

Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Turkish President

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Abdullah Gul on his election as the President of the Republic of Turkey.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Uzbekistan

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Islam Abduganievich Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan which falls on 1 September 2007.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Libya

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Colonel Muammar Al-Gadafi, Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on the occasion of the Revolution Day of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya which falls on 1 September 2007.—MNA

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

Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by NC read out

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

The Panel of Chairmen presented the Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by National Convention.

The Chairman and members of the National

Convention Convening Work Committee and members of the Panel of Chairman of the National Convention signed in the book of records.

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Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of NCCWC, Chairman of NCCMC and members of the committees attending Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Developing trend of rail transportation

The government has built a network of railroads that contribute a lot to regional development throughout the country after 1988. In the past, there were 1,976.35 miles of railroads and 2,793.86 miles of rail tracks. As 1,168.21 miles of new railroads and 1,299.34 miles of rail tracks have been constructed, there are now 3,144.56 miles of railroads and 4,093.29 miles of rail tracks.

As the majority of traveling public are taking trains in order to save time and money the Myanma Railways have built more railroads for the convenience of the people. With the emergence of new bridges and railway stations there are now 805 railway stations in the nation.

Before 1988, there were only 229 passenger trains across the nation, and there are now 379.

As priority is being given to the development of rail transportation there is swift commodity flow, thereby contributing to regional development.

With the goodwill of the government and efforts of Myanma Railways the national people are now able to travel from one region to another and conveniently engage in trade and commerce.

101 members of Labutta Township NLD quit

NLD undermines interest of State and people

YANGON, 31 Aug — Altogether 101 members of the National League for Democracy of Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division including U Myint Swe, U Hla Than, Daw San Nu, U Myint Tin, U Hla Thein, Ma Than Htwe, Daw Nan Hmon, Daw Nyunt, Daw Khin San Shwe, Daw Mya Than, Daw Khin Hmi, Daw Hla Htay, Daw Myint Thein, Daw San Myint and U Mutu resigned from the NLD party of their own volition sending their resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned on 27 August.

In their resignation letter sent to the Labutta Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that NLD party undermines the interest of the State and the people relying on big foreign countries. Hence, they lost trust and faith in the party and its leaders. That is why they resigned from the NLD party of their own accord, they said. — MNA

People's Desire

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

TatU Monastery Sayadaw arrives back



Sayadaw Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara being welcomed back at the airport by members of the Sangha and laypersons. — H

YANGON, 31 Aug — Presiding Nayaka of Mogok Vipasana Dhamma Yeiktha Branch-77 Nayaka of Mogok Vipasana Association Missionary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara of Aung San Tawya TatU Monastery in Insein Township arrived back, here, by air on 28 August after delivering sermons at

Promotion of trade discussed in Tamu

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Border Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce held the trade promotion meeting at the branch office of the department in Tamu yesterday morning.

Director U Maung Maung Tun, departmental officials, executives of Kalewa-Tamu Border Traders Association, entrepreneurs and persons from transport services attended the meeting.

The director explained matters related to promotion of trade, and those present took part in the discussions. — MNA



Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Myint presents the permit for books show and sales to the owner of book shop. — MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Uzbekistan counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Norov Vladimir Imamovich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan which falls on 1 September 2007.

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FM sends message of felicitations to Libya

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — On the occasion of the Revolution Day of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya which falls on 1 September 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Abdelrahman Mohamed Shalgam, Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. — MNA

Oxford, Birmingham and London in England from 30 June to 9 August and Visalia, Fresno, Fremont, San Francisco and Los Angeles from 10 to 26 August in USA.

The Sayadaw will organize a 10-day meditation session from 1 to 10 September.

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First rare book show and sales launched

YANGON, 31 Aug — Zizawah Bookstall organized the first rare book show and sales at its residence at No 25 on Nantha Street in Htana Ward of

Ahlon Township today.

The bookstall has been opened for nine months.

Chairperson of the Library, Museum and Exhibition Inspection Committee Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Myint of Information and Public Relations Department and party inspected the show and sales and presented the permit to bookstall owner U Kyaw Min.

Various subjects of books in Myanmar and English, dictionary, encyclopaedia, catalogue and others are available at the book show and sales at reasonable prices. The show and sales will last up to 16 September. Zizawah Bookstall is open daily.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Taleban frees remaining S Korean hostages

GHAZNI, (Afghanistan), 31 Aug — Taleban insurgents freed seven remaining South Korean hostages in Afghanistan on Thursday after a six-week kidnap ordeal, following a deal that Afghan officials said included a ransom payment by Seoul.

The four women and three men were handed over in two batches to officials of the International Committee of the

Red Cross in Ghazni Province in southeast Afghanistan, from where the Taleban seized 23 Christian volunteers on 19 July.

It was the largest case of abductions in the resurgent Taleban campaign since US-led troops ousted the Islamists from power in 2001.

“The remaining hostages released are in good health, and the hostage drama is over,”

said Merajuddin Pattan, governor of Ghazni. “We have identified the people responsible for that and they will be punished in the coming weeks. We will teach them a lesson.”

Reporters were not allowed to speak to the released captives as they stepped down from a minibus after dusk outside Ghazni Town, the women covering their heads and faces with scarves.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese Navy officers suspected in defence leak

TOKYO, 29 Aug—Civilian and military police searched the homes and workplaces of Japanese Navy officers and a destroyer on Tuesday in connection with leaked classified data on high-tech Aegis radar systems, Defence Ministry officials said. Tuesday’s searches follow a series of investigations earlier this year into leaked intelligence on the missile defence system that Japan shares with the United States.

