat. — FORESTRY



### USDA CEC member performs regional development task

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug —CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented cash donation for construction of a new building of Basic Education Primary School and inspected delivery room in Dedaye Township on 30 July. He also presented cash donation for construction of a new school building of BEPS in Hmaw-aing Village.

At the office of Pyapon District Peace

and Development Council, the CEC member met with local people and presented desks and stationery for 94 BEPSs and six post-primary schools in the district and K 100,000 each for Pyapon District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Women's Affairs Organization and War Veterans Organization. He also donated K 5 million for construction of a new building of No 16 BEPS in Pyapon.

Yesterday morn-

ing, the CEC member presented cash donation for construction of new building of Pale Village post-primary school and attended the opening ceremony of a new building for Natchaung BEPS in Bogale. He also presented cash donation for the aged in Chanmyae Dhamma Yeiktha in the township.

Later, the CEC member inspected construction of new building for No 3 BEPS in Kyaiklat and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## FBI searches home of Alaska Senator Stevens

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 31 July—The FBI and IRS have searched the home of Republican Senator Ted Stevens in a ski resort in Alaska as part of an investigation into his links with an oil-services company, officials said on Monday.

“All I can really say is we are conducting a search at the residence. We can’t go any deeper into detail than that,” said Dave Heller, spokesman for the FBI in Anchorage. The FBI and IRS entered the senator’s Girdwood, Alaska home in the early afternoon with a search warrant.

The longest-serving Republican in US Senate history, who is known for delivering billions of federal dollars to his home state, Stevens in a statement said: “My attorneys were advised this morning

that federal agents wished to search my home in Girdwood in connection with an ongoing investigation.

“I continue to believe this investigation should proceed to its conclusion without any appearance that I have attempted to influence the outcome,” it said. Girdwood is about

40 miles south of Anchorage, the state’s largest city. Stevens is the subject of a grand-jury investigation into his links with managers of VECO Corp, the state’s largest oil-services company, as well as numerous unrelated fisheries matters.

MNA/Reuters

## Car bombs kill dozens in Baghdad

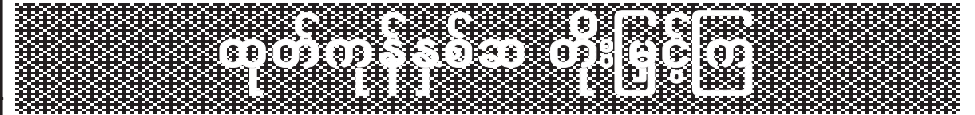
BAGHDAD, 1 August—At least 67 people have been killed and almost 100 have been wounded in two separate bombings in Baghdad, Iraqi police have said. In one attack, a fuel tanker exploded near a petrol station in the mainly Sunni suburb of Mansour, killing 50.

Earlier, at least 17 people were killed and 32 injured in a blast in the mainly

Shia shopping district of Karrada.

Elsewhere, US officials said three of its troops had been killed, and the UK said a British soldier had died.

The Karrada bomb was placed in a parked vehicle and went off in an area with many electronics stores and a popular ice-cream parlour, reports say.—Internet



Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas as the legitimate Palestinian leader in Moscow on 31 July, 2007.

XINHUA

## Interior Ministry says number of Iraqi civilian, soldier deaths up in July

BAGHDAD, 31 July—The number of Iraqi civilians and soldiers killed in violence across their war-torn country went up this

month, the Iraqi Interior Ministry told CNN on Tuesday.

Using figures collected from Iraqi Interior, Defence and Health ministries’ records, the Interior Ministry said 1,653 civilians have been killed. In June the number had dipped to 1,227.

The Iraqi civilian death toll in other months this year was 1,949 in May; 1,501 in April; 1,872 in March; 1,646 in February; and 1,990 in January, the ministry has said.

Seventy-nine Iraqi soldiers were killed in July, compared with 31 in June.

Internet

## US helicopter in Iraq forced to land after coming under fire

BAGHDAD, 31 July—A US helicopter was forced to land after coming under attack from ground fire Tuesday in eastern Baghdad, the US military said.

The crew of the AH-64 Apache helicopter “was successfully evacuated” by another aircraft and were taken to a medical facility “for a routine evaluation.”

The craft made a “precautionary landing” east of the New Baghdad district.

Late Monday, an unmanned aerial vehicle crashed at Iraq’s Balad Air Base, the military also said. The military is planning to investigate the crash, which “does not appear to be from hostile activity”.—Internet



Walkman phones by Sony Ericsson are displayed at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The winner of valuable wireless airwaves the US government plans to sell by early next year would have to permit consumers to connect using any device or software, US regulators decided on 31 July 2007.—INTERNET



Cast member Jackie Chan greets fans as he arrives at the premiere of “Rush Hour 3” at the Mann’s Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 30 July, 2007. The movie opens in the US on 10 Aug.—XINHUA

## Taleban kidnappers kill hostage after demands are ignored

KABUL, 31 July—Taleban kidnappers shot dead a male South Korean hostage on Monday, a spokesman for the group said, accusing the Afghan Government of not listening to rebel demands for the release of Taleban prisoners. “We killed one of the male hostages at 6:30 this evening (1400 GMT) because the Kabul administration did not listen to our repeated

demands,” spokesman Qari Mohammad Yousuf told Reuters by telephone from an unknown location. The Taleban seized 23 Korean Christians, 18 of them women, 11 days ago from a bus in Ghazni on the main highway south from Kabul and killed the leader of the group on Wednesday after an earlier deadline passed.

The spokesman said the Taleban would kill more

hostages if Kabul ignored their demand to release rebel prisoners but set no new deadline. He said the body of the Korean shot on Monday had been dumped on a roadside.

The shooting was a bloody rejection of the authorities’ request for more time for talks on freeing the hostages after the expiry of a rebel deadline earlier in the day.

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## NCC Work Committee Chairman's clarification...

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At the NC plenary session held on 30 October 2006, the Work Committee chairman said, "The National Convention designated 15 chapters first for ensuring a systematic approach to the laying down of basic principles and detailed basic principles to draft a new State constitution. The Chapter "Election" is one of the 15 chapters, and two basic principles have been laid down for it.

- (a) Every citizen shall have the right to vote and to stand for election according to law.
- (b) Voters concerned shall have the right, in accordance with provisions of the State constitution, to recall elected people's representatives.

The sphere of these basic principles is quite wide. Accordingly, based on these two basic principles, it is required of the National Convention to lay down detailed basic principles for the chapter.

Only then, will it be possible to comply with the rules and regulations in writing and adopting the provisions on election stated in the State constitution and related laws on election."

He said, "A collection of these points putting together will be made for your convenience in studying them.

### 1. In electing members to Hluttaw—

- (a) Every citizen who has attained 18 years of age on the date on which election commences, who is not disqualified by law, who is eligible to vote, and who has the right to vote under the law, shall have the right to vote.
- (b) Every citizen who is eligible to vote and who has the right to vote by the law shall cast only a vote for each Hluttaw at a constituency.
- (c) In addition, people of national races concerned who are eligible to vote in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution shall have the right to vote in electing representatives of national races to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
- (d) Ballot shall be exercised.

### 2. The following persons shall have no right to vote —

- (a) members of the Religious Order;
- (b) persons serving prison terms;
- (c) persons adjudged to be of unsound mind as provided for in the relevant law;
- (d) persons who have not yet been cleared from being declared destitute; and
- (e) persons who are banned from voting under the election law.

### 3. At an election, a candidate —

- (a) shall be elected to a Hluttaw only.
- (b) shall stand for election at one constituency only.

### 4. (a) Electorate residing in the Union territories, or the Union territories designated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the law, shall elect members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw only.

- (b) Save as otherwise prescribed by the Constitution, a Region or State Hluttaw member elected in a constituency that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has designated as a Union territory shall no longer stand as a Hluttaw member.

### 5. Every citizen who is not disqualified by the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the law regulating elections shall have the right to stand for election to a Hluttaw.

- 6. (a) A Hluttaw member may be recalled for any of the following reasons—
  - (1) treason;
  - (2) violation of any provision of the Constitution;
  - (3) misbehaviour;
  - (4) lack of qualifications prescribed in the

- Constitution for a Hluttaw member;
- (5) inefficient discharge of duties.
- (b) Complaint about the Hluttaw member endorsed by at least one percent of initial number of the voters of the constituency concerned shall be submitted to the Union Election Commission.
- (c) Union Election Commission shall conduct investigation into the case in accord with the law.
- (d) While the case is under investigation, the Hluttaw member concerned shall have the right to rebut the accusation in person or through a representative.
- (e) The Union Election Commission shall, finding the accusation true and considering the Hluttaw member should no longer carry out duties, take action in accord with the law.

### 7. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall prescribe necessary laws on election and recall.

### 8. (a) The President shall form a Union Hluttaw Election Commission. In the process, he may appoint at least five members including the chairman of the Union Election Commission in accord with the provisions on appointment of Union minister stated in the Constitution.

