

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects manufacturing of agricultural equipment

Innovative measures to be taken in manufacturing agricultural equipment to contribute to development of agricultural sector of State, people

YANGON, 18 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected tasks of Agricultural Equipment Factories of the Agricultural Mechanization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this morning.

At the agricultural machinery factories region in Kyaikkalo in Mingaladon Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers and officials, heard reports on tasks of agricultural mechanization factories in Yangon, locations and areas of No 1 Agricultural Machinery Assembling Workshop, No 1 Main Workshop, No 3 and No 4 Agricultural Equipment Factories in Mingaladon Township and No 1 Agricultural Equipment Factory in

Mayangon Township, strength of workers, use of machinery and implementation of the plan for 2007-08 presented by Director-General U Win Maw of AMD.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that the government is trying to transform the agricultural task from applying the manual to the mechanizing system in accord with the one of four economic objectives — Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. He stressed the need to manufacture quality products such as Leyar-16 power-tillers and Leyar-22 power-tillers, harvesters, thresher and dryers, modern paddy millers, pumps and other agricultural equipment. He added that innovative measures are to be taken in manufacturing agricultural equipment to contribute toward development of the agriculture



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects No 1 Agricultural Machinery Assembling Workshop in Mingaladon Township.—MNA

sector of the State and the people.

At No 4 Agricultural Equipment Factory, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected iron casting and manufacturing of shaft, gear and other equipment and gave necessary instructions.

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Agricultural equipment factories of the Agricultural Mechanization Department have manufactured 580 Leyar-22 power-tillers against the target of 1,500 in 2007-08.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 19 August, 2007

Literati to serve the national interest

Literature is a cultural pillar of every race. Throughout the Myanmar history literati have opportunities to preserve the heritage of Myanmar literature and they are to continue to preserve the national heritage from generation to generation. Concerted efforts are to be made for flourishing and development of Myanmar literature.

The government is giving encouragement to the progress of national literature and fulfilling the requirements for flourishing of the literary world in every aspect while placing emphasis on power and significance of invaluable literature. Every year outstanding literati and their works are selected and literary awards are presented to them.

Literati have to make efforts for the people to gain knowledge and to widen the scope of knowledge of the people through their literature without losing the sight of true international situation. The literati are responsible for keeping the national outlook and spirit dynamic.

Some big nations are trying to inject administrative pattern and culture and customs they desire into Myanmar. Therefore, the literati are to produce literature that keeps national spirit alive and dynamic forever.

It is necessary for the literati to make continued endeavours for producing the fine works that serve the national interest.

15 members of Mawlamyinegyun Township NLD resign

YANGON, 18 Aug — A total of 15 members including U Khin Maung Aye, U Myint Thaug, U Mya Win, U Maung Htwe, U Win Naing and U Lun resigned from Mawlamyinegyun Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division of their own accord on 10 August and they sent letters of resignations to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Ayeyawady Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that they no longer accepted acts of the NLD and wished to stand as members of the party. That is why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.

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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

Members of committees and boards under Ministry of Information honoured

Experts to place emphasis on upgrading literary, music and motion picture works to have better standards

YANGON, 18 Aug — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony to honour those who participated in the committees for implementation of the aims of the Ministry of Information, at the Studio (A) of Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the purpose of honouring the members of the boards and committees concerning literary, motion picture and music sectors is to appreciate them for their efforts in implementing the aims of the ministry with the national outlook. In addition to the main duties and functions, the Ministry of Information is performing the tasks of the National Literature Award Scrutinizing Committee, the Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Scrutinizing Committee, the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literature Award Scrutinizing Committee, the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board, the Motion Picture Censor Board, the Video Censor Board, the Myanma Radio and Television classical song scrutinizing committee, the modern song scrutinizing committee, the Myanmar Maha Gita scrutinizing committee. State service personnel, advisers and experts are included in these committees.

He continued to say that the experts have much experiences in their respective fields. Despite being old, they tried hard in discharging their duties assigned by the State to scrutinize the works without bias. At present, it is known to all that foreign media are making slanderous accusations against the government through the literature and broadcasting units by using various ways and means. Hence, the scholars are to rebut these accusations through media.

The minister also said that the experts are to place emphasis on upgrading literary, music and motion picture works to have better standards. With a view to ensuring development of Myanmar motion picture, the



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash reward to U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin). — MNA

motion picture course is being conducted to the students at University of Culture. In addition, modern machinery have been supplied to the motion picture industry. Furthermore, it is necessary to take innovative measure in the music field. Arrangements are being made for conducting the media course at universities.

If the persons in the literary, music and motion picture communities are to join hands with the government to serve the national interest, although they have different views and opinions, remarkable progress can be witnessed in the sectors. Later, the minister gave instructions on scrutinizing of literary awards and functions of the motion picture, music and video censor boards.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash rewards to members of the National Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee for 2006-07 through Chairman of the Committee Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise; to members of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Scrutinizing Committee for 2006-07 through Chairman U Myint Thein; to members of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Scrutinizing Committee for 2007-2010 through Chairman U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin); to members of the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion and Scrutinizing Board for 2005, the Motion Picture Censor Board for 2006 and the Video Censor Board through Daw Po Po Kyi; to members of the Myanma Radio and Television classical song scrutinizing committee, the modern song scrutinizing committee and the Myanmar Maha Gita scrutinizing committee through Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon U Maung Maung Latt (Naung).

On behalf of the experts, members of Myanmar Historical Commission Dr Khin Maung Nyunt expressed gratitude. After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the experts. — MNA



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash reward to U Maung Maung Latt (Naung). — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Poll shows most Californians want US out of Iraq war

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug — Voters in California want US lawmakers to help end the Iraq war, with nearly 60 per cent of them saying Congress should set a deadline for US troops' withdrawal by spring, according to a public opinion poll released Wednesday.

The poll also found that President George W Bush

is losing support among Republicans in the Golden State: 40 per cent of California Republicans now favour pulling out some or all troops from Iraq and 30 per cent want the Democratic-led Congress to pass legislation for that purpose.

Meanwhile, Bush's approval ratings in California have stayed at

rock bottom, with 26 per cent of voters approving of his job performance, compared with 65 per cent who disapprove. His rating was also 26 per cent in March, when the last similar poll conducted.

Only former president Richard Nixon dipped to lower levels — a 24-per cent approval rating — and that was at the height of the Watergate scandal, according to Mark DiCamillo, director of the Field Poll, California's independent public opinion service.

"This is the lowest approval rating for an extended period of time of any US president" in California, DiCamillo said. "That rating for Nixon was just for one moment in time, and then he resigned."

MNA/Xinhua

Contaminated milk discovered in western France

PARIS, 17 Aug — A dairy located near Redon, western France, has discovered milk that is contaminated with dioxin, local officials, who are handling the matter, said on Thursday.

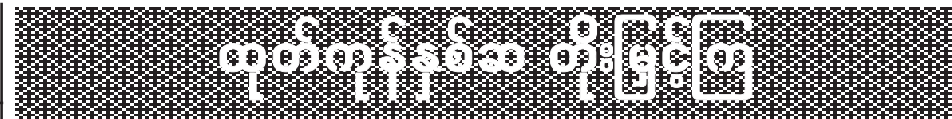
This is the second dairy in the region to report a case of contaminated milk. The first case, in which milk was found to contain higher levels of dioxin than stipulated by European standards for foodstuffs, was reported in another regional dairy at the end of July.

The contaminated milk involved in the latest case was also delivered from farms around the same region where the first one was reported, according to the same source.

Two other dairies operating in the region have also conducted tests on several milk samples and the results are set to be released shortly.

The conclusions of the investigations, which were conducted to determine the source of the contamination, were not comprehensive. — MNA/Xinhua

Vehicles drive through a flooded street in Manila as Typhoon Sepat intensified rains across the northern Philippines on 17 Aug, 2007. Schools remained shut in the capital and in affected cities, and the government suspended work in public offices so employees could get home before flooding clogged traffic. — INTERNET



A pilot of Russia's Sukhoi SU-27 performs a training flight at an airfield in Zhukovsky outside Moscow on 16 Aug, 2007. The international Aviation and Space Salon Programme MAKS-2007 starts on 21 Aug. — INTERNET

Four million US teens drenched in drug, alcohol culture

BEIJING 17 Aug — Thirty-one percent of high school students in US — more than 4 million — see drug dealing, illegal drug use or students high or drunk at least once a week on their school grounds, said a survey quoted

by media reports on Friday.

