

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

National Convention continues

NCCWC Chairman makes clarifications on amendments, additions and repeals

YANGON, 22 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief

Justice U Aung Toe made clarification on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the NC and Vice-Chairman of the NCCWC Attorney-Gen-

eral U Aye Maung and Secretary U Thaug Nyunt continued to read out the clarification made by the NCCWC Chairman.

Present on the occasion were National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Members, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, National Convention Convening Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung

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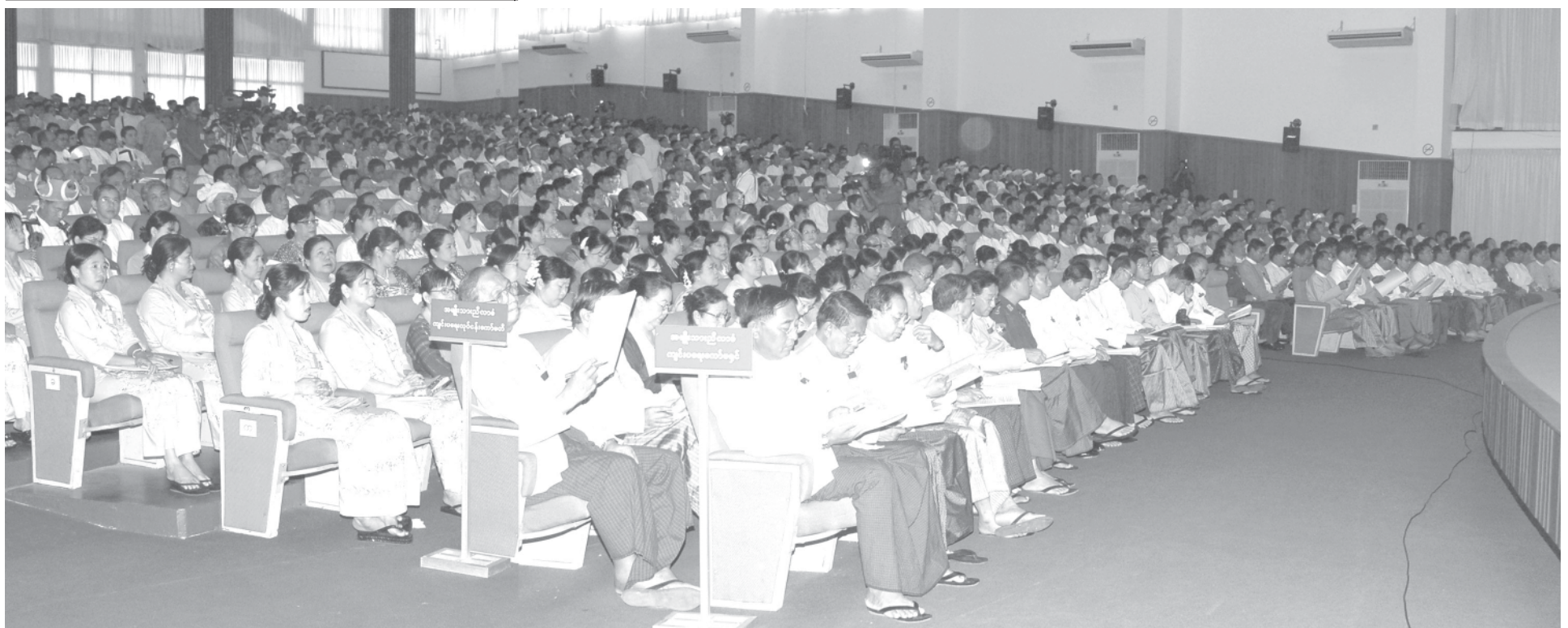


Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, commission members and delegates attend Plenary Session of the National Convention.

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Clarification of the Chairman of NCCWC to be published

YANGON, 22 Aug—The clarification of the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention will be published in the dailies.—MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 23 August, 2007

Strive for cultivating reading habit of people

Literacy is a high priority of the government. Therefore, the government has created opportunities for learning regardless of age and education standards.

In accordance with the objective, Education for All, the government has carried out literacy work including promotion of adult literacy and non-formal education in the country. As 3Rs courses have been opened in states and divisions, learning has become within the reach of every citizen regardless of age.

As self-reliant libraries have mushroomed in villages across the country, neo-literates and the mass of rural people have got opportunities to cultivate the reading habit and broadening their horizons. Sharing knowledge with other people and learning have become habitual in rural areas.

Literati and writers on their part are to work hard to improve their works of literature so as to broaden the horizons of the people and to cultivate their reading habit.

Literacy enables people to distinguish between right and wrong. If the people read a lot, they will be right in thinking and as a result they can contribute better to development of the State. Publishing books which serve the national interest and endeavours for cultivating the reading habit of the people will bring benefits to the people and the State.



Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe of MAAF gives a speech at the educative talks at Kungyangon BEHS No 1. — MNA

Peoples' Desire

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



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects ceramics wares on his visit to the ceramic factory in Thayawady on 19 August 2007. — MNA

Sermons on 28 August

YANGON, 22 Aug — Myanmar Radio and Television will broadcast a sermon of Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vayama of Kanhtoo Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery in Bago on 28 August.

On the same day, Radio Myanmar will broadcast a sermon of Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandavamsa of Myazigon Sarthintaik in Toungoo Township.

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Transport Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at

the minister's office here yesterday.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Transport Department U Win Pe, Direc-

tor-General of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems U Soe Myint and officials concerned.

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Progress of Shwegyin, Kunchaung Hydropower Projects supervised

YANGON, 22 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min together with officials inspected Shwegyin Hydropower Project being implemented by Construction-4 near Kyauknaga village in Shwegyin, Bago Division yesterday.

Next, the minister and party viewed growing of 3000 rubber plants and 350 mango plants by staff families at the tree plantations No 1 and No 2 in the project area. On completion, the power plant will



Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Shwegyin Hydropower Project in Shwegyin, Bago Division. — ELECTRIC POWER NO 1

generate 75 megawatt, and at present, the implementation of the project has

Educative talks, round-table discussions organized in Kungyangon

YANGON, 22 Aug — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the educative talks and round-table discussions at Kungyangon BEHS No 1 on 19 August.

Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe gave a speech.

Daw Khin Hla Myint of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization

and Police Captain Aye Aye Myint gave talks on girls and culture, and trafficking in persons. Next, responsible persons held discussions with local women.

Afterwards, Daw Swè

Khin Mar Win accepted 630 membership applications from girls from BEHS No 1 and No 2. Head of Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe presented uniforms to the members. — MNA

completed by 55.13 per cent.

At Kunchaung Hydropower Project in Pyu, the minister and party inspected progress of the construction and heard reports on construction

work. Upon completion, the power plant to be installed with 60 megawatt generator will generate 190 million kwh annually. At present, the whole project has completed by 57 per cent. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran commander warns enemies of "hell" in Gulf

TEHERAN, 21 Aug—The Gulf would become a "hell" for Iran's enemies if they were to attack the Islamic Republic, a commander of the country's elite Revolutionary Guards was quoted as saying on Sunday.

It was the latest in a series of defiant statements from senior Guards figures after US officials on Wednesday said the United States may soon name the force a terrorist group, a move that would enable Washington to target its finances.

"With the power the Guards have obtained now, if the enemies want to ... start a military

confrontation, the Persian Gulf will become a hell for them," Ali Razmjoo, a naval commander of the Revolutionary Guards, told the *Fars* news agency.

"By using modern systems, no activities and threats by the enemies in the Persian Gulf would be hidden from us," he said.

Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki separately dismissed reports of the planned US move as a "propaganda game", the *ISNA* news agency reported.

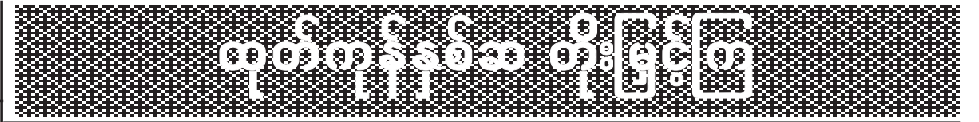
Teheran and Washington, which cut diplomatic ties shortly after Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution, are embroiled in a

deepening standoff over Teheran's disputed nuclear programme.