The ministry officials

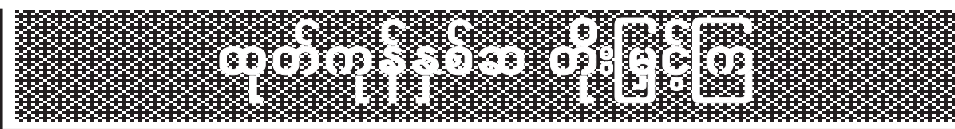
declined to give details on the nature of the classified data, but said: “Information must not be leaked at the Defence Ministry and the Self-Defence Force tasked with ensuring the safety of the nation.” The investigators searched the 4,650-ton destroyer *Shimakaze* over the leaked secrets, *Kyodo News* agency said. The leaked data, which included “special defence secrets”, had been prepared for use in training courses for cadets who would be dealing with high-

tech anti-air defence systems on *Aegis* ships, *Kyodo* said.

Kyodo quoted investigators as saying that they suspected the Navy officers had violated provisions protecting secrets related to the Japan-US mutual defence agreement.—MNA/Reuters



Children release turtles in the sea on Pramuka Island, Indonesia recently. The hawksbill, one of the world's seven marine turtle species — six of which are found in Indonesia — used to be so prevalent here it was named the official mascot of the islands. Today eggs are laid on just three to five of the northernmost islands — the ones furthest away from Jakarta's pollution. — INTERNET



The moon enters the earth's shadow and moves to full lunar eclipse (lower, R), as seen over Jakarta, Indonesia, on 28 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

UNHCR warns of worsening humanitarian situation in Iraq

GENEVA, 29 Aug—The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) warned on Tuesday that the humanitarian situation in Iraq continues to deteriorate with the number of displaced Iraqis, both inside and outside the country, still rising. The total number of uprooted Iraqis currently stands at about 4.2 million and the monthly rate of displacement has

climbed to more than 60,000 compared to 50,000 previously, UNHCR spokeswoman Jennifer Pagonis told reporters in Geneva.

“Displacement is rising as Iraqis are finding it harder to get access to social services inside Iraq and many Iraqis are choosing to leave ethnically mixed areas before they are forced to do so,”

Pagonis said. “Some Iraqis who stayed in the country until the end of the school year recently started leaving the country with their families,” she added.

Syria, which has generously kept its borders open to fleeing Iraqis, estimates that more than 1.4 million Iraqis are now in the country, while Jordan estimates that some 500,000-750,000 Iraqis are in its territory, UNHCR said. The number of Iraqi asylum seekers in Europe in the first half of this year rose to nearly 20,000.—MNA/Xinhua

In a file photo a man walks past the remains of the western most tower of the Great Wall of China, left, next to a crumbling section of the wall at right, near Jiayuguan, in China's northwest Gansu Province on 11 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET



Report shows US school segregation on the rise

ATLANTA, 30 Aug—Public schools in the United States are becoming more racially segregated and the trend is likely to accelerate because of a Supreme Court decision in June, according to report published on Wednesday.

The rise in segregation threatens the quality of education received by non-White students, who now make up 43 per cent of the total US student body, said the report by the Civil Rights Project of

the University of California. Many segregated schools struggle to attract teachers and administrators who are highly qualified, do not offer good preparation for

college and fail to graduate more than half their students.

The Supreme Court in its June ruling forbade most existing voluntary local efforts to integrate

schools in a decision favoured by the Bush Administration despite warnings from academics that it would compound educational inequality.

MNA/Reuters

Gas leak leaves 164 hospitalized in upper Egypt

CAIRO, 30 Aug—At least 164 people were hospitalized after a chlorine gas leak in a water-filtering plant in Upper Egypt, the *Egyptian Gazette* newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The incident occurred

late Monday in the city of Akhmim in Sohag, some 500 kilometres south of the capital of Cairo, when a two-metre long chlorine container exploded in the plant. According to the report, chlorine gas leaked when the workers who

thought it was empty tried to remove the container. Fumes released from the container choked at least 164 people, who were sent to two hospitals and treated for breathing difficulties.

MNA/Xinhua



Alphorn players enter the stadium during a ceremony at the Federal Alpine Wrestling Festival (Eidgenoessisches Schwing- und Aelplerfest) in Aarau, on 26 Aug, 2007. Swiss Alpine wrestling, called 'Schwingen', is the oldest sport in Switzerland. — INTERNET

Afghan opium production soars to frightening record level

KABUL, 29 Aug— Opium production in Afghanistan soared to a frightening record level of 8,200 tons in 2007, which accounts for 93 per cent of the world's total supply, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said in a report released Monday.

The report said the production witnessed an increase of 34 per cent compared to 6,100 tons in 2006, adding opium cultivation area rose to 193,000 hectares from 165,000 in 2006. The amount of Afghan land used for growing opium is now larger than the combined total under coca cultivation in Latin American countries - Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, it said.

With a population of just 2.5 million, Helmand Province in southern

Afghanistan has single-handedly become the world's biggest source of illicit drugs, surpassing the output of entire countries-like Colombia (coca), Morocco (cannabis), which have populations up to 20 times larger.

At a Press conference held in Kabul, UNODC Executive Director Antonio Maria Costa said "poppy growing is closely linked to insecurity. Where anti-government forces reign, poppies flourish."