Nine percent of middle school students, or more than 1 million, at least once a week see classmates engaging in drug-related activity at school, the survey found.

The results also show that since 2002, the proportion of students who attend schools where drugs are used, kept or sold has soared 39 percent for high school students and 63 percent for those in middle school.

From 2006 to 2007, the proportion jumped 20 percent for high school students and 35 percent for middle school students, according to the survey.

Joseph Califano, chairman of the National Centre on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University in US warned that too many US schools have become open drug bazaars for teens. — Internet



Men stand at the site of a suicide bomb attack in village of Kahtaniya, one of two villages struck on Tuesday by garbage trucks packed with explosives, west of Mosul, northwest of Baghdad on 16 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

UK security worker shot dead in Afghanistan

LONDON, 17 Aug — A British security worker has been shot dead in Afghanistan Wednesday, according to the British Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office confirmed that the shooting happened in a residential area in the east of Afghan capital Kabul about a mile from British Embassy.

The victim, named Richard Adamson, was the senior manager of the British security company ArmorGroup, which since 2003 provides protection to personnel in Afghanistan working for the British Embassy and organizations such as the Department For International Development, HM Customs and Revenue and the British Council. Two Afghans from the ArmorGroup were suspected of the killing and had been arrested, according to Afghanistan Interior Ministry.

The next of kin of the victim had been informed, a spokesman for ArmorGroup said. The shooting came on the same day as a bomb near Kabul left dead three German police officers who were protecting the German Embassy.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Air Force soldiers participate in the "Peace Mission 2007" anti-terror drill in Chelyabinsk of Russia on 17 Aug, 2007. — XINHUA

Three undersea quakes strike Indonesia, no damage reported

JAKARTA, 17 Aug — Three undersea earthquakes struck western and eastern Indonesia on Friday, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, the country's meteorological agency said.

There were no tsunami warnings issued. The first quake struck overnight at 0126 a.m. (1826 GMT on Thursday) south of a strait between the islands of Java and Sumatra, with its epicentre about 275 kilometres (170 miles) southwest of the capital Jakarta.

The Indonesian agency said the quake measured 5.9 on the Richter Scale,

while the US Geological Survey said on its website the quake was magnitude 5. The other two quakes struck about eight hours later in the Banda Sea in the far east of Indonesia. — MNA/Reuters



Padonte Varapravat, a 12-year-old Elvis Presley impersonator, performs during a concert at Hard Rock Cafe in Bangkok on 16 Aug, 2007 to mark the 30th anniversary of Presley's death. — INTERNET

Lightning kills 306 Chinese in three weeks

BEIJING, 17 Aug — Lightning strikes killed 306 Chinese from 25 June to 16 August, the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) announced on Thursday.

So far this year, 499 Chinese have been killed by lightning, 199 more than the same period last year, said the CMA.

China was more frequently hit by extreme weather conditions this year, said CMA head Zheng Guoguang.

Extreme weather was usually concentrated in summer and autumn, especially in July and August, he said, adding it was hard to forecast.

The meteorological disasters this year were of "various types, wide reaching, scattered and very intense", he said and pointed out that global warming increased the possibility of extreme weathers.

Zheng said east China's Jiangxi Province suffered most from lightning, which had killed 116 people in the province this year.

Research shows that all the victims were rural residents and 79 per cent were working in fields where they were killed. — MNA/Xinhua



Beijing begins a four-day air quality experiment for the Olympics, on 17 Aug, 2007. Drivers with even-numbered license plates were told to stay off the roads on Friday or face fines. On the first day of the test, traffic flow appeared to be lighter. — XINHUA

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Former US Marine charged with killing Iraqi prisoners

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug — The US attorney in Los Angeles has filed charges against a former Marine sergeant for his alleged role in the killing of eight unarmed Iraqi prisoners, it was reported on Thursday.

The defendant, who conducted the killing during a November 2004 battle in Falloujah, Iraq, is expected to appear in court today, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Jose Nazario, a former sergeant, is being charged in civilian court because

he is no longer a Marine. Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents are examining allegations against other members of Nazario's squad, who are still in the Marine Corps, but referred Nazario's case to the US attorney, sources were quoted as saying.

The investigation involves the same com-

pany — Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment — that is the focus of the worst alleged atrocity in Iraq, the killing of 24 civilians in Haditha on 19 November, 2005, said the paper. Nazario enlisted in the Marines in September 1997 and left as a sergeant in October 2005. — MNA/Xinhua

Magnitude 6.7 quake jolts Solomon Islands

SINGAPORE, 17 Aug — A magnitude 6.7 quake struck the Solomon Islands to the northeast of Australia on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said on its website.

The USGS, monitored in Singapore, said the quake's epicentre was about two kilometres (about one mile) under the sea and occurred 75 kilometres (45 miles) west-southwest of Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. There were no immediate reports of damage and the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said in a statement on its website that a destructive Pacific-wide tsunami was not expected. — MNA/Reuters

Three soldiers injured in Thai southern bomb attack

BANGKOK, 17 Aug — Three soldiers were injured when insurgents detonated a bomb on a road in Thailand's southern province of Narathiwat Thursday morning, local police said.

The bomb exploded on the Rusoh-Samakkh Road in Rusoh District while around 10 soldiers were patrolling the road on foot.

The three soldiers were severely injured and have been rushed to a nearby hospital.

Thailand's three southernmost provinces — Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani — have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,300 lives since it resumed in early 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian teenager dies of bird flu

JAKARTA, 17 Aug — A 17-year-old Indonesian girl has died of bird flu, taking the country's death toll from the virus to 83, a Health Ministry official said on Thursday.

Her death comes days after a 29-year-old woman living on Bali died of the disease, becoming the resort island's first known human fatality from the H5N1 virus.

The 17-year-old maid from Tangerang west of Jakarta died on Tuesday after falling ill with a high fever last week, Joko Suyono of the ministry's bird flu centre said by telephone.

The most common way for humans to become infected with the H5N1 virus is through contact with sick fowl, but officials were still investigating how she contracted the disease. — MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

New Zealand to invest \$12m in China to expand trade

BEIJING, 17 Aug —New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE) is to invest 12 million US dollars in China to boost trade and promote its businesses.

Rod MacKenzie, group managing director of North Asia with NZTE, said the investment would be used to develop a New Zealand concept centre in Shanghai.

The Centre would chiefly provide information on New Zealand, such as travel, fashion, food and lifestyles. Meanwhile, New Zealand, will open five new business offices in China in four years.

The project served as a strategic plan for identifying key trade opportunities in China, especially during the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, said MacKenzie. Locations of the five offices

were yet to be decided, but the NZTE said that it had researched markets and trade opportunities in Wuhan, Dalian, Shenzhen, Qingdao and Chengdu.

New Zealand would seek new export opportunities in China in fields such as food, beverage, wood and agricultural technologies. Bilateral

trade topped 5.11 billion US dollars in 2006, said MacKenzie.

New Zealand's exports to China include dairy products, eggs, honey, wood, wood pulp, and seafood while imports from China are chiefly electronics, furniture, toys, steel products and textiles.

Internet



The last igloo in Canada's far north, which housed a family restaurant for 27 years, is pictured on 10 Aug, in Iqaluit. The igloo is set to be demolished to make room for offices, amid a flurry of economic activity in the Arctic. — INTERNET



A plane flies over the Camp for Climate Action as it prepares to land at Heathrow Airport, west London on 14 Aug, 2007. Protesters said on Friday they had drawn up a list of targets for 'direct action' over the weekend including a bank and airport operator BAA. — INTERNET

Crude prices rise on storm forecast, rate cut

NEW YORK, 17 Aug. — Crude prices rose Friday on Hurricane Dean and the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut.

The National Hurricane Centre said Dean strengthened, which will head straight into the Gulf and a direct threat to oil and gas infrastructure.