They also blame each other for bloodshed in Iraq. The Revolutionary Guards has already brushed off the threat from Washington to label it a terrorist group and has said it "will grow in strength despite US efforts to isolate it".

Iran has previously threatened to strike back at US regional interests if attacked over its nuclear programme, rejecting Western accusations it is aimed at developing atom bombs.

MNA/Reuters



South Korean Finance Minister Kwon O-kyu (L) and Japanese Finance Minister Koji Omi pose for photographers before their meeting at the Integrated Government Building in Gwacheon, about 18 km (11 miles) south of Seoul, on 22 Aug, 2007. Japanese Finance Minister Koji Omi said on Wednesday there were no credit problems in international financial markets at present, despite a turbulent US credit market but called for a close watch over the situation. —INTERNET

Eritrea says US must change policy in Horn of Africa

ASMARA, 21 Aug—Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki accused the United States of fuelling conflicts in the Horn of Africa and urged Washington to change its policies in the latest round of finger-pointing between the two nations.

The comments, published on Monday, came days after Washington said it was considering placing Eritrea on its list of state sponsors of terrorism for allegedly aiding Islamists battling the Ethiopian-backed Somali Government.

"The US attempt to put into effect its strategy of monopoly and dominance through fomenting confrontation among peoples is leading the world to a dangerous path," the Ministry of Information website, shabait.com, quoted Isaias as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Two robbers flee empty-handed

KUANTAN, 22 Aug—Robbers fled the scene empty-handed after breaking into the home of Wanita MCA chief Datuk Dr Ng Yen Yen in Mentakab yesterday morning. Ng, who is Deputy Finance Minister, was not in at the time of the incident at 7.45am.

Temerloh OCPD Asst Comm Ahmad Fadzilah Mohamed said only Ng's husband, Dr Chin Chee Sue, 63, was in the house located in Taman Lee Chan.

He said Dr Chin was coming downstairs to leave for work when he saw two men inside the house, one holding a knife.

They demanded his car keys. When Dr Chin hesitated, he was slapped. He then told them the keys were in the car.

Pretending to walk to his car to get the keys for them, Dr Chin opened the front door and the main gate and then made a dash to seek help from neighbours, ACP Ahmad Fadzilah said.—Internet

Female troop deaths in Iraq on pace to top record

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug—A US soldier killed in Baghdad last week marked the fourth death of an American female service member this month, a toll that hasn't been topped since June 2005. Eighty-two service women have died since

the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Pentagon.

In 1994 the US military began allowing women to serve in posts other than front-line infantry, special operations and artillery units.

The highest monthly death toll—four troops and a Defence Department civilian—came in June 2005. The Thursday death of Spc Kamisha J Block, 20, of Vidor, Texas, from a "non-battle-related cause" was the fifth time that four female service members have been killed in a month, the Pentagon reported. It also happened in October 2003, November 2003, September 2006 and January 2007.

Internet



Cast member Vinessa Shaw poses at the premiere of "3:10 to Yuma" at the Mann National theatre in Westwood, California, on 21 Aug, 2007. The movie opens in the US on 7 September.—INTERNET

Tikrit police chief killed

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug—Tikrit's police chief was shot to death Tuesday night by gunmen who broke into his house in the town of al-Qadisiya, about 2.5 miles (4 km) north of Tikrit, police in the Iraqi town told CNN.

Col Othman Chachan al-Ba'ajeeli, who became police chief last year, was killed at about 11 pm (3 pm ET), police said. Ba'ajeeli's family was in the house at the time but escaped unharmed, police said.

According to police, he did not have tight security around his house because he felt it was unnecessary, as he was a former member of Saddam Hussein's Iraqi army and a well-known tribal figure. Ba'ajeeli will be buried in his hometown of Ba'ajeel at Wednesday morning.—Internet



A child rides his bicycle on a flooded street in Balacar, in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico on 21 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

India seeks Japan support for nuclear deal with US

NEW DELHI, 21 Aug— India has requested Japanese support for its nuclear deal with the United States, which has drawn widespread opposition from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Left allies in New Delhi, the *Hindustan Times* reported on Monday.

In return, India will pledge support to Japan's anti-global warming moves, the report said. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will visit India this week.

An 80-member deci-

sion-making body of India's largest Left party supporting Singh's coalition government is due to meet on Wednesday to endorse its call for a halt to New Delhi's nuclear accord with Washington. The central committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), whose support is crucial for the survival of the federal government, comprises top party functionaries, chief ministers of Left-ruled states and leaders of trade unions.

At its two-day meeting

beginning Wednesday, the CPI (M)'s central committee will discuss the party's resolution that warned Singh's government of serious consequences if it went ahead with talks with the International Atomic Energy Agency for talks on nuclear safeguards as part of the deal with Washington, the report said. The CPI (M)'s constitution provides that all party decisions should be ratified by its central committee.

MNA/Xinhua

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Hungarian Army JAS 39 Gripen jet fighters fly in formation over Budapest's Heroes Square during the celebration of the Hungarian National Day on 20 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

Malaysia awards medals to pirate-DVD nabbing dogs

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Aug— Two dogs trained to sniff out DVDs received medals from the Malaysian Government on Monday for a five-month campaign that crippled movie pirates.

Lucky and Flo, black Labradors trained to detect the chemicals used in making DVDs, were the first animals to receive the outstanding service

awards for finding discs stockpiled by pirates, the Motion Picture Association said in a statement.

The canine campaign led to 26 arrests and seizures of illegal discs worth over 6 million US dollars

"The dogs have proven to be a major asset in our fight against the pirates and we intend to continue what Lucky and Flo have

set in motion," S Veerasingham, Malaysia's Deputy Minister for Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, said in the statement.

Malaysia, which figures on a US watchlist on piracy, has dramatically stepped up efforts to rein in copyright pirates as it negotiates a free-trade pact with Washington.

The success of Lucky and Flo has prompted the ministry to set up its own canine unit to fight the pirates, and the MPA, which arranged for their trial by Malaysian officials, plans to donate two new dogs to the unit

by the end of the year.

Movie pirates even put a bounty of 100,000 ringgit (28,560 US dollars) on Lucky and Flo after they busted a fake DVD ring in southern Johor State in March, the MPA said. Since then, the dogs have been closely guarded.

Lucky and Flo's next stop on their crime-fighting tour is a visit to New York, followed by a trip to Toronto for an appearance at a film festival, said the MPA, which groups six major Hollywood film companies.

MNA/Reuters



A sculpture woven with steel wires is displayed in the exhibition of works by professional sculptors in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 20 Aug, 2007. The exhibition was opened on 20 Aug, displaying more than 130 works by nearly 100 Chinese sculptors. —XINHUA

Maradona tells Chavez he hates US

CARACAS, 21 Aug— Former Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona on Sunday said he hates the United States "with all my strength" during an appearance on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's weekly television show.

The leftist soccer legend, like the fiercely anti-US Chavez, is a close ally of Cuba's Fidel Castro. "I believe in Chavez, I am Chavista ... Everything Fidel does, everything Chavez does for me is the best (that can be done)," Maradona said, sitting with Chavez on the set of the president's Sunday talk show.

"I hate everything that comes from the United States. I hate it with all my strength," he added to thunderous applause and cheering from the hundreds of Chavez supporters gathered in an auditorium for the show. Chavez, a self-described socialist revolutionary, is an unrelenting critic of Washington and frequently describes the United States as a decadent empire.

US State Department officials call Chavez a threat to regional democracy and accuse him of using the OPEC nation's oil wealth to meddle in the affairs of neighbouring nations. — MNA/Reuters

Five killed in Minnesota flooding

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug— Five people have been killed in the US midwestern state of Minnesota in flooding caused by severe storm overnight, US media reported Sunday.

All the victims were killed when their vehicles were deluged by floodwaters.

Severe storm also hit other states, including Wisconsin and Oklahoma, and washed away bridges and roadways. Several towns were evacuated due to the flooding.

In Oklahoma, the storm knocked out power supply to some 20,000 customers, and in Wisconsin, a house was pushed onto a highway by a mudslide triggered by heavy rain, the reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen take 30 hostages in S-E Iran

TEHRAN, 21 Aug— Gunmen took as many as 30 people hostage in southeast Iran on Sunday after burning vehicles and shooting at passengers, news agencies said, an incident blamed on Sunni Muslim rebels Teheran has previously linked to al-Qaeda.