Costa called for a more determined effort by the Afghan Government and the international community to combat the twin threats of drugs and insurgency by building upon the promising developments in the north and reacting to the

dismal failures in the south.—MNA/Xinhua



Two tourists ride camels past the Treasury, al-Khazneh in Arabic, the famous Petra monument that is carved out of solid rock from the side of a mountain and stands over 40 metres high, in Lisbon, Portugal.—INTERNET

Japan may develop fighters after US rebuff

TOKYO, 30 Aug— Japan's Defence Ministry is seeking a budget to develop its own fighter jets, a report said on Wednesday, after the US blocked foreign sales of Washington's most advanced stealth fighter for security reasons.

Tokyo is planning to update its ageing fleet, and had been eyeing the state-of-the-art F-22, also known as the Raptor, as a desirable replacement.

In the face of US resistance to exports, the ministry will seek 15.7

billion yen (138 million US dollars) for research and development into the possibility of building fighter jets in Japan, as part of a total budget request of 4,817.2 billion yen for fiscal 2008, *Kyodo News* agency said.

The ministry has also said it is considering European-made rivals to the F-22, which is made by Lockheed Martin and Boeing and carries a 136-million-US-dollar price tag. The Eurofighter Typhoon is built by a consortium headed by

BAE Systems, Europe's largest defence firm.

Japan's military, whose activities are strictly curtailed by the country's pacifist constitution, has vowed to improve security after coming under fire for information leaks in recent months. On Tuesday, civilian and military police searched the homes and workplaces of Japanese Navy officers in a long-running enquiry after classified data on the Aegis radar system was leaked earlier in the year.

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Bolivia accuses US of funding Morales opponents

LA PAZ, 30 Aug— Bolivia's leftist government accused the Bush Administration on Wednesday of funnelling US aid to groups linked to opponents of President Evo Morales, a charge Washington denied.

Government Minister Juan Ramon Quintana claimed the United States was "meddling" in Bolivian politics by channelling millions of dollars in aid to conservative opposition leaders and

think-tanks critical of Morales, a fierce US critic.

It was the latest accusation against Washington by Bolivian officials in recent days.

"If aid from the United States does not comply with Bolivian policies, the door is open for it (to end). We are not going to allow this sort of aid ... to conspire against our country's right to freedom," Quintana told reporters.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Tom Casey strongly re-

jected the charges.

"There is absolutely no truth to any allegation that the US is using its aid funds to try and influence the political process, or in any way undermine the government there," Casey said. Since taking office in January 2006, Morales, the country's first Indian leader, has aligned himself with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Cuban leader Fidel Castro, two vocal critics of Washington.

MNA/Reuters

UN reports worse conditions for Iraqi children

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Aug— The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reported Monday growing risks to tens of thousands of displaced children in Iraq due to pervasive heat, poor hygiene and lack of water.

"Conditions facing many children are worsening, particularly amongst IDPs (internally displaced persons), whose numbers have now topped one million," UNICEF said in an update on the situation.

"With little electricity available to power fans and air conditioners, children in central and southern Iraq are in increasing danger from heat-related conditions," it said, adding that "moreover, everywhere adequate water remains a significant unmet need".

The UNICEF stressed that "of growing concern is that an increasing number of IDPs are being forced to stay in temporary camps longer", noting that living conditions for IDPs and their host communities in Baghdad and Najaf are worst. It also emphasized that adequate nutrition remains a major issue for many Iraqi families, adding that it is continuing to respond as best as it can despite serious funding limitations.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi girl fills a pot with water extracted from the Diyala River nearby a garbage dump northeast of Baghdad, recently. Eight Iraqis died and more than 4,000 have contracted cholera due to an outbreak in two northern Iraqi provinces, local authorities reported on 30 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Sokha helicopter airline opens in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 31 Aug — New Cambodian helicopter airline Sokha has begun daily helicopter services for the wealthy between several destinations in Cambodia, local media said on Thursday.

The new airline was officially launched here on Wednesday, during a ceremony presided over by Deputy Prime Minister Sok An at the site of a newly-built 500-square-

meter heliport, said Chinese-language newspaper the *Sin Chew Daily*.

Sokha Airline is a branch of Sokimex Company Ltd., said Airline Manager Dy Vichea, adding that the airline's purpose is to offer national and international tourists flight services.

It has six helicopters, including two *Ecureuil 550 A2* helicopters which

can carry five passengers, and one *Robison R44* helicopter which can carry three passengers, he added.

Sokha will cover six routes daily, including Phnom Penh to Siهانoukville, Phnom Penh to Siهانoukville, Phnom Penh to Battambang Town, Phnom Penh to Poipet, Phnom Penh to Bavet and Phnom Penh to Bokor.

One way flights from Phnom Penh to Poipet cost 1,100 US dollars per passenger, while to Bokor Mountain it costs 2,536 US dollars, and Siهانoukville 700 US dollars.

The rates may seem quite high, said Sok Kong, the airline's chairman who is also president of Sokimex Company Ltd. But he said that he believes that wealthy people will be willing to pay for the convenience and pleasure of flying in a helicopter.

Sokha Airline offers high-efficiency and high-speed services while also providing a humanitarian service, for example in remote areas in times of flooding and other natural disasters, said Deputy Prime Minister Sok An.