The Fed cut its discount rate by a half percentage point, easing some investors' fears of an economic slowdown.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery rose 98 cents to settle at 71.98 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, October Brent crude added 67 cents to settle at 70.44 dollars a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

Internet

Cell Therapeutics to buy cancer drug

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug — Biotech firm Cell Therapeutics Inc on Thursday will announce plans to pay Biogen Idec Inc. up to \$30 million for a lymphoma cancer treatment. Seattle-based Cell Therapeutics will take over sales, marketing and development of Zevalin in

the US, while Bayer Schering will continue to sell the drug outside the country. Zevalin posted sales of \$15.4 million in the US last year as a treatment for patients with relapsed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Cell Therapeutics management hopes to ex-

pand the drug's use to serve an initial treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"We see potential for substantial revenue growth for this product," Cell Therapeutics Chief Executive James Bianco said in a statement.

Internet



Indonesian youths try to take out coins from citrus fruit which was covered by charcoal and oil during a game to celebrate the country 62nd Independence Day in Jakarta on 17 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Putin pledges \$2b to Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, 17 Aug — Russia will invest two billion US dollars in former Soviet Kyrgyzstan, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday, after meeting his Kyrgyz counterpart ahead of a regional summit.

Central Asia holds huge supplies of untapped energy resources and the West, Russia, China and Iran have been eyeing ways of developing them and transporting them to world markets. Kyrgyzstan also hosts both a Russian and a US air base.

"We need only good projects," Putin said. "We must take all necessary steps to fund these projects."

Kyrgyzstan lags behind Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan in terms of energy resources, but has considerable reserves of gold. On Thursday leaders from Russia, China and four of the ex-Soviet Central Asian states meet to work out how to strengthen an alliance, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, aimed at maintaining strategic control over the region.

MNA/Reuters

BMW sedan performs worst in crash test

DETROIT, 16 Aug — The 2008 BMW 5 Series was the worst performer in new side-impact crash tests of luxury sedans by the insurance industry.

The Acura RL, Kia Amanti and Volvo S80 all earned the highest safety rating from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, according to results released Thursday. The Cadillac STS and Mercedes E-Class earned the second-highest rating.

The tests were designed to show what would happen if a truck or sport utility vehicle hit the side of the sedan at 31 mph, the speed of a serious crash. Side-impact crashes are the most common type of fatal crash after a frontal crash, killing around 9,000 people on US roadways in 2005, the institute said. "Growing sales of SUVs and pickups have exacerbated height mismatches among passenger vehicles, thereby increasing the risks to occupants of many vehicles struck in the side," Insurance Institute President Adrian Lund said in a news release. All six sedans were equipped with standard side air bags. The air bags in the BMW 5 Series protected the head, but separate air bags designed to protect the chest and abdomen performed poorly, the institute said.—Internet

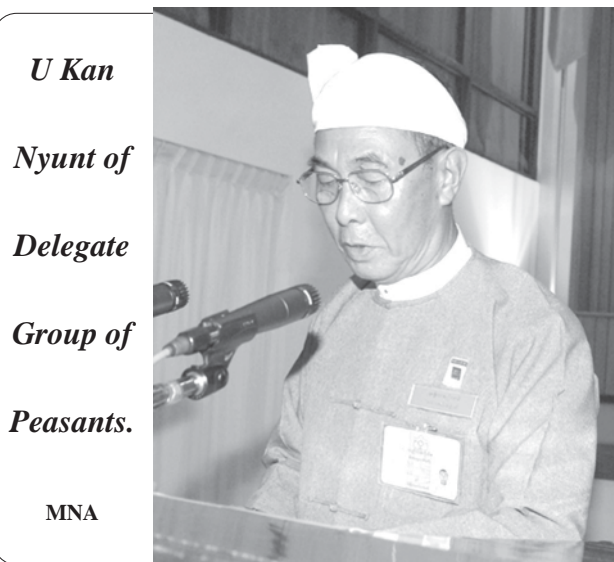
“Supreme Court of the Union” should be used instead of the term “Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw”

YANGON, 18 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants on suggestions made by Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.*

Esteemed delegates,

At the Plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the following State Fundamental Principles for para 9 in connection with judiciary:

“(a) the judicial power of the State is distributed among Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw (Supreme Court), Region Taya Hluttaw (Region High Court), State Taya Hluttaw (State High Court) and law courts of different levels including law courts of self-administered areas;



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“(b) in the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw is the supreme law court of State;
“(c) Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw has powers to issue writs.

“But from paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “High Court” of the Region or State. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used.

“Hence, delegates will have to suggest whether the term Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Concerning the matter, National Unity Party said, to be able to clearly express the difference between the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” and the term “High Court” of the Region or State, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” should be used instead of the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw**.

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A political party shall...

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Union Kayin League said, “Para 2 (a) of Chapter “Political Parties” says “A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”. It features an expression “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”. The purpose of using that expression is to highlight the type of democracy the Union of Myanmar will practise in the near future. Therefore, the expression “genuine multiparty democracy system” contained in para 1, sub-para 4, and para (c) and para 28 should be “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**”.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, “And we are in support of amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some necessary basic principles and detailed principles the Work Committee chairman explained”.

Wa National Development Party said, “The Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” that was adopted at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993, includes the subpara (d) of the para 2 which states “flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”; the para 3 which states, “the State practises genuine multiparty democracy system” and para 28 which states “the State shall enact necessary law for systematic formation of political parties for flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”.

But subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “A political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.” Hence, we agree to use the expression “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of “genuine multiparty democracy”.

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties discussed the stances of the representative of the National Unity Party, and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization. Respective representatives held similar discussions.

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 suggested, “Para 2 (a) of Chapter “Political Parties” says “A political party

shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”. To ensure contextual uniformity in drafting the State Constitution, the expression “**genuine multiparty democracy system**” contained in sub-para 4 of para (b), para (c) and para 28 should be “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system**”.

Independent 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 form the same group said, “But sub-para (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “**A political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**” To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” should be used in drafting the Constitution.

Thus, we agree to use “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of “**genuine multiparty democracy**” in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.
Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races said, “But subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “**A political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**” When we study the said detailed basic principle we will find the usage “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**”. The usage emphasizes in all seriousness that the democracy Myanmar will practise in the future is a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system. To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” should be used.

Thus, we agree to use “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of **genuine multiparty democracy** in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.
Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants said, “To reveal the fact that the type of democracy the Union of Myanmar will practise in the near future is not only genuine but also discipline-flourishing, and to ensure contextual uniformity in drafting the State Constitution, the expression “**genuine**

multiparty democracy system” contained in sub-para 4 of para (b), para (c) and para 28 should be “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system**”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said, “Sub-para (a) of para 2 of the chapter “Political Parties” states “**A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**” To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” should be used.

We agree to use “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of genuine multiparty democracy in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “Sub-para (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “**A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**” These points carry a word “**discipline-flourishing**”. The democracy Myanmar will practise in the future should be a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system. Therefore, the term prescribed in para 2 sub-para (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “Subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “**A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**” It emphasizes in all seriousness that the democracy Myanmar will practise in the future is a **discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system**. To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” should be used.

We agree to use “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of **genuine multiparty democracy** in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The expression “genuine multiparty democracy system” prescribed in sub-para 4 of para (b), para (c) and para (28) should be added as “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system**”. — MNA

The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” should be substituted with the expression “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”

YANGON, 18 Aug—The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers on suggestions made by Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.

Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “The plenary session of the National Convention held on 29 March 1996, adopted the detailed basic principles for the formation of executive including subpara (h) of para 22 which states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution in appointing Region or State Ministers, the okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races.”

The subpara (g) of para 34 for the formation of the



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executive states “The Okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone is Minister in the region or state concerned. As such, provisions in the

Constitution applying to the Ministers of the region or state will also apply to the self-administered division Okkahta or self-administered zone Okkahta.”

The subpara (e) of para 22 states, “The Region or State Chief Minister shall submit the names approved by the Region or State Hluttaw, that of okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone and that of Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races for appointment as Region or State Ministers” to the President of the State.