The attackers then took the hostages across the border into Pakistan, state television said.

Some media sources gave lower figures for the number of people seized in the early morning on a road in Sistan-Baluchestan, a volatile eastern border province notorious for frequent clashes between security forces and drug smugglers.

The *ISNA* and *Fars* news agencies said 30 people were taken hostage, while the state broadcaster said 12 people were seized. — MNA/Reuters

Strong quake hits Philippines, no damage reports

MANILA, 21 Aug— A magnitude 6.5 earthquake hit the southeastern Philippines on Monday, the US Geological Survey reported.

There were no immediate reports of damage, officials in the Philippines said.

The USGS said the quake was offshore and very shallow at 6.3 miles (10 kilometres) deep and was centred 140 miles (226 kilometres) east-southeast of Davao City on the island of Mindanao.

MNA/Reuters

Adoption of the amendments, additions and repeals

YANGON, 22 Aug—*The following is the clarification of Chairman of the National Convention Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe on matters regarding the amendments, the additions and the repeals out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by the National Convention.*

Mr Chairman and National Convention delegates,

I wish you all health and happiness and auspiciousness.

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained some adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that need to be amended, added or repealed. The delegate groups have already presented proposal papers concerning the Work Committee Chairman's clarifications of the matter at the plenary session held from 13 to 15 August 2007. The groups presented appropriate and coherent suggestions within the framework of the adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. A separate suggestion presented by a delegate group is a suggestion that will benefit the nation and the people. Hence, the delegate groups' opinions on the suggestion were sought through the respective Panels of Chairmen.

The National Convention Convening Work Committee thoroughly studied the delegate groups' suggestions in connection with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added and repealed as necessary. The National Convention Convening Commission after thoroughly studying the Work Committee's report on the matter approved it. Now, I will explain the approved report regarding the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles which have been amended, added and repealed.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained the matter concerning the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added and repealed. In connection with the para 3 of General Provisions, he said, "The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the 104 State fundamental principles for the Chapter —The State fundamental principles. Based on the given adopted fundamental principles, the detailed basic principles for the remaining chapters were laid down and adopted. In other words, the fundamental principles have been adopted as the general guidance of the State to be observed and followed. The State will carry out the legislative and executive functions in accord with the fundamental principles. In doing so, the State will implement the functions in accord with the nation's prevailing situation and time. The running of the legislative and administrative machinery may face disturbances and obstacles if a lawsuit is filed against the State while taking advantage of its failure to implement the task in accord with said principles as time and situation is not ripe yet. In our view, it is necessary to adopt a detailed basic principle that will protect the State.

"My opinion is that if a detailed basic principle regarding the matter should be adopted an addition should be made to the para (3) of the Chapter — "General Provisions", which says **"The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws."**

In our view, the expression **"The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law"** should be added to the said detailed basic principle.

In this regard, delegates will have to decide whether to add the given expression to the detailed basic principles as follows:

"The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws. The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law."

Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — agreed to adopt the abovementioned detailed basic principle after giving reasonable suggestions.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the detailed basic principle **"The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws. The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law"** is adopted.

Mr Chairman,

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 27 October 2006, adopted the detailed basic principles including the para 50 which states: "In this Chapter **"The State"** means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution" for the Chapter **"Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens"**. According to the statement, it is as if that the term 'State' contained in the detailed basic principle concerns only with the Chapter 'Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens'.

"The term 'State' can be found in the Chapter I "State Fundamental Principles" many times. In our assumption, an addition should be made to the para 50 for the detailed basic principle to cover the interpretation and definition of the term 'State' of the given chapter.

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"The para refers only to the term 'body'. There may be occasions in which the legislative power and executive power are exercised by an organization or by a person. In this situation there may be a constitutional problem. They may be no reason for the occurrence of any disputes if the stipulations contained in the detailed basic principle are fully comprehensive.

"Based on my above presentation, delegates will have to discuss whether or not the para 50 of the Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" which says, **"In this Chapter 'The State' means a body that exercises legislative and executive powers**



Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA

according to this Constitution." should be amended as follows:

"In this Chapter and the Chapter on State Fundamental Principles, 'The State' means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution."

Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — agreed to amend the abovementioned detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman after presenting rational suggestions.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the para 50 of the Chapter "Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens" is amended as follows:

"In this Chapter and the Chapter on State Fundamental Principles, 'The State' means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution."

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained the matter concerning the adoption of detailed basic principles for the formation of judiciary. In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and justices of the Supreme Court of the Union, the para 3 (c) (iii) states "have been an advocate of a High Court of at least 20 years' standings". The statement was to indicate the least required period for the said matter.

"In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State Chief Justice and judges of the High Court of the Region or State, the para 11 (c) (ii) states "a person who has served as advocate for 15 years". The stipulation does not state the word 'at least'. In drafting the Constitution, it should be stated "at least 15 years" to ensure a harmonious context and to prevent against occurrence of disputes in the future.

"Hence, delegates should discuss whether or not the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) **"a person who has served as the advocate for 15 years"** should be amended

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as **“a person who has served as the advocate for at least 15 years”**.

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In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) is amended as **“a person who has served as the advocate for at least 15 years”**.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained, “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, 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’.

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In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the said detailed basic principle uses the term **“discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”** instead of the term **“genuine multiparty democracy”** in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter ‘State Fundamental Principles’.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention

held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained, “The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the following State Fundamental Principles 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;
- (b) in the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw is the supreme 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.’

“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”**.”

With reasonable explanations, Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — agreed to adopt the abovementioned detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the term **“Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw”** in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter ‘State Fundamental Principles’ is substituted with the term **“Supreme Court of the Union”**.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained, “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’. Hence, he may or may not exercise relaxation 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”**.”

Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — after giving



**Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General
U Aye Maung. — MNA**

suggestions from the rational point of view, agreed to adopt the abovementioned detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the detailed basic principle — subpara (h) of para 22 which states **“The President of the State shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit in the State Constitution in appointing Region or State Ministers, the chairman of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races”** is adopted.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman explained, “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, subpara (l) of para 22 states as follows:

- “(l) (i) The Region of State Chief Minister shall be responsible to the President of the State;**
(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.’

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

The 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.**

With reasonable explanations, Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, (See page 7)

Adoption of the amendments, additions...

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Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — agreed to adopt the abovementioned detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 are amended as follows:

“The 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.**

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “I have already explained the matter concerning the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996 as follows:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

- (a) **Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population**
- (b) **Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”**

“Endeavours are being made at present to develop the nation in accord with the 12 State objectives. Hence, the delegates have witnessed the daily, monthly and yearly changes in the administrative, economic and social sectors resulting from their rapid development. More townships will have to be formed as necessary to be in conformity with the task of implementing projects such as security, management, education, health projects when the nation is achieving more agricultural and industrial development than now. When the total number of townships exceeds 330, the number of Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will also exceed 330, if one representative from each township is elected.

“So, when the number of townships goes over 330, a newly formed township should be joined with one of the townships adjacent to it to designate a Pyithu Hluttaw constituency. The 330 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives will be elected one each from every such designated constituency.

“Here, delegates should discuss whether to make the following addition to ensure an enduring detailed basic principle concerning the formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

- (a) **Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population from constituencies designated in accord with the law after combining a newly formed township with one**

of the suitable townships adjacent to it if the total number of townships exceeds 330

- (b) **Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”**

“If the abovementioned detailed basic principles is adopted the usage **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population”** should be substituted with the usage **“the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”**.

With reasonable explanations, Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — agreed to adopt the abovementioned detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, amendments for the given detailed basic principles for formation of Pyithu Hluttaw of the Chapter Legislation are made as follows:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

- (a) **Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population from constituencies designated in accord with the law after combining a newly formed township with one of the suitable townships adjacent to it if the total number of townships exceeds 330**
- (b) **Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”**

The term “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population” is substituted with the term “the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population”.

Mr Chairman,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 28 March 1996, I have explained the adoption of detailed basic principles for the Chapter ‘Formation of Legislature.’

Concerning the Amyotha Hluttaw, I have explained as follows:

“Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

- (a) **168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone**
- (b) **56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each Region or State inclusive of Union territories.”**

“The subpara (a) states “equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone” and the subpara (b) states “at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of Union territories”.