He stressed that the airline service can contribute to economic growth and benefit the tourism industry and it is a reflection of investors' confidence in the country.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation by Indian designers Preeti Kothari and Archana Singhania from the National Institute of Fashion Design (NIFD) during a fashion show in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata on 29 Aug, 2007.

INTERNET

Vietnam exports more fruits, vegetables to China

HANOI, 30 Aug — Vietnam has exported a larger volume of fresh fruits and vegetables to China since early August, according to local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* on Wednesday.

Prices of Vietnam's fresh vegetables and fruits, including longan, dragon fruit, lemon, pineapple, jackfruit, and mangosteen exported via its Mong Cai border gate in northern Quang Ninh Province have now increased by 5-8 per cent compared with early this month.

China's demand for the products, only half of which is now met by Vietnamese fruits and vegetables exporters, is expected to keep on rising in the next three weeks, the newspaper said.

Vietnam exported to the world market 187 million US dollars worth of fruits and vegetables in the first seven months of this year, a year-on-year surge of 23.7 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua



A computer-generated image released on 28 Aug, 2007 by the Beijing Public Security Bureau shows the cartoon figures of "virtual police". China is sending out two virtual police officers to patrol the Internet to combat online pornography and other "illicit activity", state media said on Wednesday. —INTERNET



Li Tao, 26, cleans a clock at the Shenyang Antique Clocks Museum which he owns, in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning province on 29 Aug, 2007. Li began to collect clocks when he was 10-year-old, and his collection now includes more than 100 kinds of clocks from 11 countries, local media said. —INTERNET

Deputy US Trade Representative resigns

WASHINGTON, 29 Aug—US Trade Representative Susan C Schwab announced on Monday that Deputy US Trade Representative, Ambassador Karan K Bhatia will resign in October to return to the private sector.

Bhatia has served in President Bush's Administration for six years, including two as Deputy US Trade Representative.

Schwab, in a statement, praised Bhatia for negotiating a US-South Korea trade deal, overseeing Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organization and launching the US-India Trade Policy Forum. "Karan Bhatia has been a great contributor to the President's international trade agenda during his tenure

as Deputy US Trade Representative, as well as in his previous positions at the Department of Transportation and Department of Commerce," said Schwab.

During his tenure at USTR, Bhatia was a senior member of Ambassador Schwab's management team, with day-to-day responsibility for overseeing US trade relations with Asia and Africa.

Prior to serving at USTR, he had served as assistant secretary of transportation for aviation and international affairs and deputy undersecretary of commerce for industry and security. Before joining the administration, he had been a partner at a major Washington, DC law firm.

MNA/Xinhua

China makes four-point proposal to APEC summit

BEIJING, 29 Aug—China hopes to see progress on such topics as climate change and clean development, integration

of regional economy, multilateral trade and APEC reform at the impending APEC summit, said a senior official with Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The proposal was raised by Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai at a Press conference here Tuesday afternoon.

From 3 to 9 September, Chinese President Hu Jintao will pay a state visit to Australia and attend the summit meeting due to be held in Sydney on 8-9 September. "China will make concerted efforts with concerned parties to achieve the objectives", Cui said. According to Cui, discussion on the climate change would top

the summit agenda and the host will arrange a discussion on a possible Sydney Declaration on the climate change issue.

"We support discussion and final adoption of such a declaration", Cui said, stressing that the adoption of the declaration would demonstrate the determination and positive attitude of the APEC members to address the challenge and raise public awareness in an aim to boost the regional and international cooperation on the issue. "As an economic cooperation forum, the APEC should play a larger role to tackle the challenge posed by the climate change", Cui added. —MNA/Xinhua

The President shall be responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

YANGON, 31 Aug — *The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention presented Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. The following is detailed basic principles regarding Sharing of the executive power in the chapter 'Executive' read out by U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties.*

Sharing of the executive power

Powers and Functions of the President

1. The President shall be responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible to the President and also to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw through the President.
2. To be able to discharge the duties assigned in accord with the Constitution or any of the law, the National Defence and Security Council led by the President shall be formed with the following persons:
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Vice-President
 4. Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw
 5. Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw
 6. Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 7. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
 8. Minister for Defence
 9. Minister for Foreign Affairs
 10. Minister for Home Affairs
 11. Minister for Border Affairs
3. The President shall have
 - (a) the right of pardon
 - (b) the right of amnesty in accord with recommendation of the National Defence and Security Council.
4. The President shall
 - (a) confer honours and awards
 - (b) revoke titles, honours and awards.
5. The President shall establish or sever diplomatic relations with foreign nations with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. But in the cases which need immediate action, the President shall coordinate with the Nation Defence and Security Council to sever diplomatic relations with foreign nations, and he shall seek the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concerning the action taken by him.
6. The President of the Union, in accord with law,
 - (a) shall appoint and recall the diplomats of the country;
 - (b) shall agree on the appointment of foreign diplomats and send information on the recall
 - (c) shall accept the letters of accreditation presented by foreign diplomats."
7. The President of the Union, in accord with law, shall appoint and dismiss heads of bodies of public services.
8. The President of the Union, in accord with law,
 - (a) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties, or withdraw from such treaties with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and
 - (b) shall enter into, ratify or annul international, regional or bilateral treaties which do not require the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or withdraw from such treaties.
9. The President of the Union shall have the right to occasionally deliver an address or a message to the meeting of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or the meeting of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw, or to the whole country on any matter regarding the policies and conditions of the State.
10. The President of the Union shall communicate with the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to summon an emergency or special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if necessary.
11. (a) Except Union budget matters, the President shall have the right to issue an ordinance on administrative matters that need immediate