- (b) The chairman and members of the Union Hluttaw Election Commission shall be the ones who—
  - (1) have attained 50 years of age.
  - (2) meet, except age limit, requirements set for Pyithu Hluttaw members.
  - (3) (aa) have served in the post of Chief Justice or Supreme Court Justice; Region or State High Court judge or in a position equivalent to the post of Region or State High Court judge at least five years; (or)
    - (bb) have served in the post of judicial officer or law officer that is not lower than Region or State level for at least 10 years; (or)
    - (cc) have practised law as the advocate for at least 20 years; (or)
    - (dd) are deemed to be eminent persons by the President.
  - (4) are well-experienced with good characters.
  - (5) comply with provisions, with which they have no right to stand for election as Pyithu Hluttaw members.
  - (6) are loyal to the State and the people.
  - (7) are not members of a political party.
  - (8) are not Hluttaw members.
  - (9) do not accept any other positions from which they can enjoy salaries and allowances.

### 9. Duties of the Union Election Commission are as follows:

- (a) holding Hluttaw elections;
- (b) supervising Hluttaw elections, and forming and supervising sub-commissions at all levels;
- (c) designating and arranging constituencies;
- (d) making and arranging lists of voters;
- (e) putting off elections that are not in a position to be held in a free and fair way in some constituencies due to natural disaster or local security;
- (f) issuing necessary laws on elections and political parties in accord with the provisions of this Constitution and procedures and directives in accord with the laws concerned;
- (g) forming electoral benches to resolve electoral disputes;
- (h) discharging duties assigned under a law.

### 10. If the President has to blame and charge the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission, he shall do so in accord with the provisions prescribed in this Constitution on blaming the Chief Justice or any of Supreme Court Justice.



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Convening Work Committee Attorney-General  
U Aye Maung. — MNA*

- 11. (a) If the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission in service wishes to resign of his own accord due to his health condition or any of other reasons, he may submit his resignation to the President.
- (b) If the seat of the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission is vacant due to resignation, termination of duties, death, or any other reasons, the President may appoint a new chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission in accord with the provisions on appointment of a Union minister enumerated in the State Constitution.
- (c) If the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission is a government employee, he shall be deemed to have resigned from civil service in accord with the existing civil service rules and regulations from the date he is appointed as the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission.
- 12. The Union Election Commission's action and measures over the following matters shall be final and conclusive:
  - (a) electoral procedures;
  - (b) appeals and amendments on election tribunals' decisions and orders;
  - (c) matters taken under political party law.
- 13. Duties, powers and rights of the chairman and members of the Union Election Commission shall be prescribed by law.
- 14. The role of the chairman of the Union Election Commission 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 to responsibilities, powers and rights of the chairman and members of the Union Election Commission in prescribing laws.

Then, I continued, "I would like to present some points relating to the Chapter "Election". The Plenary Session of the national Convention held from 28 to 30 March 1996 laid down detailed basic principles for the formation of Legislation, Executive and Judiciary, and some of them are related to qualifications set for a Pyithu Hluttaw member."

With respect to the qualifications of a Pyithu Hluttaw member, a detailed basic principle has been adopted that—

"Every citizen who has the following requirements shall have the right to stand for election to the Pyithu Hluttaw—

- (a) who has turned 25;
- (b) who were born of parents both of whom are nationals;
- (c) who has lived in the Union of Myanmar for at least 10 consecutive years when he is elected as a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw;

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(d) who has the qualifications enumerated in the Election Law.

Disputes may arise in future if there is no explanation about the stay of national people who go abroad for government service under the permission of the State, on business or on personal affairs.

Such stay in foreign countries should be deemed to have settled in the Union.

"Therefore, the point:

**'The period of staying abroad with the permission of the State shall be deemed to have settled in the Union'** should be adopted as the exception under the detailed basic principle.

**'having settled in the Union of Myanmar for at least 10 consecutive years up to the time of being elected as Pyithu Hluttaw representative'**.

The points I have explained for detailed basic principles win the support of the delegate groups:

- the Delegate Group of National Races,
- the Delegate Group of Peasants,
- the Delegate Group of Workers,
- the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia,
- the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel,
- the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, and
- the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties:
- the National Unity Party
- the Union Pa-O National Organization
- the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party
- the Mro or Khamsi National Solidarity Organization
- the Lahu National Development Party
- the Union Kayin League
- the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party
- the Wa National Development Party, and
- representatives of political parties from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, and three Independent Representatives-Elect including Dr Hmu Htan, and six Independent Representatives-Elect including U Tin Win.

### Mr Chairman,

I would also like to present separate suggestions of the NC delegate groups.

The National Unity Party said, "To our knowledge, of about 120 countries that exercise multi-party democracy system, more than 70 countries exercise the system of designating the number of Hluttaw members in proportion to the votes. That system helps elect representatives based on the expression of the voters who will really represent the people. By practising such a system, there will be many benefits such every vote becomes more effective, a greater number of reliable persons capable of fulfilling the requirements of the nation will be elected, and the parties standing for elections can enjoy more than proportionate ration of the representatives from the party concerned.

Therefore, we would like to suggest that the system of designating the number of Hluttaw members in proportion to the votes that many countries exercise should be applied in the forthcoming elections."

In response to the suggestion, I would say the Work Committee chairman in his explanation said, "However, many countries have made the system of setting up a large constituency to elect more than one Hluttaw member, and designating the number of Hluttaw in proportion to the votes. So, to catch up with such changes, necessary laws should be prescribed in accordance with the resolutions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw". So, this suggestion will be put on record to be under discussion at the forthcoming Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to take into consideration in promulgating law if necessary.

### Mr Chairman,

Independent Representatives-Elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect presented the stances of their parties. They said, "We would like to make some suggestions about electoral procedures. Many electoral procedures are carried out in accordance with the provisions concerned including the submission of bills of electoral expenses spent by the elected Hluttaw members after the elections. The organizations responsible for the elections have to issue final reports on the elections. Some principles related to the Hluttaw sessions are:

"The first regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall be convened within 90 days after the general election commences."

"The day on which the term of the Amyotha Hluttaw comes into force is that of the Pyithu Hluttaw."

"The first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall be held within seven days after the commencement of its term." In my opinion, final reports should be released in time so that first regular sessions of the Hluttaws can be held in line with the provisions concerned. In this regard, elected Hluttaw members are to complete their tasks in time. There should not be a situation in which Hluttaw sessions are put off due to the delay on the final reports. Therefore, I would like to make a positive suggestion that in issuing laws, rules and regulations on elections to be held by the upcoming Pyidaungsu Hluttaw,

- (a) **specific duration for the functions to be carried out by the elected Hluttaw members,**
  - (b) **the time during which the election commission has to issue the final report**
- should be taken into consideration.

To assess their suggestion, I would say, they mentioned the points that should be taken into consideration in issuing laws, rules and directives. So, their suggestion will be put on record so that it can be under discussion, as appropriate when laws, rules and regulations on election are to be issued. To be exact, as soon as elections are held, the Pyidaungsu Election Commission will have to announce the votes of the candidates of a constituency each. So, the candidate who gets votes more than any other rival will be the representative elected for the constituency concerned. However, if there is an objection raised to his victory in accordance with the law, the issue will be decided by the Electoral Tribunal.

### Mr Chairman,

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 supported the Work Committee chairman's explanation.

As a separate suggestion, they said, "In a democratic country, voting means that the people use their rights and duties for the emergency of a government that will rule the nation on their behalf. The people should have access to ballot so that they can vote freely and avoid a situation of being threatened in casting votes. In some constituencies in border areas, the votes cast are counted polling station-wise. In consequence, armed insurgents can guess who won at a village or ward. And they may torch the village or ward and torture the dwellers for not electing the one for whom they forced the people to vote. So, votes should be counted constituency-wise instead of polling station-wise.

As to this suggestion, of the two methods to count votes—township-wise and polling station-wise—the Election Commission will use more appropriate one. So, their suggestions will be recorded in order that it can be taken into consideration in drafting the State constitution.

### Mr Chairman,

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, "The chairman and members of the Union Election Commission will have to discharge demanding and formidable tasks. So, if they are not capable enough of accomplishing such huge tasks, they are to be impeached and terminated from their duties, if necessary. In this regard, we consider that it is required to prescribe specific reasons and procedures to impeach such persons.

So, we would like to make a suggestion that a detailed basic principle should be adopted: "Regarding the impeachment of the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission:

- (a) The President may impeach the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission for any of the following reasons:
  - (1) treason;
  - (2) violation of any provision of the Constitution;
  - (3) misbehaviour;
  - (4) lack of qualifications prescribed in the Constitution for a Hluttaw member;
  - (5) inefficient discharge of duties.
- (b) procedures shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the State Constitution on impeachment of the Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Justice."

If their suggestion is prescribed as it is, there will be more meaningful regarding the impeaching of the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission. This suggestion is found to be in conformity with the already-adopted basic principle, so this suggestion deserves serious consideration. The National Convention Convening Work Committee held discussions with members of the panel of chairmen to decide as to whether this suggestion should be adopted as a detailed basic principle or not. The members of the panel of chairmen then discussed the issue with respective representatives, and the stance of members of the delegate group concerned was forwarded by letter to the Work Committee. All delegate groups suggested unanimously that the point:

- (a) **The President may impeach the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission for any of the following reasons:**
  - (1) **treason;**
  - (2) **violation of any provision of the Constitution;**
  - (3) **misbehaviour;**
  - (4) **lack of qualifications prescribed in the Constitution for a Hluttaw member;**
  - (5) **inefficient discharge of duties.**
- (b) **procedures shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of the State constitution on impeachment of the Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Justice"** should be adopted as detailed basic principle Para (10).