“The expression “inclusive of Union territories” means areas that were included in the present states and divisions but have been designated as Union territories and the areas proclaimed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as Union territories because of their significant characteristics after the promulgation of this Constitution. The word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” for the usage to be more precise.

“Hence, delegates will have to decide whether the abovementioned detailed basic principle should be amended as follows:

“Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

- (a) **168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone**
- (b) **56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each Region or State inclusive of the respective Union territories.**
- (c) **In forming the Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with the subparas (a) and (b), the expressions “the respective Union territories” mean Union territories designated by this Constitution and Union territories proclaimed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after enacting laws concerning the matter to elect Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are inclusive in the State or Division or the Region or State they are included in.”**

With reasonable explanations, Delegate Group of National Races, Delegate Group of Peasants, Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, Delegate Group of Political Parties — the National Unity Party, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party, the Union Kayin League, the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and the Wa National Development Party and the two independent representatives-elect groups — the group comprising Dr Hmu Htan, U Aung Thein and U Tun Kyaw and the group comprising U Tin Win, U Thein Kyi, U Hla Soe, U Mya Hlaing, U Kyi Win and U Tin Tun Maung — agreed to adopt the abovementioned detailed basic principle as explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

In accord with the suggestions of the Delegate Groups of the National Convention, and the majority of the delegates of these delegate groups, the above mentioned detailed basic principle is amended as follows:

“Amyotha Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

- (a) **168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone;**
- (b) **56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories.**
- (c) **In forming the Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with the subparas (a) and (b), the words “the respective Union territories” mean Union territories designated by this Constitution and Union territories proclaimed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after enacting laws concerning the matter to elect Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are inclusive in the State or Division or the Region or State they are included in.”**

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

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and members, chairmen and officials of subcom-

Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions,



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acts as MC at Plenary Session of the National Convention.

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mittees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democratic and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives-elect, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi,

delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu

Hluttaw Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) Dragon Group, Breakaway (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA), Haungthayaw Special Region Group who had returned

to the legal fold, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiyaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nei Saik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

At 7:30 am, before the Plenary Session of the NC, Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for NC

delegates.

At the Plenary Session, Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the meeting and Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as MC.

First, the MC declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as 1048 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.85 per cent.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe made clarification on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals. Out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by NC.

Next, Vice-Chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General U Aye Maung continued to read out the clarification made by the Chairman and the

meeting took a break at 9:50 am.

(The clarification of the Chairman of NCCWC is reported separately.)

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 10:05 am, Secretary of NCCWC U Thaug Nyunt continued to read out the clarification made by the Chairman.

Next, Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe made clarification on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

(The clarification of the Chairman of NCCWC will be reported.)

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at 9 am on 27 August (Monday) at the Pyidaungsu Hall.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

MWAF organizes educative talks at YUFL

YANGON, 22 Aug — The International Relations Department and the Social and Cultural Working Group of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation jointly organized the educative talks at the hall of Yangon University of Foreign Languages on University Avenue, here, this morning.

It was attended by Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and heads of department, leaders of working groups and responsible persons of the MWAF, faculty members of YUFL and students.

Rector Dr Myo Myint extended greetings. Head of the International Relations Department

Daw Myint Myint Soe gave a speech. Dr Yin Myo Thu of the IR department and writer Dr Ma Tin Win gave talks on the MWAF and its international cooperation and others. Head of the IR department Daw Myint Myint Soe and Rector Dr Myo Myint presented gifts to those who gave talks. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at meeting of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

FORESTRY

Forestry Minister attends meeting of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) held the meeting on future programme at the Yezin Forest Research Division, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for

Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Deputy Director-General Dr Madhav B Karki of ICIMOD explained the task to be undertaken by Myanmar and other member countries.

Experts and

participants took part in the discussions on alleviation of poverty, living standard of the people with the correct use of services through ecosystem, water management and flood prevention.

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Progress of telecommunications facilities inspected

YANGON, 22 Aug — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw gave instructions on matters related to public call offices to officials at International Express Mail on Hanthawady Road, here, yesterday morning.

Engineer U Soe Aung reported on installation of telephones at PCOs and arrangements for extended installations. The minister instructed officials to install Public Access Center (PAC).

At Shwegondine Mobile Telephone Exchange, Chief Engineer (Mobile) U Thein Oo

reported on installation of CDMA 2000 IX 450 along coasts and progress in installation of WCDMA in Yangon.

The minister inspected CDMA 2000 IX radio station and operating of machines at Mayangon International Exchange.

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They no longer wish to stand as members

Three members quit from NLD

YANGON, 22 Aug — Two members U Maung and U Tin Aung of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division on 13 August and another one U Kyaw Aung on 14 August resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Sagaing Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they did not want to be members any longer and moreover they had no trust in the leaders of the party. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said. — MNA

Medical talks at MMA

YANGON, 22 Aug — An educative talks on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Forum for General Practice Family Medicine will be held at Myanmar Medical Association on 26 August.

At the talks, the specialist will give talks on family health care and mental illness.

It was organized by the specialists of Myanmar Medical Association (Central).

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Myanmar Karate-do Team leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 22 Aug — Myanmar Karate-do Team left here by air this afternoon to take part in the 8th Asian Senior Karate-do Championship to be held in Seremban of Malaysia from 24 to 26 August.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary U Soe Win and executives of MKF and officials.

The Myanmar Karate-do Team was formed with One Ko Ko Oo, Thein Htaik Aung, Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Aung Khaing Oo, Thet Htut Oo, Yin Wha Thaong Lwe, Nang Hsaing Mein, Thin Thin Thuza and Ohnma Phyo. The team was led by President of the federation Dr Win Zaw, Deputy Leader U Thein Htay Aung, Manager Major Thant Zin (Retd),

Medical Officer Dr Aye Mon and Coach Staff Officer U Htein Win Myint of Sports and Physical Education Department.

U Myint Aung, U Zaw Myint, U Tun Zaw and U Aung Htin Kyaw of the federation left here for Seremban of Malaysia in advance on 20 August to discharge duties as referees at the championship. — MNA

Myanmar draws Singapore 3-3 in debut of AFF U-17 Championship

YANGON, 22 Aug — Myanmar drew Singapore with 3-3 in the debut of the AFF U-17 Championship held in Phnom Penh of Cambodia today.

Myanmar and Singapore held a 1-1 draw in the first half. Singapore

took the lead with the 18th minute opener. Kaung Htet Aung took the equalizer for Myanmar at the 42nd minute.

After the break, Thet Naing put Myanmar to extend the lead at the 2nd minute. Twelve minutes

later Kyi Lin added a third for Myanmar. Singapore drew level with the 21st and 29th minute goals. The result remained unchanged until the final whistle.

Myanmar takes on Vietnam on 24 August.

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Myanmar Karate-do Team poses for group photo at Yangon International Airport. — MKF

Greening tasks for Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — The coordination on greening tasks for Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism yesterday with an address by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion, saying that constant measures are to be made for greening the hotels to be on a par with international standards because there are local and foreign tourists arrival daily.

Hoteliere are to carry out the tasks in time while keeping hotels and their environs beautiful and pleasant. They are to focus on greening tasks



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivers an address at work coordination meeting on greening tasks of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. — MNA

all seasons. The ministry will take cooperative measures with the hoteliers in greening tasks in for the hotels and their environs to be accomplished in time.

Next, Director-

General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism briefed the minister on progress in greening tasks and future plans and the hoteliers on accomplishment of the greening tasks.

After the meeting, the minister and party inspected progress in carrying out greening tasks at the hotels with the use of heavy machinery.

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Industry-2 Minister tours Indagaw Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspected the foundry plant of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Indagaw Industrial Region in Bago Division

on 20 August afternoon.

The minister instructed officials to manufacture products meeting the set standards and take innovative measure for new products.

The minister also viewed production of

power-tillers and installation of engines at Power-tiller Engine Factory of Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries.

After inspecting the products, the minister urged officials to

manufacture power-tillers to meet the target, reduce production cost and operate the machines at full capacity and practise thrifty. — MNA

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Inkjet printing machines launched

YANGON, 22 Aug — A ceremony to introduce Phaeton and Infiniti brands inkjet printing machines imported by Fei Yeung Co was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, on 18 August afternoon.

After extending greetings, responsible persons from the company presented a certificate of appointment to Golden Hero Co as the country agent of Fei Yeung Co. Managing Director of

Golden Hero Co U Aik Ti explained matters related to the inkjet printing machines.