According to subpara (h) of para 22, the okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representative elected to undertake the affairs of national races should be automatically appointed Minister of the respective Region or State. The okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representative elected to undertake the affairs of national races may meet all the qualifications of a Hluttaw representative but can be younger than 35, the minimum age limit for Region or State Minister.

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“Supreme Court of the Union”...

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Union Pa-O National Organization said, “When we study the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, we found that the eight amendment-cum-additions, the five amendments and one transfer altogether 15 are appropriate.”

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “The term “**Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw**” in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said the subpara (b) of the State Fundamental Principles say, “**In the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw is the supreme law court of State**”. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” should be used. The term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Lahu National Development Party said, “The term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Union Kayin League said, “From paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “Supreme Court of the Union” to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “High Court” of the Region or State. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used.

“Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “Supreme Court of the Union”.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, “we agree to the amendments, additions and repeals made to few detailed principles and facts as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.”

Wa National Development Party said, “From paras 1

to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” to clearly express the difference between the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” and the term “**High Court**” of the Region or State. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used. Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the representatives of the NUP and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization presented the papers same as those of the 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 and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) said to be able to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “**High Court**” of the Region or State, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used. Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Independent 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 said, “From paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “**High Court**” of the Region or State. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” should be used. Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of

the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of National Races said, “From paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”. Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Delegate Group of Peasants said, “To have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” should be used. Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Delegate Group of Workers said, “The term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “The term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “From paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**” to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “High Court” of the Region or State. In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used. Hence, the term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The term **Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “**Supreme Court of the Union**”.

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To ensure a contextual uniformity and to have a clear definition in drafting the Constitution, subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 should be amended as explained by the Work Committee chairman

YANGON, 18 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia on suggestions made by Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.*

Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman explained that the plenary session of the National Convention held on 29 March 1996, adopted detailed basic principles for the formation of executive. In the detailed basic principles, sub-para 12 of para 22 states as follows:

- (1) (i) The Region or State Chief Minister shall be responsible to the President of the State



Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia.
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- (ii) The Region or State Minister shall be responsible to the Region or State Chief Minister concerned and through the Chief Minister, to the President of the State.

The subpara (f) of para (28) states, “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned”.

The subpara (e) of para 31 states, “The Auditor-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned”.

In the above-mentioned detailed basic principles, the terms and usages in connection with Region or State are
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The expression “may exercise relaxation of...”

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As the para states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”, he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”.

In this regard, delegates should discuss whether the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”.

Esteemed delegates,

Concerning the matter, National Unity Party said, “The subpara (h) of para 22 in connection with the formation of executive states, “**The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”. So he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”. Hence, the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Union Pa-O National Organization said, “When we study the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, we found that the eight amendment-cum-additions, the five amendments and one transfer altogether 15 are appropriate.”

Shan Kokang Democratic Party said, “The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, “As the expression said, “**The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”, he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Lahu National Development Party said, “The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted

with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Union Kayin League said, “The subpara (h) of para 22 in connection with the formation of executive states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. So, he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. Thus, the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, “we agree to the amendments, additions and repeals made to few detailed principles and facts as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.”

Wa National Development Party said, “To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. Thus, the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the representatives of the NUP and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization presented the papers same as those of the 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) said, “To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. Thus, the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Independent 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 said, “The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of National Races said, “The subpara (h) of para 22 in connection with the formation of executive states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”, he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. Thus, the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Peasants said, “To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. Thus, the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Workers said, “The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “To be able to clearly express the essence and aim of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “**shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit**”.

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Commander hosts dinner in honour of visiting Chinese delegation

YANGON, 18 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Chinese delegation led by Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong of Jinan Military Region Command of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in Bahan Township here yesterday evening.

Also present at the dinner were Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen Mya Win, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Zin Yaw, Rector Brig-Gen Ya Pyae of Defence Services Medical Academy, senior military officers and Chinese Military Attaché' Senior Col Fan Lian Fen.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Chinese delegation led by Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong enjoy performance of Myanmar artistes. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects...

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He also inspected assembling of Leyar-16 and Leyar-22 power-tillers at No 1 Agricultural Machinery Assembling Workshop and looked into production of Leyar-22 power-tiller and parts of tractors at No 1 Main Workshop.

At No 3 Agricultural Equipment Factory,

they oversaw manufacturing of engine parts, blade shaft and moulds and dies. They also viewed sample combined harvesters and other parts.

At the Main Warehouse (A), Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected manufacturing of 2,000 gallons of bio-diesel from castor oil and left necessary instructions.

They viewed thriving physic nut plantation in the factories region and the paddy dryer manufactured by the AMD.

At No 1 Agricultural Equipment Factory in Mayangon Township, they inspected production of body parts of Leyar-16 and Leyar-22 power-tillers, gear boxes and assembling of power-tillers.

Agricultural equipment factories of the department have manufactured 580 Leyar-22 power-tillers against the target of 1,500 in 2007-08.— MNA

To ensure a contextual uniformity and to...

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clear and easy to understand. They should be used in drafting the Constitution to ensure a contextual uniformity and to have a clear definition.

Here, delegates will have to discuss whether sub-para (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 should be amended as follows:

Subpara (f) of para (28) **"The Advocate-General of the Region or State is:**

- (i) **responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned,**
- (ii) **responsible to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.**

The subpara (e) of para (31) **The Auditor-General of the Region or State is:**

- (i) **responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned,**
- (ii) **responsible to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief minister of the Region or State concerned.**

Esteemed delegates,

National Unity Party said, "To ensure a contextual uniformity and to have a clear definition in drafting the Constitution, subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 should be amended as explained by the Work Committee chairman".

Union Pa-O National Organization said, "Of the basic principles and detailed basic principles, the Work Committee chairman explained, eight points for addition, five points for amendment, one point for repeal, and one point for transfer totalling 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or transferred".

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee

chairman.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 of Formation of Executive the Work Committee chairman had explained should be amended detailed basic principles.

Lahu National Development Party said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee chairman.

Union Kayin League said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee chairman.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said, "We are in support of amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some necessary basic principles and detailed principles the Work Committee chairman explained".

Wa National Unity Party said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee chairman.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties discussed the stances of the representative of the National Unity Party, and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization. Respective representatives held similar discussions.

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) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee chairman.

Independent 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 form the same group said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles, as explained by the Work Committee chairman.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races suggested that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive the Work Committee chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants in its suggestion said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive the Work Committee chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive the Work Committee chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia suggested that what the Work Committee chairman had explained regarding sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive the Work Committee chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said that sub-para (f) of para 28, and sub-para (e) of para 31 on Formation of Executive the Work Committee chairman had explained should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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Commander, minister attend fish releasing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin releases fingerlings into Paunglaung Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended a fish releasing ceremony held at Paunglaung Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

District this morning. At the briefing hall, the commander and minister heard reports on salient points of the Dam presented by an official and gave necessary instructions. Next, the commander and minister put fingerlings into the

Paunglaung Dam. A total of 500,000 various species of fingerlings have been released into the dam. Altogether 3 million fingerlings were put into the Yezin, Ngalike, Chaungmagyi and Yan Aung Myin and Thephyu dams this year.

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Establishment of project for Afforestation in Dry Zone signed



Director-General U Tun Tun and Mr Nakamura Kinya sign an agreement between Dry Zone Greening Department and Kokusai Kogyo Co Ltd. — FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — A signing ceremony for the Agreement between Dry Zone Greening Department of the Ministry of Forestry and Kokusai Kogyo Co Ltd of Japan regarding consultant service for

project for the afforestation in the dry zone was held at the Kyun Shwe Wah Hall of the ministry, here, yesterday, attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung. Director-General U Tun Tun of the

department and Project Manager Mr Nakamura Kinya of the company delivered addresses at the ceremony. Next, they signed the agreement on project for the afforestation in the dry zone of Myanmar.

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Visiting Chinese delegation arrives from Mandalay

YANGON, 18 Aug — Accompanied by Chinese Military Attaché Senior Col Fan Lian Feng and officials, the visiting Chinese delegation members led by Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong of Jinan Military Region Command of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China

arrived here from Mandalay by air yesterday morning. The guests were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers. General Liu Dongdong and delegation

members visited Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in the afternoon. They were welcomed there by Myanmar Gems Enterprise Managing Director U Thein Swe and Curator Deputy Director U Tun Latt and officials. Then the guests were conducted round the museum.