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- action during intervals between sessions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (b) If the President has not withdrawn the ordinance issued under sub para (a), he shall submit the ordinance for approval to the nearest session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within 60 days after the promulgation of the ordinance. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days, the President shall cause to convene a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval.
 - (c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (d) The ordinance issued by the President will be in force with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw till required date.
 - (e) Even such an ordinance is revoked within 60 days after its promulgation; it shall be submitted to the nearest session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 - (f) If such an ordinance contains matters which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has no right to make decision according to the Constitution, the ordinance ceases to have effect.
 12. The President shall
 - (a) in coordination with the National Defence and Security Council, formed within the framework of the Constitution, take suitable military action in the face of aggression against the State;
 - (b) submit the action so taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval if it is in session or call an emergency meeting to present the matter for approval if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session.
 - (c) declare war or make peace only with the assent of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 13. "The President shall sign the laws passed and enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after taking action according to the provisions of the Constitution. Such signed laws shall be promulgated in the officials Gazette."
 14. The President shall not be responsible for answering to any Hluttaw or to any Court for the exercise or performance of the duties and functions vested in him by this Constitution or any of the existing laws or for any of his actions in the exercise and performance of these powers and functions. But the exemption should not concern the stipulation contained in this Constitution in connection with the impeachment made against him."
- #### The executive powers of Union of the Union Government
1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the Union extends to the matters with respect to which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to make laws.
 2. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive authority of the Union, shall be vested in the President; but nothing in his section shall prevent the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw from conferring duties and functions upon any authoritative body, or any person in authority,

- or be deemed to transfer to the President of the State any functions vested in any authoritative body concerned of any other person in authority concerned by existing laws.
3. (a) All executive actions of the Union Government shall be expressed in the name of the President.
 - (b) Orders and instruments made and executed in the name of the President shall be authenticated in such manner as may be specified in rules to be made by the President. In addition, the validity of an order or instrument which is so authenticated shall not be called in question on the ground that it was not done by the President.
 - (c) The President shall make rules for the transaction of the business of the Union Government, and for the allocation of the said business among the ministers of the Union Government or to the official responsible under a certain law, except matters conferred on him by this Constitution to act in his own discretion.
 - (d) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the allocation of business by the President may be region-wise as well as subject-wise.
4. The Union Government upholds and maintains stability, peace, and the prevalence of law and order in the country.
 5. The Union Government shall lay down its policies in accord with the stipulations contained in this Constitution. The Union Government shall draw necessary projects in accord with the policies and implement them with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 6. Based on annual budgets of the Union, drawn after coordination with the Financial Commission, the Union Government shall draft the bill on Union budget, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in the line with the stipulations contained in this Constitution for approval.
 7. The Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-enacted Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year.
 8. The Union Government shall submit the bill concerning the matters the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw can enact into law within the framework of the provisions of this Constitution, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
 9. The ministries of the Union Government shall manage, guide and supervise their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that the said subordinate bodies are conducting their functions in accord with the stipulations of this Constitution and the existing laws.
 10. The Union Government cooperates and coordinates with the region government, the state government, and the self-administered area leading body to enable them to effectively and successfully carry out their tasks.
 11. The Union Government, save constitutional disputes and the disputes over the re-delineation of territorial boundary, shall —
 - (a) cooperate, coordinate and make decisions if necessary on disputes over administration between regions and states; among regions; among states; between regions or states and self-administered areas; and among self-administered areas; and
 - (b) cooperate, coordinate and solve the disputes over administration between regions or states and Union territories and between self-administered areas and Union territories; and make decisions if necessary.
12. The Union Government, in accordance with law, shall —
 - (a) constitute Union-related service organizations as necessary, and stipulate the duties and functions for such organizations; and
 - (b) appoint the required number of staff.
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The head of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be called Chief Justice of the Union

YANGON, 31 Aug — *The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention presented Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. The following is detailed basic principles regarding Formation of Judiciary in the chapter 'Judiciary' read out by U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect.*

Chapter (VI) Judiciary

Formation of Judiciary

1. In connection with the distribution of judicial powers of the State,

The judicial power of the State is distributed,

- (a) in accordance with the State Constitution or by other Laws, among the Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of the Regions, High Courts of the States, Courts of the self-administered divisions, Courts of the self-administered zones, District Courts, Township Courts, other courts constituted by law and judges appointed in accordance with law.
- (b) in accordance with the State Constitution or by other laws, among Courts Martial,
- (c) in accordance with the State Constitution, to the Constitutional Tribunal.



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Constitution of the Supreme Court of the Union

2. In connection with the constitution of the Supreme Court of the Union,

- (a) In the State is constituted one Supreme Court of the Union. The Supreme Court of the Union is the supreme law court of the State which shall not affect judicial powers vested in the Constitutional Tribunal and Courts Martial.
- (b) (1) The head of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be called Chief Justice of the Union;

- (2) in the Supreme Court of the Union, judges of the Supreme Court of the Union including the Chief Justice of the Union shall be appointed from a minimum number of seven to maximum 11.
- (c) (1) The President of the State shall submit the nomination of the person suitable to be appointed as the Chief Justice of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and seek the approval of it;
- (2) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall not have the right to reject the person nominated by the President for appointment of the Chief Justice of the Union unless it can clearly prove that the person do not meet the qualifications for the post prescribed in the Constitution;
- (3) The President of the State has the right to submit again the list furnished with new name replacing the one who has not been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the appointment of the Chief Justice of the Union;
- (4) The President of the State shall appoint the person who has been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as the Chief Justice of the Union.
- (d) (1) The President of the State, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Union, shall submit the nomination of persons suitable
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13. The Union Government shall —

- (a) implement administrative resolutions passed occasionally by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and submit the measures it has taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (b) submit the report on the entire affairs of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on an occasional basis."