The service team of Golden Hero Co gives maintenance services to the customers.

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Managing Director U Aik Ti of Golden Hero Co extends greetings.

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Health Minister meets service personnel of MoH



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint meeting with service personnel of Ministry of Health. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint met with service personnel under the departments of the ministry here today.

At the meeting held at the ministry here, the minister urged them to carry out tasks of the ministry dutifully and to implement the two objectives of the ministry.

He also gave instructions on keeping discipline and smooth running of office work of the departments under the ministry.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe also gave an address and directors-general of the departments reported on tasks of their departments.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects repairing of Lower Kyimyindine Road in Ahlon Township on 21 August. — YCDC

MyMyanmar Unicode System-Second Generation introduced

YANGON, 22 Aug — A ceremony to introduce and demonstrate MyMyanmar Unicode System-Second Generation, which can be used on any computer systems and MyWindows System was held in the conference hall of Myanmar Info-Tech at Yangon University (Hlaing Campus) this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were members of the Committee on Development of Myanmar Language for Computer Systems, officials of

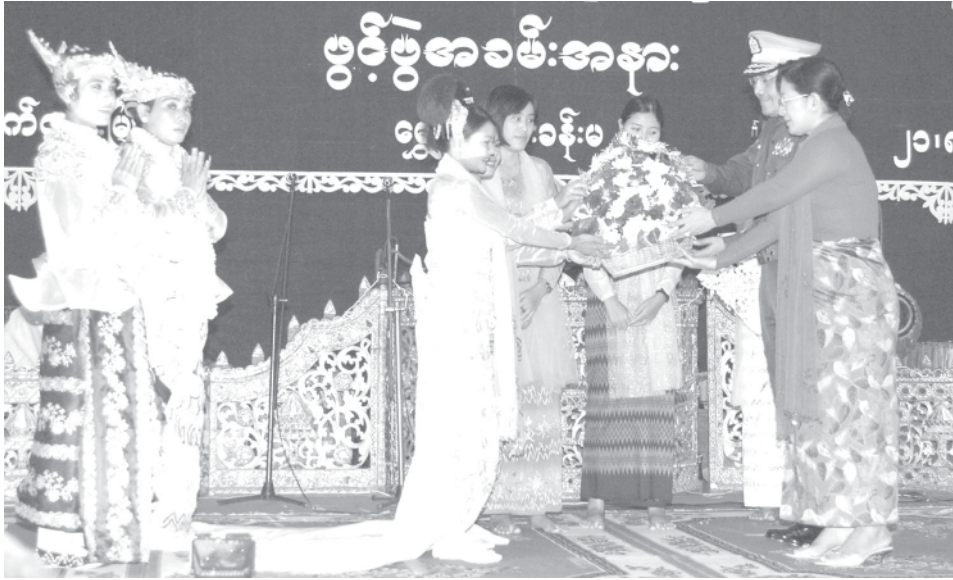
Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association, Myanmar Engineering Society, computer technicians and guests.

First, Chairperson Daw Wah Wah Tun of MCEA made an introductory speech

explaining matters regarding Myanmar Unicode System. Next, Vice-Chairman U Thein Htut of Myanmar Computer Scientists Association explained about use of Myanmar Unicode systems.

Afterwards, Maung Htoo Myint Naung, developer of MyMyanmar Unicode System, explained about development of MyMyanmar Unicode System and Maung Htain Lin Htoo about MyWindows System.

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Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai present a flower basket to artistes.

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Yangon South District organizes Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 22 Aug — The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2007 of Yangon South District was held at Shwehmawwun Hall in Kyauktan Township yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Competitions Chairman of Yangon South District PDCU Zaw Win opened the

competitions and reported on arrangements made for the competitions.

Next, artistes sang the songs. The commander and wife presented K 200,000 and a flower basket to them.

A total of 115 contestants participated in the competitions.

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Outstanding students honoured in Kungyangon

YANGON, 22 Aug — Outstanding students in Kungyangon Township were honoured yesterday at No 2 Basic Education High School in the township.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an address at the

prize presentation and presented awards to the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2007 academic year.

At the prize presentation ceremony, wellwishers also donated computers and accessories

to the school.

Next, the minister accepted cash donation from wellwishers and he handed over cash to the headmistress of the school. On behalf of the winners a four-distinction winner spoke words of thanks. — MNA

Make-up course conducted with use of cosmetics of Health Shop (Paris)

YANGON, 22 Aug — Make-up artist Bang-

orn Kong Charearn and party from Thailand

conducted the practical make-up course to members of Health Shop (Paris) at No 199 on Anawrahta Street, here, this morning.

Shwe Pan Daing Co imported Health Shop (Paris) cosmetics.

At the make-up course for the members of Health Shop (Paris), the Thai make-up artist will use the cosmetic products imported by the Health Shop (Paris), and the course will last up to 24 August. — MNA



Make-up artist Bang-orn Kong Charearn demonstrates use of cosmetics of Health Shop (Paris). — MNA

Frozen bodies found in Himalayas, 40 years later

GUWAHATI, 21 Aug — The snow-preserved body of an Indian soldier was given to his family on Tuesday, nearly 40 years after he died in a plane crash in the Himalayas, an official said.

Soldiers discovered the frozen bodies of Mahendranath Phukan and two other victims half-buried in snow on a glacier at an altitude of 17,500 feet (5,300 metres) on a search earlier this month.

“The body is intact and not decomposed,” said an Army commander, who asked not to be named in keeping with Army protocol. The corpses were discovered close to where an Army plane crashed in 1968 in the mountains of Himachal Pradesh state, but the Army has not yet disclosed the identity of the other two victims. Only one other body has even been found following the crash, in which all 102 passengers are believed to have been killed. Phukan’s body, wrapped in the Indian flag, was given to his family on Tuesday morning in Deodhai Gaon Deuri Chuk Village in Assam, a state in northeastern India, the commander said.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqi government official abducted by uniformed men, Interior Ministry says

BAGHDAD, 22 Aug — An Iraqi government official was kidnapped on Monday afternoon in southern Baghdad while headed to his residence, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said on Tuesday.

Samir Salim al-Atar, deputy minister of Science and Technology, was abducted by men dressed in military uniforms and driving what appeared to be a government convoy. — Internet

Manila police rescue kidnapped Indian, kill three

MANILA, 21 Aug — Philippine police commandos rescued a kidnapped Indian trader and killed three of his captors during a raid near the capital Manila, the national police chief said on Monday.

Oscar Calderon said 41 year-old Gurmukh Singh was unharmed during the operation on Sunday night at a mountain village in Antipolo City, 20 kilometres (12 miles) east of Manila. “Our team killed three men guarding the kidnapped victim during the raid,” Calderon told reporters. “The kidnappers fired at least 13 shots at our assault team. Our boys found the terrified Indian hidden in one of the rooms at the kidnappers’

hideout.”

Kidnapping for ransom has become so common over the past three decades that the Philippines has been dubbed the kidnapping capital of Asia, with small-scale “freelance” kidnappers aiming to make money alongside politically-motivated groups.

The Philippine National Police says foreign kidnap gangs from India, South Korea, Singapore and

Malaysia were also operating in the country, preying on their own

nationals due to business rivalry and plain ransom. MNA/Reuters

Serb man mauled to death in bear cage

BELGRADE, 21 Aug — A 23-year old Serb was found dead and half-eaten in the bear cage of Belgrade Zoo at the weekend during the annual beer festival.

The man was found naked, with his clothes

lying intact inside the cage. Two adult bears, Masha and Misha, had dragged the body to their feeding corner and reacted angrily when keepers tried to recover it.

“There’s a good chance he was drunk or drugged. Only an idiot would jump into the bear cage,” zoo director Vuk Bojovic told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters



Miss Teen USA 2007 contestants stand on stage during the preliminary show at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in Pasadena, California on 19 Aug, 2007. The 25th Miss Teen USA pageant will be held on 24 Aug in Pasadena.