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Political Commissar of Jinan Military Region Command concludes visit

YANGON, 18 Aug — The Chinese delegation led by Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong of Jinan Military Region Command of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers, Chinese Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng and party.

Before their departure, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win sees off Political Commissar General Liu Dongdong at Yangon International Airport. MNA

presented a documentary VCD on goodwill visit to

the Chinese General at the hall of the airport. — MNA

F&R Ministry offers 'soon' to monks

YANGON, 17 Aug — Under the aegis of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, the ministry of Finance and Revenue held a ceremony to offer a day meals to 413 members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) at Mogok refectory on Thiri Mingalar Kaba-Aye Hill this morning. It was attended by Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and wife Daw Khin Thwe Thwe Myint, the managing directors, the directors-general and their wives.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from the Rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Wunnita and offered provisions to the Sayadaw. Next, the governor presented K 335,000 for a day meal to Deputy Director U San Thin Hlaing of Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana. Later, those present shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, the governor and wife and party offered *soon* to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. — MNA

Advisor of MLA to participate in assembly of IFLA

YANGON, 18 Aug — Advisor U Cho Aye of Myanmar Library Association left here for South Africa on 15 August to participate in the 73rd General Assembly of the International Federation of Library Associations.

The advisor was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of the association.

The assembly will be held in Durban, South Africa.

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A woman walks with the Indian national flag during Independence Day celebrations in Kolkata on 15 Aug, 2007. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh marked the 60th anniversary of independence from British rule by urging the country to work harder to free itself from the shackles of poverty, ignorance and disease. INTERNET

More than 400 migrants rescued off Sicilian coast

ROME, 17 Aug—Italian Coast Guards rescued more than 400 migrants off the southern island of Lampedusa on Thursday, including a group of 300 men, women and children crammed into a wooden boat, officials said.

The number of migrants from Africa arriving on Italian shores has spiked in recent weeks, boosted by the balmy summer weather and calmer sea conditions.

Italian Coast Guards said they first helped two rubber dinghies — one carrying 49 people, the other 57 — in the sea off Lampedusa before spotting the boat with about 300 people.

Those on board included women and children, some

suffering from dehydration. They were taken aboard Coast Guard vessels which brought them to the island.

The Coast Guards have also recovered the corpses of seven of as many as 14

migrants spotted floating in Maltese waters by a military aircraft on Tuesday. Closer to Africa than mainland Italy, Lampedusa is a popular entry point into Europe for

thousands of migrants in search of a better life. Many set sail in flimsy and overcrowded boats that capsize long before they reach safety.

MNA/Reuters



Rescuers search for victims in the debris of a collapsed bridge in Fenghuang county, central China's Hunan Province, on 15 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

New Zealand birth rate highest in 16 years

WELLINGTON, 17 Aug — An increase in births in the June 2007 year led to the highest natural increase in New Zealand since 1992, Statistics New Zealand said on Friday.

It said births exceeded deaths by 33,150 in the June 2007 year.

There were 61,610 births registered in New Zealand in 2007, up 3,360 (5.8 percent) from the June 2006 year.

New Zealand population is now around 4.17 million.

This is the highest number of births since 1972, when 64,510 births were registered.

In the June 2007 year, there were increases in fertility rates for all age groups.

Women aged 30-34

years had the highest birth rate (127 births per 1,000 women aged 30-34 years) followed by those aged 25-29 years (111 births per 1,000 women).

The median age (half are younger, and half older, than this age) of New Zealand women giving birth was just above

30 years and has been relatively stable since 2003.

A newborn girl can expect to live 81.9 years, and a newborn boy 77.9 years, said Statistics New Zealand.

It said life tables for 2004-2006 show that the gap between female and

male life expectancy has narrowed from 6.4 years in 1975-1977 to 4.1 years.

Internet

Two fighting bulls stand on one side in and one outside of the bullring, during a public bullfight in Penafiel, central Spain, on 16 Aug, 2007. Penafiel is a village of less than four thousands inhabitants that as most of the small villages around the Spain's geography celebrate their traditional festival in honor of their Patron Saint with some days of revelry and bullfights. — INTERNET



Hu Jintao calls for faster regional integration in central Asia

BISHKEK, 17 Aug—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday urged Central Asian countries to work together to enhance cooperation so as to speed up regional integration and promote economic and social development in the region.

“Security and stability in Central Asia, after all, depend on the joint efforts by countries in the region,” Hu said at a meeting with Uzbekistan President

Islam Karimov in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan.

Central Asian nations will find for themselves development paths that best suit them, Hu said.

The two leaders are here for a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which is scheduled for Thursday. China and Uzbekistan are major forces in maintaining regional stability and have witnessed fruitful security cooperation, Hu said.

China hopes law enforcement agencies of the two countries will work more closely both in bilateral terms and within the SCO framework to safeguard peace in the two countries

and in the region as well, the Chinese President said.

Hu hailed the development of relations between China and Uzbekistan, saying the two countries have deepened mutual trust, cooperated closely on the international arena and boosted regional exchanges. Uzbekistan is an important trade partner for China in Central Asia and China is satisfied with the achievements in bilateral trade and economic cooperation, he said.

China would enhance cooperation with Uzbekistan in such fields as economy, trade, energy, natural resources, transport, telecommunication, agriculture and infrastructure, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

British tourists fuelling endangered wildlife trade

LONDON, 17 Aug—Coral, ivory and snakeskin souvenirs brought home by unwitting British tourists are helping to push endangered species closer to extinction, environmental group WWF (World Wildlife Fund) said on Thursday.

Traditional Chinese medicines made from endangered tigers, rhinos and seahorses also come top of World Wildlife Fund blacklist of illegal holiday souvenirs. “Although the latest figures indicate that some illegal wildlife trade items are being brought in knowingly by wildlife criminals, the majority of seizures appear to be items innocently brought back by holidaymakers as souvenirs,” said Heather Sohl, wildlife trade officer at WWF.

“Our message is: if in doubt, don't buy.”

The group warns that at the height of the holiday season some tourists may try to bring home live snakes, iguanas and chameleons as household pets, while others attempt to transport protected plants such as orchids from abroad. — MNA/Reuters

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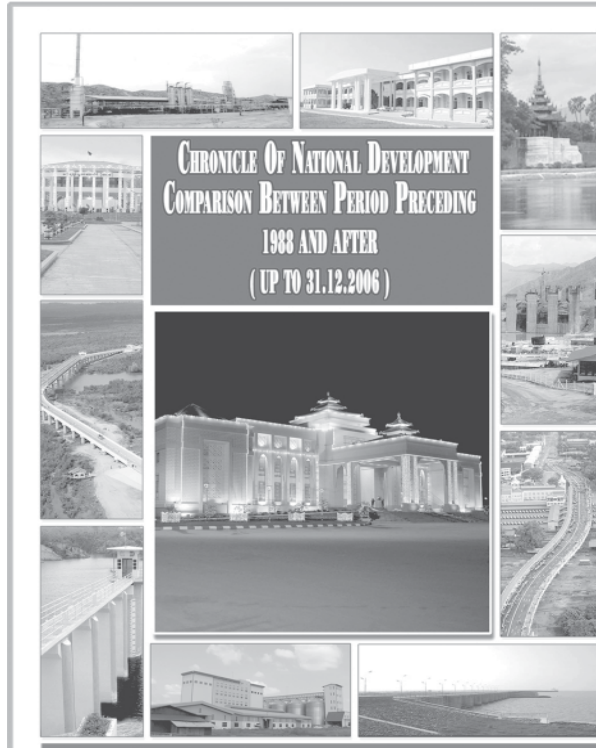
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ASEAN 10+3 youth exchanges programme starts in China

BEIJING, 17 Aug — More than 500 youth delegates from ten member nations of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) (10+3) gathered here on Thursday to launch the ASEAN 10+3 youth exchanges programme.

The youth delegation, invited by the All-China Youth Federation, is to join the China-ASEAN Youth Camp and attend the China-ASEAN Young Leaders Meeting with topics on youth leaders' role in ASEAN members' social development, volunteers and East Asia community buildup.