### Mr Chairman,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel in its suggestion said, "Of the 14 points, sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 11 means as if that sub-paragraph is solely related to the matter to fill the positions of the chairman and members of the Union Election Commission under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph 11 due to vacancies. We would like to make a suggestion that it will be more appropriate if

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sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (11) is added to paragraph (8) as its sub-paragraph (c)."

To assess this suggestion, wherever the sub-paragraph is stipulated, the benefit is the same. When the detailed basic principles on executive formation, such matters were enumerated in the paragraph on term of the position, the right to submit resignation letter, and the power to terminate the duties and to fill vacancies. Therefore, the sub-paragraph is manifested like this so as to be harmonious with the already-adopted detailed basic principles.

### Mr Chairman,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons in its suggestion said, "We would like to make two separate suggestions about the Chapter "Election". They are:

- (a) There have been many events that in elections and casting votes in Hluttaw sessions of some other countries, voters, Hluttaw members and political parties were under the influence of money, muscle and gangs such as Mafia, and such countries suffered loss a lot. So, in order to avert such undesirable events, effective provisions and laws including anti-defection law should be prescribed.
- (b) A principle should be prescribed in the Union Election Commission Law that decisions of the Union Election Commission shall be made with unanimous vote or the vote of the majority to prevent the decisions the chairman or a member or two members of the commission make they wish at the meetings of the Union Election Commission."

I would say the suggestion carries a point that effective provisions and laws should be promulgated. Thus, the suggestion will have to be recorded so that it can be considered if necessary when laws are to be enacted.

So, in accordance with the suggestions of the majority of the NC delegates, the following points are adopted as detailed basic principles.

### 1. In electing members to Hluttaw—

- (a) Every citizen who has attained 18 years of age on the date on which elections commence, who is not disqualified by law, who is eligible to vote, and who has the right to vote under the law, shall have the right to vote.
  - (b) Every citizen who is eligible to vote and who has the right to vote by the law shall cast only a vote for each Hluttaw at a constituency.
  - (c) In addition, people of national races concerned who are eligible to vote in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution shall have the right to vote in electing representatives of national races to the Region of State Hluttaw concerned.
  - (d) Ballot shall be exercised.
2. The following persons shall have no right to vote —
- (a) members of the Religious Order;
  - (b) persons serving prison terms;
  - (c) persons adjudged to be of unsound mind as provided for in the relevant law;
  - (d) persons who have not yet been cleared from being declared destitute; and
  - (e) persons who are banned from voting under the election law.

### 3. At an election, a candidate —

- (a) shall be elected to a Hluttaw only.
- (b) shall stand for election at one constituency only.

4. (a) Electorate residing in the Union territories, or the Union territories designated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the law, shall elect members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw only.

- (b) Save as otherwise prescribed by the Constitution, a Region or State Hluttaw member elected in a constituency that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has designated as a Union territory shall no longer stand as a Hluttaw member.

5. Every citizen who is not disqualified by the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the law regulating elections shall have the right to stand for election to a Hluttaw.

6. (a) A Hluttaw member may be recalled for any of the following reasons—

- (1) treason;
- (2) violation of any provision of the Constitution;
- (3) misbehaviour;
- (4) lack of qualifications prescribed in the Constitution for a Hluttaw member;
- (5) inefficient discharge of duties.

(b) Complaint about the Hluttaw member endorsed by at least one percent of initial number of the voters of the constituency concerned shall be submitted to the Union Election Commission.

(c) Union Election Commission shall conduct investigation into the case in accord with the law.

(d) While the case is under investigation, the Hluttaw member concerned shall have the right to rebut the accusation in person or through a representative.

(e) The Union Election Commission shall, finding the accusation true and considering the Hluttaw member should no longer carry out duties, take action in accord with the law.

7. The Union Hluttaw shall prescribe necessary laws on election and recall.

8. (a) The President shall form a Union Hluttaw Election Commission. In the process, he may appoint at least five members including the chairman of the Union Election Commission in accord with the provisions on appointment of Union minister stated in the Constitution.

(b) The chairman and members of the Union Hluttaw Election Commission shall be the ones who—

- (1) have attained 50 years of age.
- (2) meet, except age limit, requirements set for Pyithu Hluttaw members.

(3) (aa) have served in the post of Chief Justice or Supreme Court Justice; Region or State High Court judge or in a position equivalent to the post of Region or State High Court judge at least five years; (or)

(bb) have served in the post of judicial officer or law officer that is not lower than Region or State level for at least 10 years; (or)

(cc) have practised law as the advocate for at least 20 years; (or)

(dd) are deemed to be eminent persons by the President.

(4) are well-experienced with good characters.

(5) comply with provisions, with which they have no right to stand for election as Pyithu Hluttaw members.

(6) are loyal to the State and the people.

(7) are not members of a political party.

(8) are not Hluttaw members.

(9) do not accept any other positions from which they can enjoy salaries and allowances.

9. Duties of the Union Election Commission are as follows:

- (a) holding Hluttaw elections;
- (b) supervising Hluttaw elections, and forming

and supervising sub-commissions at all levels;

(c) designating and arranging constituencies;

(d) making and arranging lists of voters;

(e) putting off elections that are not in a position to be held in a free and fair way in some constituencies due to natural disasters or local security;

(f) issuing necessary laws on elections and political parties in accord with the provisions of this Constitution and procedures and directives in accord with the laws concerned;

(g) forming electoral tribunals to resolve electoral disputes;

(h) discharging duties assigned under a law.

10. (a) The President may impeach the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission for any of the following reasons:

- (1) treason;
- (2) violation of any provision of the Constitution;
- (3) misbehaviour;
- (4) lack of qualifications prescribed in the Constitution for a Hluttaw member;
- (5) inefficient discharge of duties.

(b) procedures shall be taken in accord with the provisions of the State constitution on impeachment of the Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Justice".

11. (a) If the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission in service wishes to resign of his own accord due to his health condition or any of other reasons, he may submit his resignation to the President.

(b) If the seat of the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission is vacant due to resignation, termination of duties, death, or any other reasons, the President may appoint a new chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission in accord with the provisions on appointment of a Union minister enumerated in the State Constitution.

(c) If the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission is a government employee, he shall be deemed to have resigned from civil service in accord with the existing civil service rules and regulations from the date he is appointed as the chairman or a member of the Union Election Commission.

12. The Pyidaungsu Election Commission's action and measures over the following matters shall be final and conclusive:

- (a) electoral procedures;
- (b) appeals and amendments on electoral benches' decisions and orders;
- (c) matters taken under political party law.

13. Duties, powers and rights of the chairman and members of the Pyidaungsu Election Commission shall be prescribed by law.

14. The role of the chairman of the Union Election Commission 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 to duties, powers and rights of the chairman and members of the Union Election Commission in prescribing laws.

In addition, regarding the qualifications of a Pyithu Hluttaw member stated in the Legislative Formation, sub-paragraph (c) of Paragraph 32—

"The period of staying abroad with the permission of the government shall be deemed to have settled in the Union" is adopted as a provision under the detailed basic principle:

### "Exception

having settled in the Union of Myanmar for at least 10 consecutive years up to the time of being elected as Pyithu Hluttaw representative".

MNA

## Detailed basic principles that should be ...

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1. **Political parties set the objective — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.**
2. **A political party shall:**
  - (a) **accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**
  - (b) **abide by the Constitution and the existing laws.**
  - (c) **be legally registered as a political party.**
3. **In accord with the law, a political party shall have the right to:**
  - (a) **organize freely;**
  - (b) **to stand for the elections.**
4. **The continued existence of a political party shall not be permitted if —**
  - (a) **it has been declared as an unlawful organization in accord with the existing law;**
  - (b) **it makes connections with or provides support and assistance to insurgent groups waging an armed rebellion against the State, organizations or persons the State has announced as the ones committing terrorist acts or organizations the State has declared unlawful;**
  - (c) **it directly or indirectly receives financial, material and other assistance from the government or a religious organization, or any other organization or an individual person of a foreign country;**
  - (d) **it abuses religion for political purpose.**
5. **If the body having the authority to register political parties finds that a political party is connected with any one of the points stated in the above-mentioned subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), the party's registration shall be revoked.**
6. **The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning the political parties.**

### Mr Chairman,

I will now present the separate suggestions submitted by the Delegate Groups.

In its separate suggestion, the National Unity Party said, "We find the para (6) "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning the political parties" appropriate. But we would like to suggest that serious consideration should be made to the inclusion of the proper rights of political parties in enacting the laws concerning their rules.

"In building a modern and development democratic state through multiparty democracy system, the continued existence of political parties has connections with the task of serving the interest of the people and the nation. Hence, the members of the parties should be the qualified ones.