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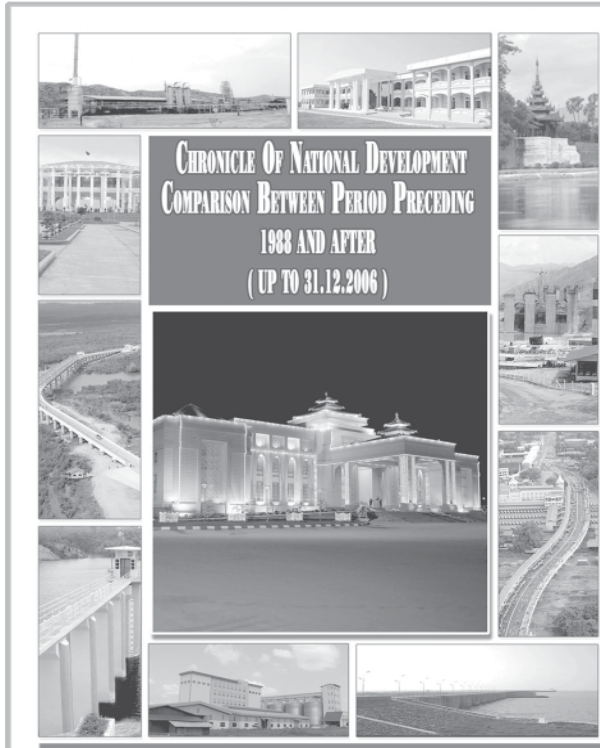
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Egypt discovers what may be oldest human footprint

CAIRO, 21 Aug— Egyptian archaeologists have found what they said could be the oldest human footprint in history in the country's western desert, the Arab .

"This could go back about two million years," said Zahi Hawass, the secretary general of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities. "It could be the most important discovery in Egypt," he

told Reuters.

Archaeologists found the footprint, imprinted on mud and then hardened into rock, while exploring a prehistoric site in Siwa, a desert oasis.

Scientists are using carbon tests on plants found in the rock to determine its exact age, Hawass said.

Khaled Saad, the director of prehistory at the council, said that based on the age of the rock where the footprint was found, it could date back even further than the renowned 3-million year-old fossil Lucy, the partial skeleton of an apeman, found in Ethiopia in 1974.

Most archaeological interest in Egypt is focused on the time of the pharaohs.

MNA/Reuters

China brings blue-ear pig disease under "preliminary control"

BEIJING, 21 Aug—Blue-ear pig disease has been brought under "preliminary control" through vaccinations and mass culls of infected pigs, Jia Youling, China's chief veterinary officer, said on Monday. According to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), as of 19 August, the disease had infected 257,000 pigs in 26 Chinese provinces, of which 68,000 died and 175,000 were destroyed.

The highly pathogenic disease, also known as Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome, can be fatal for pigs, but the vaccinated pigs will no longer be infected by the disease, according to Jia.

He said 12 enterprises had been assigned to produce an effective vaccine against the disease with a daily production capacity of seven to ten million millilitres.

"China has so far administered 2.96 million millilitres of vaccines to protect more than 100 million pigs from the disease and no blue-ear diseases have been found in places that have completed the vaccination process," said Jia.

"People are no longer scared of the disease because they know what the disease is and how to deal with it," Jia claimed. In response to criticisms that China had downplayed the outbreak of the disease, Jia said the Chinese Government had been "open and transparent" about the disease and has provided regular updates to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). — MNA/Xinhua

Canada aerobatic pilot died after seatbelt failed

VANCOUVER (British Columbia), 21 Aug — A Canadian military pilot, killed when his jet crashed

during practice for a Montana air show in May, lost control of the aircraft after his seat-

belt became unfastened, investigators said on Monday.

Captain Shawn McCaughey of the Snowbird aerobatic team was rolling his aircraft upside down for a photo fly-by when the restraint gave way and he fell out of his seat, according to the Canadian military's Directorate of Flight Safety.

McCaughey's jet trainer crashed near the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana, where the Snowbirds were preparing to participate in a weekend air show.

Investigators said they are still trying to determine why the seatbelt became unfastened.

MNA/Reuters



Contortionists of the Zunyi Acrobatic Troupe from the People's Republic of China perform during a Press preview of 'Magical' in Madrid, on 20 Aug, 2007. The Zunyi troupe will perform in Madrid from 21 to 25 Aug. —INTERNET

Bus crashes off Pakistani mountain road; 25 dead

MUZAFFARABAD (Pakistan), 21 Aug—A bus veered off a mountain road in northern Pakistan and crashed into a river gorge on Monday killing 25 people and injuring eight, a military official said.

The accident happened in the Neelum Valley in Pakistan's Kashmir region, which was badly hit

by an earthquake in October 2005 that killed about 75,000 people.

"It was apparently due to overspeeding. That's the reason witnesses are giving," said a military official in the area, who declined to be identified.

Large parts of the road up the Neelum Valley were swept away in landslides triggered by the

2005 earthquake and the Army spent weeks carving and blasting new stretches of road out of mountain sides.

About 40 people were believed to have been on the bus when the accident happened, about 45 km (30 miles) northeast of the town of Muzaffarabad, the official said.

MNA/Reuters

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Vitamin D helpful in fighting cancer

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug — Adequate intake of vitamin D may help prevent cancer, according to a new study.

A number of 600,000 cases a year of breast and colorectal cancer could be prevented each year if vitamin D3 levels met the target proposed by researchers, said the study by researchers at the Moores Cancer Centre at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

The effect of Vitamin D3 is more evident in countries north of the

equator. Vitamin D3 is available through diet, supplements and exposure of the skin to sunlight.

“For the first time, we are saying that 600,000 cases of breast and colorectal cancer could be prevented each year worldwide, including nearly 150,000 in the United States alone,” said Cedric F. Garland, a cancer prevention specialist at UCSD.

The paper, which looks at the dose-response relationship between vitamin D and cancer, will be published in the August

edition of the journal Nutrition Reviews.

The study combined data from surveys of serum vitamin D levels during winter from 15 countries. It is the first such study to look at satellite measurements of sunshine and cloud cover in countries where actual blood serum levels of vitamin D3 had also been determined.

The data were then applied to 177 countries to estimate the average serum level of a vitamin D metabolite of people living there. —Internet



Photo taken on 21 Aug, 2007 shows a parterre with Dancing Beijing image in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. Qingdao is the host city of 2008 Olympic Games sailing competition.—INTERNET

Virgin olive oil may help keep blood clot-free

NEW YORK, 21 Aug — Eating foods prepared with olive oils that are rich in phenols, substances though to have beneficial effects on the heart, may help ward off harmful blood clots in people with

high cholesterol, Spanish researchers report.

“Our findings provide new evidence of the healthy effects of virgin olive oil,” Dr Francisco Perez-Jimenez of Reina Sofia University Hospital in Cordoba and colleagues conclude.

In the early stages of atherosclerosis, the balance between clot-promoting and clot-dissolving factors in the blood vessels shifts in favour of clot formation and having high levels of fat in the blood can worsen this imbalance, Perez-Jimenez and his team explain the August issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

Olive oil contains phenols, which have been shown to fight clotting in lab tests, but few studies of their effects have been performed in humans, the researchers note.

To investigate, the researchers had 21 people with high cholesterol eat two different breakfasts. For one week, they consumed either white bread with virgin olive oil containing 400 parts per million phenols, or white bread with olive oil from which much of the phenols had been extracted, leaving it with 80 parts per million. Study participants were then switched to the opposite meal.

MNA/Reuters

British archaeology student finds Neolithic chewing gum

HELSINKI, 22 Aug — British archaeology student Sarah Pickin has found a 5,000-year-old piece of chewing gum in western Finland, local media reported on Monday.

Last month, Sarah Pickin, 23, one of five British students taking part in a volunteer programme in a Stone Age village at the Kierikki Stone Age Centre in western Finland, found a lump of birch resin showing clear tooth imprints. The piece of Neolithic gum was found among artifacts, like dishes and Jewellery. “It’s

somewhere between 5,500 and 6,000 years old,” said Sami Viljamaa, a Finnish archaeologist who led the dig.

“Most likely the lump was used as an antique kind of chewing gum,” said Sami Viljamaa.

MNA/Xinhua



The space shuttle Endeavour lands at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, on 21 Aug, 2007. INTERNET



Fourteen-year-old giant panda “Er Ya Tou” holds one of her newly-born cubs at the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Centre in Chengdu, capital of southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 20 Aug, 2007. The giant panda gave birth to twins at the breeding centre on 19 Aug. Giant pandas are among the world’s most endangered species. INTERNET

Indian “IT” giant inaugurates new development centre

NEW DELHI, 21 Aug — Global IT Service Wipro Technologies announced Monday the inauguration of a new offshore development centre for World famous financial giant Zurich Financial Services Group (ZFSG) at Chennai, a southeastern city in India.