Executive power of the region or state government

1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state Hluttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.
2. The resign and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.
3. Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state governments shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the respective regions or states with the approval of the region or states hluttaw.
4. Region or State governments shall submit to the respective Hluttaws of the Regions and States the budget bill of the Regions and States concerned based on the annual budget of the Union Government on accord with the provisions in this Constitution.
5. If the Region or State Hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned, the said region or state government shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-enacted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.
6. In accordance with the provisions of Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State Hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.
7. The region or state government shall—
 - (a) manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministries and

their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.

- (b) supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with law the performance of the civil service organizations discharging duties in their respective regions or states.

8. To implement the tasks under its charge in accordance with the Union Law for State Civil Service, or through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall—

- (a) establish civil service organizations of region or state as necessary;
- (b) appoint the required number of civilian staff.

9. The region or state government shall—

- (a) implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned, and submit the report on the measures taken to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
- (b) submit the report on the entire affairs of its area to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.

10. The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government."

Executive power of leading body of self-administered divisions and self-administered zones

1. Subject to provisions of the Constitution, the self-administrative power of the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies extends to the following matters:

- (a) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies has power to make laws;
- (b) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading body has power to implement matters in accord with any law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and
- (c) with respect to which the self-administered division and self-administered zone leading body has power to implement matters in accord with any law enacted by the respective Region or State Hluttaws.

2. Self-administered division or self-administered zone leading body has the duty to help the Union Government in its drive to ensure stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

3. The self-administered division or the self-administered

zone leading bodies shall

- (a) subject to the policies of the Union Government, draw work programmes for development of their territory and shall coordinate the matter with the respective region government or state government;
- (b) draw annual budgets and coordinate with the region or state government concerned in accord with the provisions of the Constitution for approval;
- (c) have the right to use the allotted budget funds included in the budget law of the region or state concerned;
- (d) use the fund of the current expenditure permitted within the last-enacted budget law of the hluttaw of the region or state concerned if they cannot obtain the budget allotment in time due to region or state hluttaw's failure to enact the budget law in time.

4. Self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies shall, in accord with the law, supervise and coordinate the functions of civil service organizations discharging duties in their territory.

5. The self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies shall submit reports stating the general situation of the territory to the Union Government and the region or state government concerned.

6. The self-administered division and self-administered zone leading bodies shall carry out the task assigned occasionally to them by the Union Government and the region or state government concerned."

State Service personnel

1. State service personnel shall be free from party politics.
2. Matters as to the appointment of employees, promotion, retirement, the enforcement of rules, the designation of service rules, and taking of action against service personnel shall be in accordance with law.
3. As to occupational security for State service personnel; the sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter needs; maternal rights for married women service personnel; and the provision of food, clothing and shelter assistance to the retired, necessary laws shall be enacted.
4. Given the unusual nature of the responsibility of the Tatmadaw members, who are State service personnel, they shall be dealt with according to military laws.
5. Given the unusual nature of the responsibility of Myanmar Police Force members, who are State service personnel, separate laws shall be enacted for them."

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to be appointed as the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and seek the approval of it;

- (2) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has no right to reject persons nominated by the President of the State for the appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union unless it can prove clearly the persons concerned do not possess the qualifications prescribed for Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union in the Constitution;
- (3) The President of the State has the right to submit again the list furnished with new name replacing the one who has not been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for the appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union;
- (4) The President of the State shall appoint the persons approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union.

Qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union

3. In connection with qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, The Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union shall

- (a) be not younger than 50 years and not older than 70;
- (b) possess qualifications, except for age limit, prescribed for Hluttaw representative;
- (c) (1) have been for at least five years as a judge of the High Court of a region of state, or
(2) have been a judicial officer or law officer for at least ten years not lower than region or state level, or
(3) have been an advocate of a High Court of at least 20 years' standings;
- (4) have been assumed by the President to be a legal expert of prominent reputation.
- (d) be loyal to the State and the citizenry;
- (e) not be a member of a political party;
- (f) not be a Hluttaw representative.

Impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union

4. In connection with the powers to be vested in the President of the State,

- (a) The President of the State shall impeach the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union for any of the following reasons,
 - (1) treason,
 - (2) violation of any of the provisions in the Constitution,
 - (3) misconduct,
 - (4) being disqualified for the post of the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union under the Constitution,
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.
- (b) If it is desired to impeach the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union, the President of the State shall submit the charge to the *Nayaka* of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
- (c) The *Nayaka* of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall form an investigation commission and cause the charge to be investigated according to law.
- (d) In forming the investigation commission, equal number of representatives of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw shall be included and a suitable person out of the commission members shall be appointed as chairman of the investigation commission.
- (e) The term pending the completion of the investigation shall be determined depending on the magnitude of the charge.
- (f) The President of the State may explain the charge made by him before the investigation commission personally or through a representative. He has

the right to submit evidence and witnesses.