"As the parties are formed with the aim of realizing the public wishes and desires, they should have the right to correctly exercise democratic practices and truly represent the people. Based on the past experiences, the present multiparty democracy system should be a prestigious one. The parties play an important part in serving the interest of the nation and the people.

"Hence, the state should recognize the parties and render assistance to them for the parties to play their part significantly."

Concerning the suggestion I will explain that as

the nation will practise discipline-flourishing democracy after the proclamation of a new Constitution, the nation will have to write and enact a law concerning the political parties. The suggestion will be put on record to consider the facts contain in the suggestion as and when necessary in drafting the said law.

Wa National Development Party gave a suggestion, saying, "We would like to present a suggestion concerning the chapter "Political Parties". Political parties should be the organizations capable of heading towards flourishing of discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy in the entire Union in accord with the nation's political, security, economic and social conditions and traditions and customs. And it is a must. The parties will have to launch organizational campaigns to strengthen themselves in all aspects. But the parties will face a problem and obstacles if there is a prescription saying that all matters and functions should be free from politics. Such prescription is also against the objective — flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system — of the six objectives of the National Convention. We would like to suggest that there should be no such prescription in our nation that will practise multiparty democracy in the future."

As regards the suggestion, I will explain that there are two kinds of politics — national politics and party politics. If a member of a political party is elected President, he will have to lead the nation in accord with the law without making any discrimination as he is the Head of State. Members of the Union government will have to do the same. Persons of the organizations discharging the duties of the State and service personnel are required to be free from party politics to be able to equally deal and serve the people in accord with the law. In this regard, there is a detailed basic principle for those persons to stay away from party politics as they need to be free from party politics while discharging the State duties. The said persons can carry out national politics.

### Mr Chairman,

The representatives included in the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect of the political parties presented the opinion of their own respective parties.

Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) in their suggestions, said, "Myanmar has already witnessed the weaknesses and loopholes of the parliamentary democracy when she practised the system after regaining Independence. A study of those weaknesses and loopholes shows that they were the results of the lack of democracy experiences in history, the single party governance in real terms in the name of parliamentary democracy, the public intellectual progress that had not reached the level of defining and exercising the rights and duties of democracy with correct conviction, the political parties' insufficient ability to train, educate and lead the people to exercise democracy rights with a sense of duty, and the lack of development in infrastructure that would help realize the essence of democracy more fully, the declining situation of democracy in the parties, and the growing centralized system. It is found that it is required to lay down detailed basic principles concerning the qualifications of political parties as necessary, after taking the experiences Myanmar had faced as lessons, for the flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy in the nation.

"To ensure that there will be no disputes in the future, we would like to suggest that the point "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall designate and prescribe the qualifications of political parties" should be

added to the points.

"The parties should serve as a bridge between the government and the people for the emergence of a multiparty system benefiting the people. They should be the organizations that are able to lay down policies in conformity with the nation's political, security and economic situations, customs and public interest. They should have the directives, fundamental policies and practices. There may be parties representing the wholenation for emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy as well as regional political parties representing the respective national races.

"Hence we would like to give a separate suggestion saying that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in enacting laws concerning the political parties should consider permitting the establishment of political parties representing the whole Union as well as the respective regions.

"I will now discuss the matter "no right to exist" of a political party. The body having the authority to register political parties before revoking the registration of a party should make an accusation against the party only after presenting firm evidence. The party concerned should have the right to defend and appeal. The officials concerned should revoke the registration only after hearing the case thoroughly. We believe that there should be no lopsided charges against political parties. We would like to present a separate suggestion saying that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should enact laws and bylaws to observe the right of defence and the right of appeal of the political parties.

"The political parties have the duty to resolutely serve the interest of the nation and the people. The parties should have the capability to lead towards flourishing of genuine and disciplined democracy in the entire nation. The leaders of the parties should be the ones who are sincere and upright. As they also are human beings they may make mistakes in certain matters. The problems of the parties should be solved within the parties. Action should not be taken against any party leader or member for his mistakes directly by the authorities concerned. The authorities should make consultations with the steering groups of the party concerned and action should be taken against the leader or member for his error in accord with the rules and regulations of the party. The matter should be put into consideration when laws and bylaws concerning the parties are drafted.

The suggestions will be put on record for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to take them into account in drafting and enacting laws and bylaws concerning the parties or the election as in addition to the said suggestions other facts may be required in doing so.

### Mr Chairman,

The Delegate Group of National Races gave the following suggestion:

"The para 2 of the chapter states as follows:

2. **A political party shall:**
  - (a) **accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**
  - (b) **abide by the Constitution and the existing laws.**
  - (c) **be legally registered as a political party.**

"We would like to add another para which will be para "(d) A political party shall have the duty to be loyal to the State." to the given detailed basic principle.

"We present the suggestion as the emergence of firm and competent political parties that will steer the nation towards the flourishing of multiparty democracy and the citizen's loyalty to the State are essential requirements."

If the suggestion is added there will emergence firm and competent parties that will steer the nation  
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towards the flourishing of discipline-flourishing democracy. The suggestion also emphasizes the fact that the members of the political parties too should be loyal to the State as they also are citizens. Actually, the subparas of the para (2) state the duties political parties should observe. It will be more appropriate if the suggestion will be stipulated as subpara (b) of the para (1). By doing so, the para (1) will become the subpara (a) of the para (1). The para (1) should start with the words "Political parties" as they concern both the subparas (a) and (b). So, the para should be stated as follows:

### 1. Political parties

(a) set the objective — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

(b) have the duty to be loyal to the State.

As the suggestion is in accord with the adopted fundamental principles, it deserves serious consideration. The National Convention Convening Work Committee discussed the matter with the members of the panel of chairmen concerned. The Delegate Groups sent their opinions regarding the suggestion to the Work Committee in writing after the panels of chairmen had held discussions with the respective delegates. All the Delegate Groups suggested stating the subpara (b) of the para (1) as follows:

**"have the duty to be loyal to the State".**

### Mr Chairman,

The Delegate Group of Peasants presented a separate suggestion, saying, "More or less, the weak points and advantages of the registration law can have impact on the political parties. If a large number of small parties stand for the election, people will find difficulties in choosing the candidates, and the formation of a majority government in the parliament will not be easy. And there cannot be a stable government. Hence, there are limitations in the number of parties as there should be a few numbers of large and strong political parties.

"As in some countries the limitation should be centred on a party's ability to take part in an election,

that is limited at half the number of constituencies, the policies and work programmes of a party, membership strength, financial capacity, and the ability to accept the inspection of its membership strength by the Union Election Commission.

"The political parties should be the organizations that give priority more to the interest of the nation and the people than self-interest. They should be the parties that can cooperate with the opposition for the benefit of the State and the people whether they win in the election or not. The ruling party should stay away from bullying the opposition parties and conducting dictator-like acts. Hence we will have to draft a Constitution that is in conformity with the future nation, taking the past events as lessons."

The first part of the suggestion includes the policy and system, the set qualification of members and party funds when the parties were formed. In the future also, the same procedures should be applied for party registration.

The second part states the rules for the respective parties, saying such rules should not be prescribed under strict laws. The suggestion should be recorded for the political parties concerned to take necessary measures.

"The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons gave a suggestion, which said," The forthcoming State Constitution will have to demonstrate genuine multiparty democracy system with flourishing discipline. So, it is required to take lessons from the historic events to prescribe necessary provisions in order to avert such bitter experiences in which the nation and the people stood for the evil consequences from the weak points of the political parties.

"Political parties are responsible for serving the interests of the nation and the people steadfastly. However, by nature, a party may face internal or external disputes. So, it is needed to control and tackle such disputes in a democratic way under the law. Members of a political party should uphold the democratic ethics. At the same time, there should be effective measures to safeguard the nation and the people from any form of dangers. Therefore, I would like to suggest that political parties should not create a situation that brings disunity and disputes into the party or the parties which poses dangers to the political affairs, security and economy of the nation."

The suggestion is a matter all parties should pay attention to. Hence the suggestion will be put on record for the existing parties and the future parties to notice it.

In accord with the suggestions of the great majority of the delegates, the following detailed basic principles have been adopted for the chapter.

### 1. Political parties

(a) set the objective — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

(b) have the duty to be loyal to the State.

### 2. A political party shall:

(a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.

(b) abide by the Constitution and the existing laws.

(c) be legally registered as a political party.

### 3. In accord with the law, a political party shall have the right to:

(a) organize freely;

(b) to stand for the elections.

### 4. The continued existence of a political party shall not be permitted if —

(a) it has been declared an unlawful organization in accord with the existing law;

(b) it makes connections with or provides support and assistance to insurgent groups waging an armed rebellion against the State, organizations or persons the State has announced as the ones committing terrorist acts or organizations the State has declared unlawful;

(c) it directly or indirectly receives financial, material and other assistance from the government or a religious organization, or any other organization or an individual person of a foreign country;

(d) it abuses religion for political gain.

### 5. If the body having the authority to register political parties finds that a political party is connected with any one of the points stated in the above-mentioned subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), the party's registration shall be revoked.