Besides China's capital

Beijing, the ASEAN youth delegation will also visit Manzhouli, a border city near Russia in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

Two hundred delegates from Japan and the ROK will join 100 Chinese young people in a friendly meeting on the Beijing Olympic Games and cultural activities in Beijing and Tianjin cities.

The year 2007 marked the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the ASEAN, which groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thai-

land and Vietnam. The Chinese Government has planned a series of celebrating activities.

The first China-ASEAN Youth Camp was held in China in October 2006 to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue relations.

According to a joint statement issued on the China-ASEAN Commemorative Summit in 2006, China and ASEAN leaders agreed to strengthen social and cultural cooperation by encouraging greater cooperation between institutions of

secondary and higher education; increasing youth exchanges by initiating the China-ASEAN Young Leaders Conference, China-ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Association and China-ASEAN Young Civil Servants' Exchange Programme as flagship projects.

This 10+3 youth exchanges programme is initiated to implement the consensus reached by all state leaders to push forward youth exchanges and cooperation in an all-round way, according to the All-China Youth Federation.

MNA/Xinhua

British public wants early alert to food crises

LONDON, 17 Aug — Three quarters of Britons would like to see news coverage of food crises in the developing world at the early stages and said it was up to the media to inform them, a poll by Care International said on Wednesday.

Many food crises in Africa and elsewhere develop slowly and predictably, with rains failing and crops failing months before the food actually runs out and acute malnutrition sets in. But journalists and film crews often only after people start dying.

Aid workers complain by that stage it is much more expensive to help people. Need may be so acute that airdrops are needed instead of truck deliveries and children require pricey and difficult therapeutic feeding to regain dangerously lost weight.

"We assume that the public just want to get a simple basic message but actually people who give to charities think about what they are doing," Carol Monoyios, marketing director of Care International UK, told Reuters. "We have a responsibility to give them the full picture and not be apologetic about it."

Care said 68 per cent of 1,003 adults surveyed said they would rather give money in advance of an emergency to help prevent it than donate after the

event.

Almost three quarters said it was the media's responsibility to inform them about emergencies earlier so something could be done.

Currently the United Nations World Food Programme is concerned about rising food shortages from drought or conflict — or both — in Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Chad and Central African Republic.

MNA/Reuters

Sino-Iranian ties see continuous growth

BISHKEK, 17 Aug — The friendly and cooperative ties between China and Iran have seen continuous growth thanks to the efforts made by both sides, Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Wednesday.

Through various forms

of communication and contacts, the two countries have enhanced mutual understanding and mutually beneficial cooperation, Hu said while meeting with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The two sides have achieved progress in economic and trade cooperation along with increasing exchanges in the humanities, Hu said. On the basis of equality, mutual respect and benefit, China is ready to strengthen friendly cooperation with Iran in all fields and at various levels so as to enrich the contents of bilateral cooperation and push the bilateral ties forward, Hu

said. Ahmadinejad, who was here to attend the annual summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) as an observer, said the Iranian-Chinese relations are built on the basis of mutual respect, and both peoples have deep affections toward each other.

Iran hopes to enhance contacts with China, make long-term planning for bilateral cooperation, actively carry out cooperation in trade, energy, electricity, culture, sports, science and technology and strengthen communication and consultation in global and regional affairs, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Colombia to construct Latin America's longest tunnel

BOGOTA, 17 Aug — The Colombian Government on Wednesday invited bids for the construction of Latin America's longest tunnel, a project that will cost 300 million US dollars and provide a road link between the Colombian capital and the port of Buenaventura.

The tunnel will boost the competitiveness of the country's exports by speeding up the transportation of goods, Minister of Transport Andres Uriel Gallego Henao told a Press conference.

The project, which is expected to shave 40 minutes off the journey time for private cars and 90 minutes for cargo trucks, will avoid curves and sharp gradients, he said.

With new security systems, lighting control, closed circuit television and ventilation, construction of the tunnel will begin in 2008 and is expected to be completed in 2011, said the minister. Buenaventura is Colombia's largest port and handles 60 per cent of the country's exports. — MNA/Xinhua

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In this image from NASA TV the crews of the international space station and shuttle Endeavour hold a news conference on the international space station, on 17 Aug, 2007. Space station crew on the front row, left to right Clayton Anderson, Fyodor Yurchikhin and Oleg Kotov. Shuttle crew on the second row Dave Williams, Scott Kelly and Alvin Drew Jr Back row Richard Mastracchio, Tracy Caldwell, Barbara Morgan and Charles Hobaugh. — INTERNET

NASA delays spacewalk to decide on repair

HOUSTON, 17 Aug — NASA on Wednesday put off a planned fourth spacewalk for the space shuttle Endeavour crew as officials said they had not decided whether to repair a gouge in the ship's heat shield.

While the US space agency studied the 3-inch-by-2-inch gash in Endeavour's belly, a spacewalking astronaut on Wednesday had to go back inside after finding a hole in his glove during work outside the International Space Station.

The fourth spacewalk, which includes other tasks besides the possible repair, had been scheduled for Friday but now will take place on Saturday, NASA said. Mission management team chairman John Shannon said more tests

were being run on damage mockups, but analysis so far "showed there would be no danger at all to the underlying structure" if Endeavour returned to Earth without the repair.

He said he expected

a decision Thursday whether to do the repair, after the additional tests were finished. "I am cautiously optimistic that repair will not be needed," Shannon said.

The gash occurred when

insulating foam from the shuttle fuel tank struck Endeavour's belly as it launched from Florida on 8 August on a construction mission to the space station.

MNA/Reuters



Fishermen on a small outrigger are forced to return due to strong wind and big waves on 16 Aug, 2007 in the suburban town of Navotas north of Manila. Typhoon Sepat was roaring over the Pacific Ocean about 500 kilometres (310 miles) east of northern Luzon island with sustained winds of 185 kilometres (115 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 220 kph (137 mph) the strongest storm to threaten the country. — INTERNET

UK picks shortlist to build bigger express trains

LONDON, 17 Aug — The British Government announced on Thursday a shortlist of firms bidding to design and build a new type of express train that will be more environmentally friendly and capable of carrying more passengers.

The Department for Transport said the short-listed firms were the Alstom-Barclay Rail Group, Hitachi Europe Ltd. and the Express Rail Alliance, which is a consortium comprising Bombardier Transportation, Siemens, Angel Trains and Babcock & Brown.

"We are developing a flexible train that can be deployed on different lines, in different lengths, and with different sources of power — so this train can operate wherever we need it in the future," Rail Minister Tom Harris said in a statement. An invitation to tender will be issued to short-listed bidders in autumn this year. Proposals will then be received from bidders in summer 2008, with the award of the contract in winter 2008-09, the Department of Transport said. — MNA/Reuters

Study says AIDS virus a 'double hit' to the brain

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug — The AIDS virus damages the brain in two ways, by not only killing brain cells but by preventing the birth of new cells, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

The study, published in the journal *Cell Stem Cell*, helps shed light on a condition known as HIV-associated dementia, which can cause confusion, sleep disturbances and memory loss in people infected with the virus.

It is less common in people taking drug cocktails to suppress the virus, and why HIV damages brain function is not clearly understood.

The virus kills brain cells but it also appears to stop progenitor cells, known as stem cells, from dividing, the team at Burnham Institute for Medical Research and the University of California at San Diego found.

"It's a double hit to the brain," researcher Marcus Kaul said in a statement. "The HIV protein both causes brain injury and

prevents its repair."

The cocktail of drugs known as highly active antiretroviral therapy or HAART that treats HIV does not infiltrate the brain well, allowing for a "secret reservoir" of virus, said Stuart Lipton, who worked on the study. HIV-associated dementia is becoming more common, as patients survive into their older years.

Working in mice, the researchers found that the virus directly interferes with the birth of new brain cells from stem cells.

MNA/Reuters

Oscar group reelects Ganis, names Tom Hanks V-P

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug — The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which awards the Oscars, said on Wednesday it reelected Sid Ganis to his third straight term as president and made actor Tom Hanks one of its vice-presidents.