- (g) The person thus charged shall have the right to appear or to be represented at the investigation of the charge and be given the chance to refute it.
 - (h) The *Nayaka* of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw the findings of the investigation commission.
 - (i) If a decision is passed, supported by two-thirds of the total membership of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, declaring that the charge has been substantiated and that the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union thus charged is such as to render him unfit to continue in office, the *Nayaka* of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall report the decision to the President of the State.
 - (j) The President of the State then proceed to remove the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union who has been impeached.
 - (k) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decides that the charge has been refuted, the *Nayaka* of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall report the decision to the President of the State.
5. In connection with the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union,
- (a) The Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be impeached for any of the following:
 - (1) breach of allegiance to the State,
 - (2) violation of any of the provisions in the Constitution,
 - (3) moral turpitude,
 - (4) being disqualified for the post of the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union under the Constitution
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.
 - (b) If it is desired to impeach the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union, it shall be done so in accord with the provisions of the Constitution regarding the impeachment of the President or Vice President of the State.
 - (c) However, if the Hluttaw concerned submits report that the charge has been substantiated and the offence, the subject of the charge, is such as to render the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union unfit to continue in office, the President of the State shall proceed to proclaim the removal of the Chief Justice of the Union or a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union.
 - (d) If the Hluttaw concerned decides that the charge has been refuted, the *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw concerned shall report the decision to the President of the State.

The term of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union

6. In connection with the term of office of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union,

The chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union are to hold office up to the age of 70 unless asked to resign by the President of the State or removed from office, or until one of the following occurs:

- (a) resignation of own accord;
 - (b) being removed from office after impeachment in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - (c) permanent disability due to either physical or mental defects shown by medical board of examinations prescribed by law, or any other cause rendering them unfit to carry on duties;
 - (d) death.
7. In connection with the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union having to be free from party politics and retiring from civil service,
- (a) the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union must be free from

party politics;

- (b) the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, if he happens to be a civil servant, must be deemed to have retired from civil service, in accord with existing service regulations from the date of appointment as the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union.
8. In connection with duties, rights and privileges of the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union,
- duties, rights and privileges of the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union shall be prescribed by law.
9. In connection with the status of the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union,
- the Chief Justice of the Union is prescribed to be of the same status as the Vice-President and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union are prescribed to be of the same status as Union Ministers, for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the Chief Justice of the Union or Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union.
- ### Formation of High Courts of Region or State
10. In connection with formation of High Courts of Region or State,
- (a) there is a High Court of the Region in every Region, and a High Court of the State in every State.
 - (b) (1) the leader of High Court of the Region or High Court of the State shall be known as Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or Chief Justice of the High Court of the State.
(2) In a High Court of the Region or High Court of the State, a minimum of three and a maximum of seven Judges of the High Court of the Region or the High Court of the State, inclusive of Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or Chief Justice of the High Court of the State, may be appointed.
 - (c) (1) the President of the State, in coordination with the Chief Justice of the Union and the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, shall prepare a nomination of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State, and the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, in coordination with the Chief Justice of the Union, shall prepare a nomination of the Judges of the High Court of the Region or State concerned, and they shall send them to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.
(2) Region or State Hluttaw concerned shall not have the right to reject the person nominated by the President of the State in coordination with the Chief Justice of the Union and the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to be appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State, or the persons nominated by the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, in coordination with the Chief Justice of the Union, to be appointed Judges of the High Court of the Region or State concerned, unless it can prove clearly that the person or persons do not fully possess qualifications prescribed for the Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State and Judges of the High Court of the Region or State as contained in the Constitution.
 - (3) There is right to present new nomination as prescribed in place of persons rejected as in Sub-Paragraph 2 above.
 - (4) the President of the State shall appoint persons approved by Region or State Hluttaw as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State and Judges of the High Court of the Region or State.

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Designation of qualifications of the Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State and Judges of the High Court of the Region or State

11. In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State and Judges of the High Court of the Region or State,

- the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State and Judges of the High Court of the Region or State shall possess the following qualifications:
 - (a) person not younger than 45 and not older than 65 years of age;
 - (b) person who possess qualifications prescribed for Region or State Hluttaw representative except for the age stipulation;
 - (c) (1) person who has served at least five years as judicial service personnel or law service personnel of not lower than Region or State level or at least ten years as judicial service personnel or law service personnel of not lower than district level, or
 - (2) a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years, or
 - (3) person whom the President of the State regards as one of high repute as learned in law.
 - (d) person loyal to the State and the citizenry;
 - (e) person who is not a member of a political party;
 - (f) person who is not Hluttaw representative;

Impeachment of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State and Judges of the High Court of Region or State