### 6. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning the political parties.—MNA

## Rail Transportation, Sports held 3-3

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Ministry of Rail Transportation played a 3-3 draw with Ministry of Sports in the group-BB match of the second round of the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2007, jointly organized by the Ministry

of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana at 4 pm today.

Among the spectators were Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads,

responsible persons of Myanmar Olympic Committee and MFF and staff families. Ministry of Education takes on Ministry of Defence in Paunglaung Sports Ground of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana at 4 pm tomorrow. —MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects supply division of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board in Ahlon Township. — MNA

## Myanmar makes bright start in emphatic 4-0 win over Laos in ASEAN U-20 Championship 2007

YANGON, 1 Aug — Myanmar made a bright start in an emphatic 4-0 victory over Laos in its debut of the ASEAN U-20 Football Championship 2007 held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam at

5.30 pm VST today.

Myanmar took the lead with the 15th minute opener of Kyaw Kyaw Khine in the first half. Myanmar successfully completed the second half with the goals of Aung

Kyaw Myo at 10th minute, Myint Naing at 30th minute and Zin Myo Aung at 44th minute before the final whistle.

Myanmar takes on Malaysia on 3 August. —MNA

## Electric Power No 2 Minister looks into Supply Division of YCEPSB

YANGON, 1 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials inspected storage of electrical equipment at the supply division of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board on

Hninsigon Street in Ahlon Township yesterday.

The minister inspected systematic keeping of electric meters and transformers.

The minister met staff of Yangon West District engineer's office on

Seikkantha Street in Kyauktada Township and instructed them to supervise systematic supply of power, minimize loss and wastage of electricity and emphasize respective tasks with goodwill.—MNA





**Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township in progress. — MNA**

**Plenary Session of National ...**

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Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) Breakaway (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who had returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchayay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nai Saik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, del-

egates of workers, delegates of state service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At the plenary session, National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the meeting and Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the alternate chairman as 1048 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.85 per cent.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarified laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter "Election", out of chapters "Election", Political Parties" and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State Constitution to the plenary session of the National Convention.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung presented clarification of Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter "Election" to be included in the



**Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acts as MC. — MNA**

State Constitution.

The plenary session took a break at 9.45 am. *(The clarification of the Chairman of the NCCWC on the Chapter "Election" is reported separately.)*

When the plenary session resumed at 10.00 am, U Thaug Nyunt, Secretary of NCC Work Committee, continued to present the clarification of Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter "Political Parties" to be included in the State Constitution.

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West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, departmental officials at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations, wellwishers and local people.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than formally unveiled the signboard of the medical ward. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the Commander and party viewed medical store, operation theatre and patient wards round Talokhtaw Station Hospital and comforted the patients who were undergoing treatment.

Upon arrival at Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) Construction Project, Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin briefed them on data of the bridge, progress in building the main section and approach bridges on the bank of Hinthada and Ingapu.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on striving for timely completion of the project tasks. Ngawun Bridge is 2,835 feet long and 34 feet wide with 28 feet wide mortarway. Its each pedestrian way is 3 feet wide.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected Sangha medical ward, maternity ward, delivery room and X-ray room and operation theatre at the hospital. Afterwards, Manager U Myint Oo of Myanma Agriculture Service of Myanaung Township briefed them on cultivation of 40,095 acres of edible oil crops in 2006-2007, accounting for 169.94 per cent of edible oil sufficiency. Myanaung Township has already set a target to grow edible oil crops on 54,648 acres to ensure 236.51 per cent of edible oil sufficiency this year. After that, General Manager U San Hla Baw of MAS gave a supplementary report.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with local authorities of Myanaung and Kyangin Townships, departmental officials, members of social organizations and townelders and gave instructions on concerted efforts to be made for edible oil security.

On arrival at a 50-acre physic nut plantation in Kyangin Township, Manager U Than Tun of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on cultivation of 38 acres of physic nut plants and preparations to grow remaining 12 acres. While they were at Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township, Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Construction Group-9 of Irrigation Department briefed them on condition of rainfalls, flow of water into the dam, storage of water, efforts for supplying water to the farmlands and distribution of power to neighbouring villages of the dam through small generators.

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*(The clarification of the Chairman of the NCCWC on the Chapter "Political Parties" is reported separately.)*

Afterwards, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Member of the NCCWC, continued to present the clarification of Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State Constitution.

The plenary session took a break at 11.15 am. When the plenary session resumed at 11.30, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Member of the NCCWC, continued to present the clarification of Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State Constitution.

Afterwards, Member of the NCCWC Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of Defence continued to present the clarification of Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in the State Constitution.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention was adjourned at 12 noon.

*(The clarification of the Chairman of the NCCWC on the Chapter "Provisions on State of Emergency" is to be published.)*

The plenary session of the National Convention will continue tomorrow at the same venue. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe donates relief aids to a flood victim. — MNA

## Relief aids provided to flood victims in Bhamo

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — A ceremony to present relief aids to families of flood victims in wards and villages of Bhamo Township was held at the city hall in Bhamo on 30 July evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint explained overflow of water at towns and villages in Kachin State along Ayeyawady River due to heavy rains since 20 July and preventive measures taken against the flood.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe also explained arrangements for providing relief aids to flood victims.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint donated 150 bags of rice, medicines and clothes, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe six kinds each of relief aid, Kachin State USDA member U Tun Tun of Tun Yadana Sein Co K 10 million, jade entrepreneurs of Phakant Township K 10 million, Dagon Timber Co and Htoo Co K 500,000 each, traders of Bhamo K 600,000, hoteliers of Bhamo K 160,000, shopkeepers of Bhamo K 900,000, 10 bags of rice, 125 viss of potato and 150 viss of onion, Township PDC 15 bags of rice and 15 viss of edible oil and townsenders K 500,000. Chairman of the Township PDC U Khin Maung Aye and flood victims.

On behalf of the flood victims, a person spoke words of thanks.

The relief aids donated at the ceremony

totalled K 20 million and relief aids worth K 10.4 million.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister inspected tasks of Bhamo District Immigration and National Registration Department in issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to the people at Zeyathiri Sasana Beikman in Bhamo. After attending to the needs, the minister gave instructions to officials.

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## One villager shot dead by KNU insurgents

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — A villager was shot dead by KNU insurgents in Kyaukkyi Township on 28 July.

U Zaw Min, the head of 100-household of Okshitpin Village in the township, was gunned down by the insurgents after he refused the demand of three KNU insurgents to recruit new members.

Three KNU insurgents arrived at the house of U Zaw Min about 10 am on 28 July and forced him to recruit new members. As he refused to do so, one of the insurgents fought with him. The victim was shot dead by other two insurgents. Local military columns are in hot pursuit of the insurgents.—MNA

## Some households evacuated from flood-hit Minbu, Pyigyidagun Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Due to swelling of the water level of Ayeyawady River, the people from villages and some wards of Minbu Township along the bank of the river were evacuated to the safe places on 31 July.

This afternoon, households from some wards of Pyigyidagun Township were also evacuated to the safe places due to the overflow of Ayeyawady River.

Departmental personnel and members of social organizations were providing necessary assistance to the flood victims.

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## Breastfeeding one of various plans and projects in upgrading health standard of nation

### World Breastfeeding Week 2007 observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — In accord with the motto “Breastfeeding: The 1st Hour—Save One Million Babies, a ceremony to launch the World Breastfeeding Week 2007 was held at the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that the activities of the World Breastfeeding Week have been organized in the entire world since 1992. The 16th World Breastfeeding Week will be launched today. Under the leadership of the National Health Committee, the breastfeeding is one of the various plans and projects in upgrading the health standard of the nation. At present, a total of 434 hospitals have been recognized as the baby friendly hospital initiative and 149 townships as the baby friendly home delivery. Health staff of the Ministry of Health and its related ministries, NGOs and all the people are to join hands in implementing the breastfeeding plan.

The minister added that as such plan could be implemented at only 343 hospitals during 15 years, heads of State/Division Health Departments are to strive for recognizing all hospitals as baby friendly hospital initiative in respective states and divisions. While maintaining the prestige of the hospitals and

townships in baby friendly hospital initiative and home delivery, officials of the townships and hospitals are to undertake 10 steps of breastfeeding and its policies.

The minister thanked UNICEF, WHO, the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and NGOs for their contributions to organizing the World Breastfeeding Week, the Breastfeeding Counselling Training Workshops and the tasks to give talks on health knowledge.

Chief of Health and Nutrition Section Dr Osamu Kunii of UNICEF delivered an address.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented prizes to officials of seven outstanding hospitals. Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, Dr Osamu Kunii, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint of MWAF, Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye and officials also gave prizes to officials of the outstanding hospitals.

Directors-general of Medical Science Department, Traditional Medicine Department, Health Planning Department, Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) and Health Department presented prizes to health staff from the townships that secured baby friendly home delivery awards. — MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at a ceremony to launch World Breastfeeding Week 2007. — MNA

## Five NLD members quit, losing trust and faith in party and leaders

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Members U Khin Maung Myint, Daw Myint Myint Than, U Kyaw Moe Win, U Soe Win and U Tun Tun Naing of Insein Township National League for Democracy of Yangon Division resigned from the NLD of their own volition on 10 July, sending letters of resignation to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities.