Ganis is a film industry veteran who has been on the academy's Board of Governors for 21 years. He has been an executive with several film companies including Columbia Pictures and Paramount Pictures.

Hanks won two Oscars for best actor in 1993's "Philadelphia" and 1994's "Forrest Gump". He had previously served as a governor of the academy's actors branch, and has a long history in Hollywood as both an actor and producer. — MNA/Reuters

Fans mark Elvis death anniversary with vigil

MEMPHIS(Tennessee), 17 Aug — Elvis Presley fans from around the world gathered outside his Memphis home on Wednesday to mark the

30th anniversary of his death in an event meant to both honour the singer's legacy and cash in on it.

Tens of thousands of fans were expected to file past Presley's grave site at his Graceland estate beginning Wednesday night and continuing into Thursday morning.

The candlelight vigil began amid an intense heat wave, with temperatures in Memphis rising past 100 degrees (38 degrees Celsius) by mid-afternoon. Paramedics treated several waiting fans for heat exhaustion and kept ambulances standing by.

MNA/Reuters



His fur dirty from playing in the sand, polar bear Knut takes a rest in his open air enclosure at the Berlin Zoo on 17 Aug, 2007. Still, Knut is the zoo's visitors' favorite, although he is changing from the cute cub to the polar bear equivalent of an unruly adolescent. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Hanover 96 beat promoted Karlsruhe to seal first points

BERLIN, 18 Aug — Hanover 96 came from behind to win 2-1 at promoted Karlsruhe and claim their first points of the Bundesliga season on Friday.

Karlsruhe, 2-0 winners at Nuremberg last weekend, looked set to make it two wins from two back in the Bundesliga when they took the lead with a Maik Franz header from a free kick eight minutes before the break.

They had chances to add to their lead before Hanover hit back in the 55th minute with what was a near-perfect copy of the first goal. Arnold Bruggink curled over a free kick from the right and Mike Hanke found space to head home. Hanover grabbed the winner 15 minutes from time when Hanno Balitsch finished off a swift move on the break.—MNA/Reuters



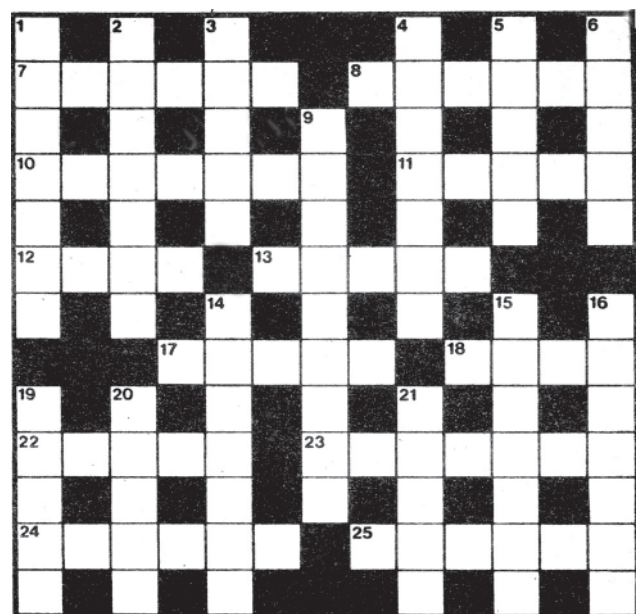
Anna Bessonova of Ukraine waves to spectators at the awarding ceremony of the hoop final of rhythmic gymnastics at the 24th Universiade in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 17 Aug, 2007.

Anna claimed the title of the event, the third gold medal she has won in the 24th Universiade Bangkok 2007. — XINHUA



Japan's Kimiko Ogura and Reiko Shiota in action against Taiwan's Chou Chia Chi and Ku Pei-Ting during women's doubles quarter final match of the World Badminton Championships in Kuala Lumpur on 17 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

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- 19 Freight
- 20 Dwelling
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Impressive Hewitt downs Moya to reach semifinals

CINCINNATI, 18 Aug — Lleyton Hewitt produced a commanding performance to beat Spaniard Carlos Moya 6-2, 6-4 on Friday to reach the semifinals of the Cincinnati Masters.

In the battle of the two former world number ones, the Australian broke serve in the first game and stormed through to his fourth semifinal of the year. He will face either world number one Roger Federer or unseeded Spaniard Nicolas Almagro.

MNA/Reuters

Inzaghi double gives Milan friendly win over Juve

MILAN, 18 Aug — Filippo Inzaghi bagged two trademark goals to give AC Milan a 2-0 win over Juventus in the Berlusconi Trophy on Friday.

The annual match, which was the final friendly for both sides ahead of the Serie A kick-off on 25 Aug, was an entertaining affair packed with several tough tackles. Former Juve man Inzaghi, who netted both goals in Milan's Champions League final win over Liverpool in May, scored with a diving header from Massimo Ambrosini's pinpoint cross before halftime and then prodded in a corner just after the break.

Before the match, Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani said he hoped to revive the deal with Real Madrid for former Juve midfielder Emerson. Champions Inter Milan, who beat Juve and Milan in a triangular tournament on Tuesday, face AS Roma in the Italian Super Cup on Sunday. —MNA/Reuters

Federer toils on way to Cincinnati semis

CINCINNATI, 18 Aug — Top seed Roger Federer struggled to a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Spaniard Nicolas Almagro on Friday to reach the semifinals of the Cincinnati Masters. The world number one was unusually erratic as he dropped his first set of the week before recovering his poise to set up a clash with Lleyton Hewitt.

Federer, looking for his 50th career title, broke in the sixth game but immediately dropped his serve before breaking for a second time to take the opening set.

Almagro, appearing in his sixth quarterfinal of the year, broke serve in the eighth game of the second set to level the match before an early break in the decider was enough to take Federer through.

MNA/Reuters

JS Kabylie beat Al Ittihad to stay in hunt for semi spot

ALGIERS, 18 Aug — JS Kabylie of Algeria came from behind to beat Libya's Al Ittihad 3-1 on Friday and stay in contention for an African Champions League semifinal place.

The third-placed Algerians are now one point behind second-placed Al Ittihad in the Group A standings.

The visiting Libyans had needed only a draw to effectively seal a berth in the last four and looked to be on their way when Salem Rewani got a touch to a cross from new signing Yohann Langlet in the 19th minute for his sixth goal of this year's competition.

But JSK were level within three minutes as Boubakeur Athmani slammed home a stunning left-footed volley from outside the penalty area.—MNA/Reuters

Yan makes Toronto semis as Bartoli retires

TORONTO, 18 Aug — Chinese qualifier Yan Zi continued her Cinderella run at the Toronto Cup on Friday, advancing to the semifinals when Wimbledon finalist Marion Bartoli of France retired with a virus.

Ranked 169 in the world, Yan is only the third Chinese player to reach the semifinals of a WTA Tier I event and the first qualifier to advance to the final four in Canada in 11 years.

Bartoli was trailing

6-2, 3-0 when she called for the trainer and after a brief discussion and no treatment the seventh seed told the umpire she could not continue.

Yan's march to the final four included a two-set win over fourth seed

and defending champion Ana Ivanovic in the second round.

She will play either world number one Justine Henin or sixth seeded Russian Nadia Petrova for a place in the final.

MNA/Reuters

Jankovic sets up Golovin semi in Toronto

TORONTO, 18 Aug — Second seed Jelena Jankovic of Serbia closed in on her fifth title of the season by taming Frenchwoman Virginie Razzano 7-5, 6-2 on Friday to reach the semifinals of the Toronto Cup.

But third seed Svetlana Kuznetsova, four times a runner-up this year, was ousted 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 by Tatiana Golovin of France.

Playing her first event since a quarterfinal defeat by eventual champion Venus Williams at Wimbledon, Kuznetsova looked in control after taking the opening set.

The Russian, however, only held her serve once in the final two sets in difficult, blustery conditions.