During the inauguration ceremony, Michael Paravicini, Chief Information Technology officer of the ZFSG, said, “Wipro is a valuable ASP (Application Service Provider) Sourcing provider, with a strong offshore delivery record that

will help Zurich to achieve its business objectives.”

Soumitro Ghosh, Wipro’s Senior Vice-President Banking and Insurance Practice, said, “We are pleased to work for a leading global player like Zurich. Wipro has considerable experience and expertise in the Financial Services industry and our strong track record makes us a reliable partner for the leaders in the industry.”

The two companies signed a framework agreement earlier this

year, for Wipro Technologies to provide application development and maintenance services in seven countries.

Zurich Financial Services Group is an insurance-based financial services provider with a global network of subsidiaries and offices in North America and Europe as well as in Asia Pacific, Latin America and other markets. Founded in 1872, the Group is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

New coach Camacho vows to make Benfica 'great'

LISBON, 22 Aug — Jose Antonio Camacho has returned for a second stint as coach of Portugal's Benfica, with the Spaniard promising on Tuesday to turn the country's most popular club into a "great side".

Camacho replaces Fernando Santos, who was sacked following Benfica's 1-1 draw with newly promoted Leixoes in their opening match of the season on Saturday. After helping the team to a second-place finish in 2004 during his previous spell in charge, Camacho has signed a two-year contract on his return.

"Benfica has great foundations, now we have to turn it into a great side," Camacho told a news conference as he was presented as the club's new coach by club president Luis Filipe Vieira.—MNA/Reuters



Hosts S Africa to play in 2010 World Cup qualifiers

JOHANNESBURG, 22 Aug — South Africa will become the first World Cup hosts in more than 70 years to participate in its own qualifying competition, although they will play in the finals regardless of their performance, officials confirmed on Tuesday.

The African qualifiers for the 2010 World Cup are to be combined with the preliminaries for the African Nations Cup finals earlier the same year, necessitating the participation of South Africa, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) said.

While all the other African nations involved in the qualifiers will be vying for spots in both tournaments, World Cup hosts South Africa will only be chasing a berth in the 2010 African Nations Cup being held in Angola.

Similarly, Angola will be only trying to qualify for a World Cup berth. For the first time, Africa has a full quota of 53 entries for the 2010 preliminaries, which will be divided into three stages.

The bottom 10 African teams in the FIFA rankings have been drawn into five preliminary round ties, which are to be played over two legs in October and November.

FIFA says the draw has been conducted and is expected to be announced in the next days.— MNA/Reuters

Tara Kirk of the US swims in the women's 100m breaststroke final during the International Swim Meet 2007 in Narashino, east of Tokyo, on 21 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET



Tennis Hall of Famer Jim Courier, left, and Kyla Debrito, 10, of Providence, RI, right, a participant in the Providence After School Alliance programme, play in a tennis exhibition, in Providence, on 21 Aug, 2007. Courier was on hand to promote the sport and the Gibson Guitar Champions Cup to be played on 22-26 Aug, in Newport, RI. The PASA programme is designed to improve after school opportunities for middle school children. —INTERNET

Real sell Emerson to Milan

MADRID, 22 Aug — Brazilian midfielder Emerson will return to Italy to play for AC Milan after just one season with Real Madrid.

The Primera Liga side said on their Web site (www.realmadrid.com) they had reached an agreement to sell the 31-year-old international to the European champions but did not reveal the fee.

Milan confirmed the Brazil international had joined the club on their website (www.acmilan.com).

Emerson joined Real Madrid from Juventus for an estimated fee of 16 million euros (21.56 million US dollars) last year after the Italian side were punished with relegation following a match-fixing scandal. Emerson's signing was made at the request of new coach Fabio Capello who had made the holding midfielder a key part of his plans at both AS Roma and Juve.—MNA/Reuters

Martin Jol facing battle for managerial post

LONDON, 22 Aug — Martin Jol's three-year reign as manager of Tottenham Hotspur appeared to be coming to an end on Tuesday despite him steering the club to their highest league position since 1990 and back into Europe.

Widespread media reports said the affable Dutchman, hugely popular with the long-suffering Spurs fans, had lost the support of the club's directors and could make way for Sevilla boss Juande Ramos, who has taken the Spanish club to five trophies in the space of just 15 months.

Ramos, however, has denied that he plans to leave the club after guiding them into the Champions League this season.

Jol, who took over at Tottenham in November 2004, has guided Spurs to two successive fifth-placed finishes and secured UEFA Cup participation for the second successive season. Spurs had not finished as high in the table since a third place finish in the old First Division in 1990.

Despite two defeats in the opening two matches, Spurs crushed Derby County 4-0 on Saturday and are currently 12th in the embryonic Premier League standings and Jol says he has no intention of quitting.— MNA/Reuters

Spanish League threaten legal action over Granada

MADRID, 22 Aug — The Spanish Football League (LFP) and Granada 74 have threatened to take legal action against UEFA and FIFA for recommending that the club should be excluded from the second division.

"We will take out a suit against FIFA and UEFA because they haven't the authority to go against Spanish law," vice-president of the LFP Javier

Tebas was quoted as saying in sports daily *Marca* on Tuesday.

UEFA and FIFA said on Monday that the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) should not allow the new team to take part in the league because they had purchased their place in the second division.

The two governing bodies believe the move violates the principle that clubs should be promoted

for sporting results on the field of play and not through financial or commercial operations.

Granada 74 earned promotion from the Andalusian league to the regionally based Tercera (fourth) division last season.

But they were catapulted into the second division when club president Carlos Marsa took advantage of new LFP regulations to buy up second division Ciudad de Murcia for an estimated 20 million euros and move the club's headquarters to Motril on the coast, some 70 kilometres south of Granada.—MNA/Reuters

Blind female amateur achieves career high with ace

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug — American Sheila Drummond, with her heart pounding, recorded what is believed to be the first hole-in-one by a totally blind female golfer at Mahoning Valley Country Club in Lehigh, Pennsylvania on Sunday.

Playing with her husband Keith and another couple in damp conditions on a course she knows very well, the 53-year-old amateur aced the par-three fourth from 144 yards with a driver.

Drummond, blind since 1982 because of diabetes, heard her ball strike the

flagstick before it dropped into the cup for the best moment of her golfing career.—MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Luis Angel Landin stretches during soccer practice in the Denver suburb of Commerce City, Colo, on 21 Aug, 2007. Mexico will play Colombia in Denver on Wednesday night. —INTERNET

Heinze fails in attempt to force Liverpool move

LONDON, 22 Aug — Argentina defender Gabriel Heinze has failed in his attempt to force Manchester United to sell him to rivals Liverpool, the Premier League said on Tuesday.

A three-man Premier League arbitration panel met to resolve the dispute on Tuesday at the request of Heinze after United refused to allow the 29-year-old to join Liverpool. Heinze claimed that he had a letter from United giving him permission to move to another club for 6.8 million pounds (13.45 million US dollars) — a fee Liverpool agreed to pay.

The Premier League panel ruled that

the letter did not give the go-ahead for Heinze's move.

"The hearing concluded that nature and intention of the disputed 13 June 2007 letter, especially when taken in context of verbal discussions and Manchester United FC's transfer policy, was unambiguous in that it envisages only an international transfer," a statement said.

"Furthermore the hearing finds the letter constitutes an 'agreement to agree', and did not create an obligation or binding agreement for the club to transfer the player to any particular club.

MNA/Reuters

Bolivian police shoot down drug smugglers' plane

LA PAZ, 22 Aug — Bolivian anti-drug police shot down a plane in which traffickers were trying to smuggle at least 270 pounds (124 kilos) of cocaine, killing the pilot and injuring a passenger, authorities said on Tuesday.

The *Cessna* crashed on Monday after drug smugglers and police traded gunshots in the eastern province of Santa Cruz, where drug traffickers often

use secondary roads and flat areas as landing strips, Colonel Franz Lea Plaza of the anti-narcotics squad told *Reuters*.