In the letters of resignation sent to Insein Township Multi-Party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they resigned from the party after losing trust and faith in the NLD and its leaders. — MNA

## Activities on DHF prevention launched

YANGON, 1 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected preventive measures against DHF organized by Health Department of YCDC at Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

reports on outbreaks of dengue fever in the township and preventive and educative measures on the disease by Head of Health Department of YCDC Dr Aung Than, Head of Township Health Department Dr Daw Mya Mya Win, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and officials and gave

necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor and officials inspected preventive measures against DHF in No 25 Ward.

Mass activities on prevention of dengue fever were also launched in North Okkalapa, Sangyoung, Kamayut and Thakayta Townships this morning.

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Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing meeting with employees of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. — H & T

## Mandalay claim shield sinking Ayeyawady

### 5-3 in ISD U-17 Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Mandalay Division claimed a shield after sinking Ayeyawady Division with a deserved 5-3 victory in the final of the 12th Inter-State/Division U-17 Football Tournament 2007 at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay at 3 pm today.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-

Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Patron of Mandalay Division Women's Sports Organization Daw Khin Pyone Win, senior military officers, officials of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation and departmental heads at division level.

After the final

match, the minister presented K 1 million to champion Mandalay Division, K 600,000 to runners-up Ayeyawady Division, K 300,000 to third placed Yangon Division and fairplay award and K 100,000 to Ayeyawady Division.

The commander awarded championship shield and duplicate shield to champion Mandalay Division.

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## H&T Minister inspects hotels in Mandalay, PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing accompanied by officials met with service personnel of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Mandalay Branch), Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and staff of Innwa Hotel at the meeting hall of the hotel on 28 July and attended to the needs.

The minister also met with entrepreneurs of

hotels and tourism services in Mandalay and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister and party inspected Mandalay Swan Hotel, Mya Mandalar Hotel and office work of Myanma Hotels and Tourism

Services and fulfilled the requirements.

On 29 July, the minister met with hoteliers and staff at Nan Myaing Hotel and visited Nan Myaing, Thiri Myaing and Gandama Myaing Hotels in PyinOoLwin.

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### POEM

## Breastfeeding: an effective intervention

- \* **Child mortality**  
To drop by two-thirds according to MDGs  
A goal not that far-fetched nor that simple  
But one for which all adults should feel responsible
- \* **Awareness raising for reproductive health**  
Correct information and health-facts to get spread  
Men as partners in maternal health  
Everything that'd make pregnant mothers healthy and gain strength
- \* **Once the newborn arrives**  
Breastfeeding's a simple way to save its life  
With crucial nutrients to provide  
And to foster its healthy growth outright
- \* **Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months**  
Boosts up infants' immune system pretty fast  
Protecting them from respiratory infections  
And the special bond to their moms being strengthened
- \* **Breastfeeding practices**  
Part of our culture but not an end in itself  
Should be encouraged by all in the community  
As a means to an end for a drop in child mortality

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Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe delivers an address at National Workshop on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection. — MNA

## National Workshop on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection held

YANGON, 1 Aug — The opening ceremony of National Workshop on Juvenile Justice and Child Protection organized by the Supreme Court and UNICEF Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel here this morning, with an opening address by Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe.

It was also attended by Deputy Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, the judges of the Supreme Court, departmental heads and official's of Attorney-General's Office, ministries, Yangon City Development Committee and Myanmar Police Force, the resident representatives of

UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, UNFPA and JICA, resource persons, professors from abroad, experts and guests.

UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh Shrestha extended greetings.

At the first session of the workshop, Director U Soe Thein of the Supreme Court presided over the workshop and Deputy Director U Zaw Lin Maung of Attorney-General's Office and Juvenile Judge and Law Professor Jaap Doek read out the papers. At the second session, Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department acted as the chairperson and Mr Yvon

Dandurand (Dean of Research, University College of the Fraser Valley, Canada) and Deputy Director U Myint Oo of General Administration Department read out the papers.

Director Daw Kyin San of Attorney-General's Office presided over the third session. Mr Mark Lalonde (Consultant, Policing Expert) and Head of Anti-Trafficking Unit Police Lt-Col Ye Min of Myanmar Police Force read out the papers.

At the fourth session of the workshop, Professor Jaap Doek acted as the chairperson, and Child Protection Specialist Ms Shelley Casey of UNICEF

Regional Office and Juvenile Judge (Yangon) Daw Thawdar Sein read out the papers.

Next, those present took part in the panel discussions.

The workshop will be held till 3 August.

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Eight dead in bus accident in Tibet

LHASA, 31 July —At least eight people were killed and four were seriously injured after a bus plunged into a valley in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, local government said on Monday.

The accident occurred around 3:30 pm Monday when the bus was en route from Nam Cog Lake, a local tourist site, to the county seat of Damxung, said a source with the Damxung County government.

The injured have been rushed to hospital. The exact number of the passengers on the bus is still unclear.

MNA/Xinhua

Italian police arrest more people for poisonous cocaine

ROME, 31 July—Italian police arrested two more people in Bergamo, a city of northern Italy, who were believed to deal cocaine laced with atropine which has sent 18 people to hospital, local media reported on Monday. Police believed the two suspects are members of the Moroccan gang dealing cocaine with three other Moroccans who were nabbed over the weekend. Police said the alarm over the tainted drugs appears to be over after no one else was hospitalized aside from the six on Thursday and 12 on Friday.

Atropine, a poisonous alkaloid obtained from deadly nightshade, also known as belladonna, creates eye and hearing hallucinations and can lead to irregular heartbeat. It dilates the pupils and an overdose can lead to convulsions, unconsciousness and even death.

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Toddler found in swimming pool dies LONDON, 31 July—A 17-month-old girl has died in hospital after being found unconscious in a swimming pool in Hampshire, police said on Monday.

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## ITunes sells over 3 bln songs

**BELING, 1 Aug**—Apple company, which makes the market-leading iPod digital media player, said iTunes has sold more than 3 billion songs since its launching four years ago, media reported Wednesday.

The milestone came just six months after iTunes, Apple Inc's online music download service, surpassed the 2 billion tracks-sold mark. The service was launched in April 2003 and, until February 2006, sold its first 1 billion songs.

ITunes has surpassed Amazoncom Inc and Target Corp to become the third-largest music retailer in the United States, according to media reports. The iTunes catalog contains over 5 million songs, 550 television shows and 500 movies.

Apple's line of iPod portable music players has been key to iTunes' popularity.

In April, Apple company said it had sold more than 100million iPods. It reached that milestone in the five and a half years since the first iPod was sold. Perhaps most importantly, Apple offered not just the downloading service but also the hard-ware for managing music collections. simple to buy, download and move content around onto iPods, computers and now iPhones," said Gartner analyst Mike McGuire.

"They've made it brain-dead



A customer browses the iTunes music store in Tokyo in this 26 August, 2006 file photo.—INTERNET

## Hopkins team develops 1st mouse model of mental illness

**WASHINGTON, 30 July** — Johns Hopkins researchers have genetically engineered the first mouse that models both the anatomical and behavioral defects of schizophrenia, a complex and debilitating brain disorder.

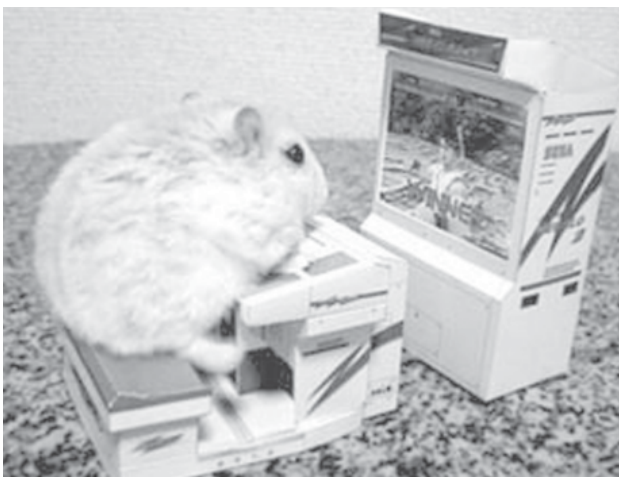
In contrast to current animal studies that rely on drugs that can only mimic the manifestations of schizophrenia, this new mouse is based on a genetic change relevant to the disease.

Thus, it should greatly help with understanding disease progression and developing new therapies.

Animal models of schizophrenia have been hard to design since many different causes underlie this disease.

However, Akira Sawa and colleagues took advantage of the recent discovery of a major risk factor for this disease: the DISC1 gene, which makes a protein that helps nerve cells assume their proper positions in the brain.

As reported online Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the researchers generated mice that make an incomplete, shortened form of the DISC1 protein in addition to the regular type.



A mouse is seen in a laboratory in a file photo. Scientists have genetically engineered mice that develop the physical and psychological characteristics of schizophrenia, US researchers said on Monday.—INTERNET

## Oxfam report says hunger, disease spread in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 31 July** — Hunger and disease are spreading in Iraq as violence masks a deepening humanitarian crisis, British charity Oxfam said in a report on Monday.