The second set began with eight consecutive breaks until 2004 US Open champion Kuznetsova held to grab a 5-4 lead.—MNA/Reuters

Ducati MotoGP rider Casey Stoner of Australia performs a wheelie after free practice for the Czech Grand Prix at the Masaryk circuit in Brno on 17 Aug, 2007.
INTERNET



Three charged over infant's death in Britain

LONDON, 18 Aug — Two men and a woman have been charged over the death of a 17-month-old infant who died in a London hospital on 3 August, police

said on Friday. Tracey Connolly, 25, and Stephen Barker, 31, were both charged with the murder of the boy. Jason Barker, 35, was

charged with allowing or causing the death of a child under 16. All three are due to appear before Highbury Magistrates later on Friday.

Police said a post mortem on the child had

failed to determine the exact cause of death and further tests were ongoing.

Detectives had been alerted after staff at North Middlesex Hospital raised concerns.

MNA/Reuters



An Asmat tribesman from Indonesia's Papua Province tries to climb a greased pole to reach for prizes during a game locally known as "Panjat Pinang", as part of celebrations for the country's 62nd independence anniversary, in Jakarta on 17 Aug, 2007. — Internet

Three missing in US Navy plane crash

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug — Three US Navy sailors are missing at sea after a command and control plane crashed over the Atlantic on Wednesday night, CNN reported on Thursday.

The E-2C Hawkeye was conducting exercises off the Virginia-North Carolina coast at the time, according to the report.

The plane crashed after it launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S Truman about 11 pm Wednesday.

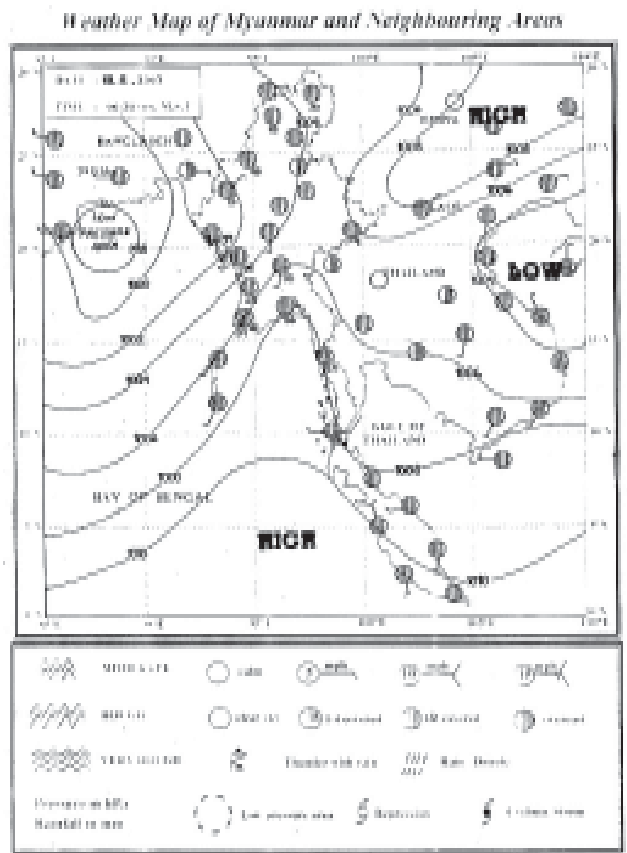
Navy officials said they do not know what caused the plane to crash, and search and rescue missions are under way

from units on the Truman, the carrier USS Eisenhower and the Coast Guard.

The twin-engine plane usually carries a crew of five, but had only three aboard during the flight.

The plane was part of a training squadron and is based at the Naval Station Norfolk in southern Virginia.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 18 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 Shan and Kayin States, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, lower Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Phyapong (4.81) inches, Kyaukpadaung (4.37) inches, Bago (4.26) inches, Thandaw (2.63) inches, Homalin (2.17) inches, Patheingyi (0.05) inches, Monywa (0.51) inch and Pakokku (0.23) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-8-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 18-8-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-8-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 17-8-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 16-8-2007 was (1.54) inches at Mingaladon, (1.41) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (92.05) inches at Mingaladon, (94.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.78) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 17-8-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed in the North Bay. Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-8-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 18-8-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today the water level of Sittoung at Taungoo is (566) cm. It may reach its danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.



Sunday, 19 August
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Good thing
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Inside my heart
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Crush
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar "Myanma umbrella"
- 9:20 am Music: -Do you wanna dance
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's delight (story) -"The honest daughter"
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/ LIETS -Because of love -Milk & Honey
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 19 August
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of parittas by missionary Sayataw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:15 am 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 7. International news
- 8:45 am 8. Say it in English
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news

- 11:40 am 4. Myanmar Movie: "ပန်းဒဏ္ဍာရီ" (ရန်အောင်၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ မေသန်းနု၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းစိုး)
- 1:45 pm 5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:55 pm 6. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (အောင်ပန်းမြို့မှမက်မွန်နှင့် မက်မန်း)
- 2:05 pm 7. Musical programme
- 2:15 pm 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm 9. "စက်မှုတပ်ဆင် လုပ်ငန်းတွင်" (အကယ်ဒမီစင်စိုင်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီမင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီမိုးမြင့်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)
- 2:45 pm 10. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for everyday use

- 4:45 pm 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(သင်္ချာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:25 pm 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 10. သီရိဇောဟာ
- 7:00 pm 11. "သစ်ရွက်ဆွေး သဘာဝမြေညှိစာပြုလုပ် သုံးစွဲပါ" (ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 7:10 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်" (အပိုင်း-၅၃)
- 8:00 pm 11. News
- 12. International news
- 13. Weather report
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနောင်ကြီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 15. The next day's programme

Laying of natural gas pipeline, growing of physic nut plants inspected

YANGON, 18 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected laying of 14-inch diameter natural gas pipelines from Magway to Pyawbwe in Pyawbwe Township yesterday.

The pipeline will be 86 miles long and it will be used to supply natural gas to cement plants.

This morning, the minister attended the physic nut sapling growing ceremony in Chauk oil field of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise near Chauk-Yenangyoung Road.

General Manager U Set Aung of the oil field reported on arrangements for cultivation of physic nut on vacant and virgin lands along both sides of Chauk-Yenangyoung Road. The minister together with service personnel and over 1,500 members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association planted 180,000 physic saplings.

Next, he attended the similar ceremony in Yenangyoung oil field. General Manager U Tin Maung Yi of the oil field reported on reclamation of vacant and virgin lands and cultivation of physic nut plants. Next, the minister participated in the physic nut sapling growing ceremony together with staff and social organization members. So far, the Ministry of Energy has grown 1.5 million physic nut plants.

Afterwards, the minister viewed thriving physic nut plantation near Shwepontaung Pagoda in Chauk oil field and teak plantation. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects laying of 14-inch diameter natural gas pipelines from Magway to Pyawbwe. — MNA

A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy

YANGON, 18 Aug— *The following is the compilation presented by member of the Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races on suggestions made by Delegate Groups on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.*

Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said, “The Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” that was adopted at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993, includes the sub-para (d) of the para 2 which states “flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”; the para 3 which states, “the State practises genuine multiparty democracy system” and para 28 which states “the State shall enact necessary law for systematic formation of political parties for flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system.”

But sub-para (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “A political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”.

Hence, delegates should discuss whether to use “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of genuine multiparty democracy in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Esteemed delegates,

Regarding the explanation, National Unity Party



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said, “The subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “**A political party shall accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**” The expression emphasizes in all seriousness that the democracy Myanmar will practise in the future is a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system. In our view, there should be a contextual uniformity in drafting the Constitution.

Hence, the usage “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” prescribed in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**”.

Union Pa-O National Organization said, “Of the

basic principles and detailed basic principles, the Work Committee chairman explained eight points for addition, five points for amendment, one point for repeal, and one point for transfer totalling 15 points. We support that these 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or transferred”.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “The expression “genuine multiparty democracy system” contained in para (b), sub-para 4 (c) and (d) should be “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said, “In laying down the State Fundamental Principles, it is stated “**flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system**”; and “**the State practises genuine multiparty democracy system**”. But subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “A political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.” We need a uniformed context in drafting the Constitution.

Hence, we would like to suggest to use “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of “**genuine multiparty democracy**” in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Lahu National Development Party said, “We agree that the expression “**discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy**” instead of **genuine multiparty democracy** should be used in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28.

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