He said the smugglers

shot at police after they were surprised loading the aircraft with cocaine. Several people fled in two vehicles while the plane exploded after being shot at as it took off.

The smugglers left 268 pounds (122 kilos) of cocaine behind, and police later recovered 4 pounds (2 kilos) of the drug from the wreckage, he said.

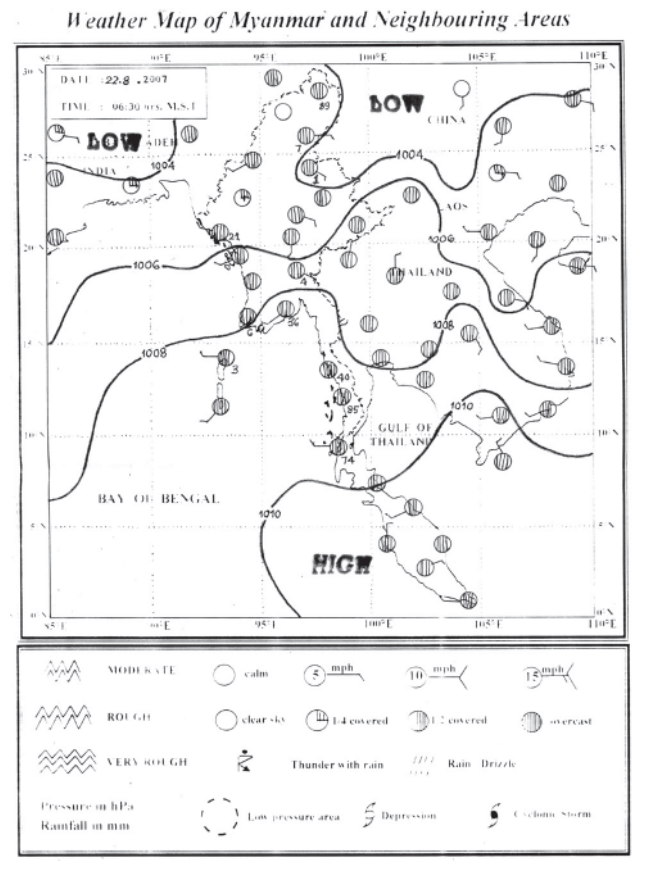
"Probably there was much more cocaine that burned with the plane," Lea Plaza said.

The pilot was burned to death and the other person aboard was hospitalized with serious burns. The survivor is a Brazilian citizen, the colonel said.

Bolivia is the world's third-largest producer of cocaine, after Colombia and Peru. — *MNA/Reuters*



A butterfly feeds from an Orange Cosmos (*cosmos sulphureus*) in full bloom at Hamarikyu Garden in Tokyo on 21 Aug, 2007. INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 22 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan, Kayin and Kayah States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.55) inch, Putao (3.50) inches, Myeik (3.39) inches, Mawlamyine (2.95) inches, Kawthoung (2.95) inches and Katha (1.12) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-8-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 22-8-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-8-2007 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 21-8-2007 was (2.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-8-2007 was (0.40) inch at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (92.48) inches at Mingaladon, (95.55) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.33) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (16:10) hours MST on 21-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

China nabs crocodile smuggler

BEIJING, 22 Aug — Chinese police have caught a smuggler trying to bring 70 crocodiles into the country, state media reported on Monday.

The haul of crocs, each about 70 centimetres (28 inches) and weighing 1.5 kilos (3.31 pounds), along with baby turtles was made in Guangdong Province in the country's far south, a part of the world where locals have famously adventurous eating habits.

But the report by *Xinhua* news agency said

the crocodiles were "ornamental" and were caught with 3,000 baby turtles in the port city of Zhuhai. It did not say where they came from or what happened to the smuggler.

Southern China has long been the favourite stamping ground of smugglers who, before a crackdown several years

ago, easily slipped cars, televisions, luxury goods, and even dismantled bowling alleys into the country.

The captured animals have been handed over to quarantine officials who will test them for disease and "assess their environmental impact", the report said.

MNA/Reuters



Thursday, 23 August
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Get it back
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Mr Big
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Life is good
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Get real
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -When I need you -Dreams for plans
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar "Some information on Lin Tha Oo Hotel"
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Topics potpourri -Research shows organic foods are healthier -Malaysia's "Tooth King" to break own world record
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers -Forever and ever -Unchanged melody -Eternal flame
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 23 August
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. Dance of national races
- 8:10 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 7. Dance variety
- 8:30 am 8. International news

- 8:45 am 9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)
- 4:45 pm 4. Cute little dancers
- 5:00 pm 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:10 pm 6. "ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါး တို့မစား" (ဧရာခိုင်သင်းကြည့်မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိမ့်၊ မြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရဲဝင်းနီ)
- 5:20 pm 7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာ နိုင်ကြ ရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:30 pm 8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲရင့်စုန်သံ
- 5:45 pm 8. သတိ ပြုစရာ သွေးလွန် တုတ်ကျွေးရောဂါ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 6:00 pm 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 12. သီရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm 13. ကြံတောင်သူတွေဝင်ငွေသုံးဆ တိုးဖို့ဆင်းရွေလီကြိုစိုက်ကြစို့. (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:15 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ချစ်မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 8:00 pm 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 19. The next day's programme

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development tasks in Tangyan, Mongyai

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) PDC Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials, met departmental personnel, social organizations and local people at the hall in Tangyan on 20 August morning.

After hearing the reports on progress of the township presented by officials, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the need for departmental personnel to explain development tasks of the government to the local people and to serve the interests of the State and respective regions. He urged all to keep Tangyan clean and pleasant.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented K 12 million donated by the State for construction of Kaingkon Pariyatti Monastery to the Chairman of Township PDC.

In Mongkaung Station, they inspected supply of power to the local battalion and thriving crop plantations. At Bayintnaung Hall, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met servicemen and family members and urged them to join hands with the departments concerned for regional development.

At 500-acre physic nut plantation of North-East Command, they viewed thriving plantations. U Than Win of Padamy Uyin Co reported on production process of bio-diesel from his Physic nut crude oil mill. The mill produces 33 gal-



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win visits Physic nut Oil Mill of Padamy Uyin Co in Tangyan Township. — MNA

lons of physic nut oil per hour.

At Lwepanlon Hall in Tangyan, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met servicemen and

family members of the station and called for carrying out livestock breeding and agricultural tasks and

participating in the regional development tasks.

In Mongyai, they met national race groups of

Shan State (North) Special Region-3 at Thitkhwa Yeiktha and presented gifts to them. — MNA

23rd Gems and Jade Sales 2007 continues for second day

YANGON, 22 Aug — Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited organized the 23rd Gems and Jade Sales for the second day at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pogoda Road, here, this morning.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than of UMEHL, members of the board of directors and officials attended the sales.

A total of 707 local gem merchants and 246 foreign gem merchants have arrived at the gems

mart.

Gem merchants observed gems and jade lots at the gems mart till tomorrow.

Lots of gem and jade will be sold on 24-25 August.

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Gem merchants evaluate jade lots at 23rd Gems and Jade Sales 2007.

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Defending champion Myanmar streaks unbeaten run sinking host Malaysia 2-1

YANGON, 22 Aug — Defending champion Myanmar streaked unbeaten run with a deserving 2-1 win over host Malaysia in the group-A match of the 39th Merdeka Football Tournament held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at 9 pm Malaysian time today.

Holder Myanmar managed to maintain its hope of entering the semifinal with two wins in two matches on six points in the group-A.

Defending champion Myanmar took an earlier lead with the 42nd minute

opener of midfielder Aung Myo Thant until the end of the first half. On the stroke of the second half, striker Yan Paing put Myanmar ahead to extend the lead with the 5th minute goal. Malaysia pulled one back at 24th minute. Malaysia could not level the match later in the second. Myanmar sank Malaysia with 2-1 because the latter could not spoil the former's unbeaten run. Defending champion Myanmar takes on Laos in the last match of the group-A at 9 pm Malaysian time on 25 August. — MNA

Weather forecast for (23-8-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Significant Rainfall recorded on 22-8-2007

Nay Pyi Taw	(0.55) inch,
Putao	(3.50) inches,
Myeik	(3.39) inches,
Mawlamyine	(2.95) inches,
Kawthoung	(2.92) inches,
Katha	(1.12) inches.