The charity said 28 per cent of Iraqi children are malnourished, 15 per cent of Iraqis regularly cannot afford enough to eat and 70 per cent lack clean drinking water, all sharp

increases since 2003. "The terrible violence in Iraq has masked the on-going humanitarian crisis. Malnutrition amongst children has dramatically increased and basic services, ruined by years of war and sanctions, cannot meet the needs of the Iraqi people," Oxfam director Jeremy Hobbs said.

"The fighting and weak Iraqi institutions mean

there are severe limits on what humanitarian work can be carried out. Nevertheless more can and should be done to help the Iraqi people," he said.

Two million Iraqis have been forced to flee the country since 2003, and at least as many have been displaced within Iraq.

Oxfam, which pulled out of Iraq along with most other aid agencies because

of deteriorating security in 2003, said there are local charities within Iraq that are working to help the poorest Iraqis. But most are under-funded.

Some are afraid to accept aid from countries with troops in Iraq for security reasons, and Oxfam called on countries that have not sent troops to send more money for aid. — MNA/Reuters

The short form of the protein attaches to the full-length one, disrupting its normal duties.

As these mice matured, they became more agitated when placed in an open field, had trouble finding hidden food, and did not swim as long as regular mice; such behaviors parallel the hyperactivity, smell defects and apathy

observed in schizophrenia patients. Magnetic resonance imaging also revealed characteristic defects in brain structure.

Sawa notes that the defects in these mice were not as severe as those typically seen in people with schizophrenia, because more than one gene is required to trigger the clinical disease.

Internet

# SPORTS

## Nantes start Ligue 2 campaign with 5-0 rout

NANTES (France), 1 Aug — Eight-times French champions Nantes started life as a Ligue 2 club for the first time in over four decades with a 5-0 rout, making clear they were determined to secure an immediate return to the top flight.

"We wanted to show the fans that the team have soul," captain Frederic Da Rocha told reporters after Nantes crushed Reims on Monday.

Over 25,000 fans attended the match at the Beaujoire Stadium and greeted their team's performance with rounds of Mexican waves.

"It wasn't bad but we must not get carried away," Da Rocha added. "We must do better still." The win came two days after the news that Polish-born businessman Waldemar Kita had bought the club from owner Serge Dassault.

Nantes were relegated at the end of last season after spending a record 44 consecutive years in the top flight.

For years Nantes were nurtured by a series of unpretentious father figures, but the club changed dramatically in 2004 when Dassault, the owner of an aviation and industrial company, took control.

For many Nantes lovers, the businessman and the leadership he put into place broke the club's rich traditions, which the fans believe led to the its decline.

MNA/Reuters



**Brendan Hansen competes in the men's 200m breaststroke swim at the US Swimming National Championships in Indianapolis on 31 July, 2007. Hansen won the event. —INTERNET**

## West Ham pledge to seek out-of-court Tevez settlement

LONDON, 1 Aug — West Ham United will continue to seek an out-of-court settlement with Argentine forward Carlos Tevez's representatives after they started legal proceedings against the London club.

In a statement on their Web site on Tuesday, the Premier League club said that if they failed to achieve an out-of-court agreement with all parties involved, then they would present a robust case to the High Court on 22 August.

Tevez's representative Kia Joorabchian, who claims that he and his companies own the economic rights to Tevez, 23, applied to the High Court after serving a writ on West Ham in a bid to ease his proposed transfer to Manchester United.

West Ham claim they are the true 'owners'

of Tevez as they hold his registration as a player after recruiting him in a complex deal last year.

"West Ham United will continue to work on achieving an out-of-court settlement on the issues relating to Carlos Tevez," the club said.

"However, if a settlement, to be agreed by all parties, is not possible then the Club will present a very robust legal case to the High Court if the matter comes before the court on 22<sup>nd</sup> August."

Tevez's 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).

MNA/Reuters

## Brazil gives little away at 2014 World Cup bid handover

ZURICH, 1 Aug — The Brazilian football association (CBF) formally submitted its plans for staging the 2014 World Cup on Tuesday but kept the details close to its chest.

A Brazilian delegate, headed by CBF president Ricardo Teixeira, handed over a 900-page dossier at

the headquarters of world soccer's governing body but declined to answer media questions on the size of the bid budget or any potential challenges it faced.

Brazil last staged the World Cup in 1950 and is the only country bidding to stage the 2014 version, having benefited from

FIFA's decision to rotate the World Cup between different continents.

Colombia briefly launched a rival bid but withdrew in April.

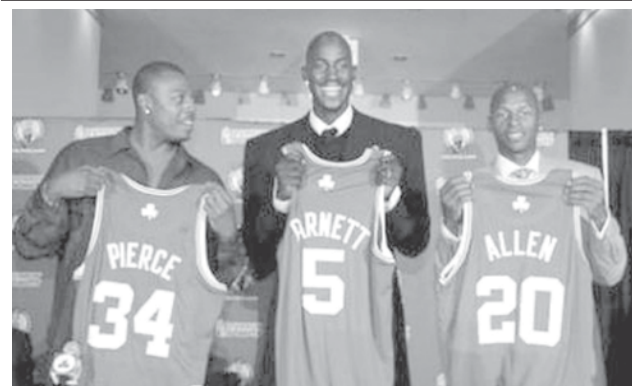
FIFA president Sepp Blatter has repeatedly warned however that Brazil must still meet the logistical and financial requirements of staging the tournament or risk the competition being opened up to nations from outside

South America.

"For the time being Brazil has not yet been given the World Cup," Blatter said shortly ahead of Tuesday's formal handover.

"If something should happen to the Brazil bid, then we still have time to start again as we are a year in advance of the decision-making process for previous World Cups."

MNA/Reuters



**Boston Celtics new signing Kevin Garnett (5), previously from the Minnesota Timberwolves, poses with his new teammates captain Paul Pierce (34) and Ray Allen (20) at a news conference to announce Garnett's signing, in Boston, Massachusetts on 31 July, 2007. —INTERNET**

## Milan confirm interest in Real's Baptista

MILAN, 1 Aug — AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani confirmed his side's interest in Real Madrid forward Julio Baptista on Tuesday. Galliani was photographed with Real sporting director Predrag Mijatovic earlier in the week and media reports said Real were willing to sell the Brazilian if European champions Milan took out-of-favour forward Antonio Cassano as well.

"If Real Madrid accept this offer for Baptista, good, otherwise it won't happen," Galliani told a news conference at the launch of Milan's new home shirt. "I deny that Real have asked us to take Cassano too."

Baptista, who scored in Brazil's Copa America final win over Argentina this month, has struggled at Real and spent last season on loan at Arsenal.

Galliani was quick to play down rumours that the future of Milan playmaker Kaka was also discussed with Mijatovic. Madrid have had several huge bids rejected by Milan. —MNA/Reuters

## Partizan continue in UEFA Cup after ban deferred

BELGRADE, 1 Aug — Partizan Belgrade will host Bosnia's Zrinjski Mostar in their UEFA Cup first qualifying round second leg on Thursday after UEFA deferred a one-year ban against the Serbian club.

"Following an appeal by FK Partizan, the chairman of UEFA's Appeals Body has granted a delaying effect in the Serbian club's disciplinary case," European soccer's governing body said in a statement.

"The decision means the UEFA Appeals Body can examine the case, consider the parties' arguments and rule on the merits of the case by 16 August, when the second qualifying round first-leg matches are scheduled to take place."

Partizan were thrown out of the UEFA Cup and fined 50,000 Swiss francs last week after their fans rioted in the first leg against Zrinjski earlier this month. Partizan won the match 6-1. — MNA/Reuters

## Coach Vieira speaks to S Korea and socceros

BANGKOK, 31 July — Jorvan Vieira is a wanted man after guiding Iraq to their first Asian Cup triumph, and has already attracted interest from Australia and South Korea with a view to taking over as national team coach.

The Brazilian spoke

with representatives of the two teams on Monday, less than 24 hours after Iraq's fairytale 1-0 victory over hot favourites Saudi Arabia in Jakarta.

"I spoke on the telephone with representatives of Australia and South Korea asking me if I was interested," Vieira told Reuters during a brief stopover in Bangkok.

"It's still very early. First, I need a holiday before I decide what to do," he added.

Newcomers Australia, who were the pre-tournament favourites after reaching the last 16 of last year's World Cup, have confirmed they are looking for a foreign coach to replace Graham Arnold after their Asian Cup debut flop.

The Socceros complained often about the heat and humidity and went out at the quarter-final stage having won just one game. —MNA/Reuters



**Venus Williams of the US returns a volley to Anastasia Rodionova of Russia during their first round match at the Acura Classic tennis tournament in Carlsbad, California on 30 July, 2007. —INTERNET**

# Iran slams Washington's plan to sell arms to Arab nations

**TEHERAN, 1 August** — Iran on Tuesday condemned a US multi-billion-dollar military sales package for Arab nations as "adventurism", the official IRNA news agency reported.

The US plan to "sell arms worth of billions of dollars and prepare illusive scenarios in the region" is an instance of adventurism,

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said in a statement.

"Washington has taken such a move to save

the US arms manufacturing companies from bankruptcy," Mottaki said, adding that "White House rulers" want to use their influence at the end of their tenure in office to garner growing benefits for owners of the arms companies.

He said that contrary to Washington's "disparate attempts", regional countries, which are "sharing many historical commonalities and unbreakable cultural and religious affinities", have had peaceful coexistence for years.

Washington announced on Monday that it planned to provide a series of arms deals, estimated at 20 billion US dollars, to Saudi Arabia and five other oil-rich Gulf states as well as new 10-year military aid packages to Israel and Egypt.

Specific figures for Saudi Arabia and Gulf nations like Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, will be determined in the coming weeks, according to US Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns.

Israel will receive a total of 30 billion dollars in US military assistance, up from about 24 billion dollars, over the next decade, while Egypt will get 13 billion dollars as part of the broader package.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier stands guard near a burnt bus after a bomb attack in Baghdad on 30 July, 2007.

INTERNET

### Henry Ko Ko Lay (Shwe Bo)

Retired Chief Technical Advisor FAO

74 years

Henry Ko Ko Lay, son of U Tun Tin and Daw Ma Ma, Yan Gyi Aung Rice Mill, Shwe Bo, son-in-law of U Ba Maung, retired Chief of Police and late Ambassador to Thailand and Daw Hnin Yee, Khin U, husband of May Ba Maung, 60 A Inya Road, Yangon, father of U Ye Aung, Chief Infrastructure Services, UNDP, New York and Ms. Chodchay, U Phone Aung and Daw Cho Cho Myint, Daw Khin Nge Nge, Dr. Le Le Aung, Associate Consultant, National University Hospital, Singapore and grandfather of Maung Saw Yan Naing (ILBC) and Ma Aye Chan Myint (ILBC) passed away on the 29th July 2007 at the National University Hospital, Singapore. The funeral service will be held at Ye Way Cemetery at 3:00 pm on the 2nd August Thursday. Buses will leave home at 1:30 pm.

Bereaved Family



Thursday, 2 August  
View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

- တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအင်္ဂလိပ်ဘာသာဖြင့် ပြောဆိုတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- Dance of national races

8:10 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

- Dance variety

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Let's Go

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

- Musical programme

5:00 pm

- အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

- Cute little dancer

5:25 pm

- လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

5:30 pm

- Musical programme

5:45 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သီရိဓမ္မာ

7:00 pm

- Discovery

7:10 pm

- စလင်းချောင်းတံတား

7:15 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဒုတိယအရွယ်ချစ်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၃)

- The next day's programme



Thursday, 2 August  
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:  
-Brother Louie (Modern Talking)

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:  
-My destiny (Vengaboys)

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music:  
-First love (Kolon)

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:  
-Be my girl (Ott)

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music:  
-Only want to be with you (Ally Mc Beal)  
-Susana (The Art Company)  
-You to me are everything (Sunset)

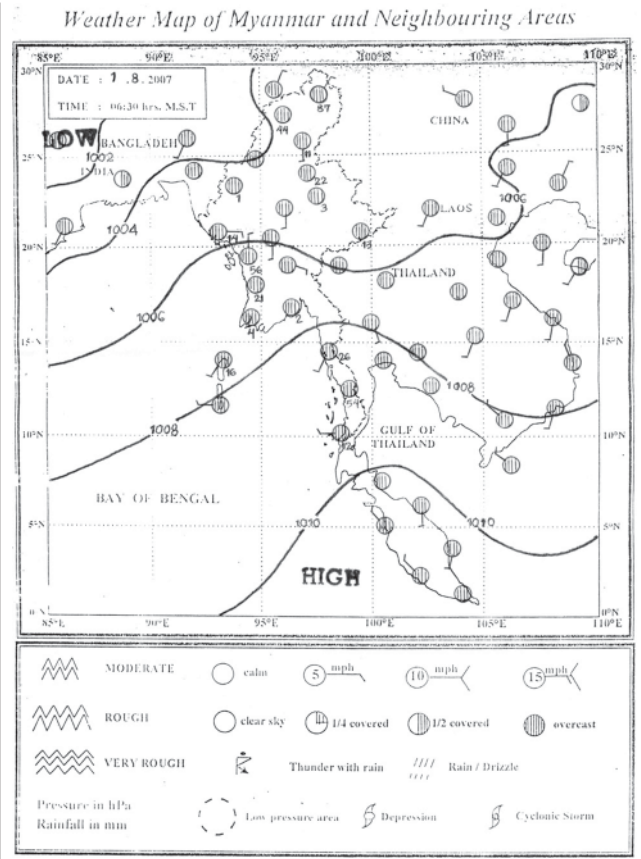
9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar  
-The cultural heart of Myanmar  
Golden Mandalay

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Topics potpourri  
-1000 years old Arctic ponds disappearing due to global warming

9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers  
-Love (Kenn Logging)  
-Sealed with a kiss (Bobby Virton)

9:45 pm News / Slogan  
10:00 pm PEL



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 1 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Mon States and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (5.59) inches, Mogok (5.04) inches, Gwa (4.53) inches, Putao (3.94) inches, Kyaukpypu (3.34) inches, Myeik (2.13) inches and Hkamti (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-7-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-8-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-8-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 31-7-2007 was (0.4) hour approx.

Rainfall on 1-8-2007 was (0.47) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (80.39) inches at Mingaladon, (82.48) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (14:20) hours MST on 31-7-2007.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 2-8-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-8-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-8-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-8-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hours MST on 1-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at NyaungU (2188) cm is exceeded (68) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (2120) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin (3000) cm is exceeded (100) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (2900) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends opening of self-reliant Sangha Medical Ward in Hinthada Township, meets officials, members of social organizations, townselders in Myanaung, Kyangin Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to

open the self-reliant Sangha Medical Ward at Talokhtaw Station Hospital costing K 4.5 million in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 31 July.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South- (See page 9)



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin). — MNA

## NCC Work Committee Chairman's clarification on detailed basic principles that should be adopted for Chapter "Election" presented

YANGON, 1 Aug — The following is the clarification on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in the chapter "Election" out of chapters "Election", "Political Parties", and "Provisions on State of Emergency" to be included in drawing the State constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.

**Mr Chairman and National Convention delegates,**

May you be blessed with physical and mental well-being and auspiciousness.

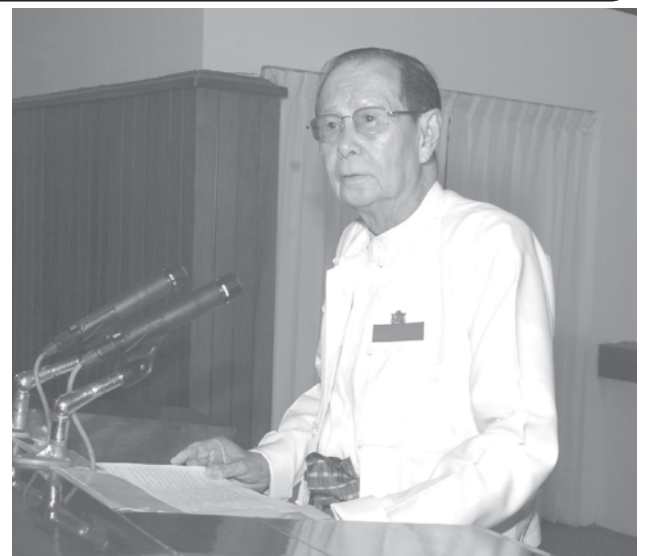
At the plenary sessions held on 30 and 31 October 2006, the Work Committee chairman's explanation about the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", and "Provisions on State of Emergency" was read out.

The delegate groups held group-wise discussions about the Work Committee chairman's explanation

and compiled the proposals and read out the papers at the sessions held from 27 November to 7 December 2006. Of the proposals for the basic principles and detailed basic principles the NC had laid down, suitable ones were submitted. Some of them are the ones that can bring benefits to the nation and the people. So, regarding such kinds of proposals, the Work Committee sought the approval of the delegate groups through members of the panel of chairmen.

The Work Committee carried out a thorough study of the delegates' suggestions about the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", and "Provisions on State of Emergency". The National Convention Convening Commission evaluated and adopted the suitable detailed basic principles the Work Committee had compiled. Now, I will explain the suitable detailed basic principles to be adopted for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", and "Provisions on State of Emergency".

(See page 4)



Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

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**Mr Chairman,**

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee presented the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapter "Political Parties" at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 31 October 2006.

All the Delegate Groups — the Delegate Group of National Races, the Delegate Group of Peasants, the Delegate Group of Workers, the Del-

egate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, the Delegate Group of Political Parties — National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party — and the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect — the representatives-elect of the political parties and the three-member group including Dr Hmu Htan and the six-member group including U Tin Win held discussions and made suggestions on the Work Committee Chairman's clarifications and laid down the following detailed basic principles:

(See page 7)



Secretary of National Convention Convening Work Committee U Thaung Nyunt. — MNA