12. In connection with empowering the President of the State and the Chief Minister of Region or State,

- (a) The President of the State may impeach the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State, and the Chief Minister of Region or State may impeach a Judge of the High Court of Region or State, for any of the following:
 - (1) breach of allegiance to the State
 - (2) breach of a provision of the Constitution
 - (3) moral turpitude
 - (4) Losing qualifications prescribed for the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State or Judge of the High Court of the Region or State
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.
- (b) In the event the president of the State wishes to impeach the Chief Justice the High Court of Region or State, or the Chief Minister of Region or State wishes to impeach a Judge of the High Court of Region or State, he shall send the impeachment to the Region or State Hluttaw *Okkahta*
- (c) Region or State Hluttaw shall form an inquiry committee and have it conduct inquiries in accord with law.
- (d) The inquiry committee shall be formed with Region or State Hluttaw representatives, and a suitable one from among them shall be appointed chairman of the inquiry committee.
- (e) The time allowed to conduct and complete the inquiry shall also be prescribed, with due consideration of the volume of work involved in the inquiry.
- (f) The president of the State or the Chief Minister of Region or State may, in person or through a representative explain the impeachment before the inquiry committee, and has also the right to produce evidence and witnesses.
- (g) The person impeached shall be given the right of self-defence, in person or through a representative, in the inquiry.
- (h) The *Okkahta* of the Region or State Hluttaw shall report to the Region or State Hluttaw on the results of the investigation on the charge submitted to him by the investigation committee.
- (i) If it is decided that the charge is correct and that the Chief Justice or judge of High Court of the region or State is not fit to continue in office, then it is to be supported by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Hluttaw of the Region or State and the *Okkahta* of the

Hluttaw shall submit the matter to the President if it is the case of the Chief Justice of High Court of the Region or State and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned if it is the case of a judge of the High Court of the Region or State. The Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, on receiving the report, shall submit it to the President.

- (j) The President, on receiving the reports, shall order the removal from office of the Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of Region or State.
 - (k) If the Hluttaw of the Region or State concerned decides that the charge against the Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of Region or State has been refuted, the *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw concerned shall report the decision to the President if it is the case of the Chief Justice of High Court of the Region or State and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned if it is the case of the Judge of High Court of the Region or State.
13. In connection with impeachment of the Chief Justice or any of judges of High Court of Region or State,
- (a) The Chief Justice or a judge of the High Court of Region or State shall be impeached for any of the following:
 - (1) treason;
 - (2) violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution;
 - (3) misconduct;
 - (4) being disqualified for the post of Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of Region or State as prescribed in the Constitution.
 - (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law.
 - (b) If there arises a cause to impeach a Chief Justice or a judge of the High Court of a Region or State for any of the above offences, a proposal in writing signed by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be submitted to the *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw concerned.
 - (c) The *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw concerned shall cause the charge to be investigated by a committee. The term pending the completion of the investigation shall be determined depending on the magnitude of the charge.
 - (d) The Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of the Region or State who is charged shall have the right to appear or to be represented at the investigation of the charge and be given the chance to refute;
 - (e) The finding made by the investigation committee on the charge made by the Region or State Hluttaw against the Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of a Region or State shall be submitted to the *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw concerned. If a resolution is passed, supported by not less than two-thirds of the total membership of the Hluttaw concerned, deciding that the charge is such as to render the Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of the Region or State unfit to continue in office, the *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw shall submit the decision to the President if it is the case of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region of State and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned if it is the case of a judge of the High Court of Region or State. The Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, on receiving the report, shall submit it to the President.
 - (f) The President, on receiving the reports, shall order the removal from office of the Chief Justice or judge of the High Court of Region or State.
 - (g) If the Hluttaw of the Region or State concerned decides that the charge against the Chief Justice or Judge of the High Court of the Region or State has been refuted, the *Okkahta* of the Hluttaw concerned shall submit the decision to the President if it is the case of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned if it is the case of a judge of the High Court of Region or State.

The term of the Chief Justice or judges of the High

Court of the Region or State

14. In connection with term of office of the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State,

- the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State shall have the right to serve till they are fully 65 years of age if there does not arise any of the following reasons:
 - (a) voluntary resignation;
 - (b) termination of service after impeachment in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - (c) becoming unfit to continue service for permanent disability due to physical or mental impairment as certified by the medical board prescribed by law;
 - (d) death.

15. In connection with the need for the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State to be free from party politics and to retire from civil service,

- (a) the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State shall be free from party politics;
- (b) the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State, if they happen to be civil servants, shall be considered as having retired from civil service in accordance with existing civil service regulations from the date they are appointed the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State.

16. In connection with responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State,

- Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State shall be prescribed by law.

17. In connection with the status of the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State,

The Chief Justice of the High Court of the Region or State is prescribed to be of the same status as the Union Minister and the judge of the High Court of the Region or State is prescribed to be of the same status as Deputy Minister for the purpose of reference on prescribing by law responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Chief Justice or judges of the High Court of the Region or State.

Courts under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State

18. In connection with formation of various levels of courts under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State:

Under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State, there are the following levels of courts.

- (a) if there is no self-administered areas in the Region or State,
 - (1) district courts,
 - (2) township courts;
- (b) if there is self-administered area in the Region or State,
 - (1) in the self-administered division
 - (aa) court of the self-administered division,
 - (bb) township courts;
 - (2) in the self-administered zone
 - (aa) court of the self-administered zone,
 - (bb) township courts;
 - (3) in other areas
 - (aa) district courts.
 - (bb) township courts;
 - (4) in the Union territory
 - (1) district courts
 - (2) township courts
- (d) other courts set up by law.

19. In connection with appointment of judges, giving them judicial powers, prescribing their duties, rights and privileges and formation of service organizations at these courts and their duties, rights and privileges:

- (a) appointing judges at various levels of courts under the supervision of the High Court of the Region or State, giving them judicial powers and prescribing their duties, rights and privileges shall be in accord with law;
- (b) forming service organizations comprising officers and other ranks at the Supreme Court of the Union, High Courts of Regions or States and other courts and prescribing duties, rights and privileges of service personnel in them shall be in accordance with law.

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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 and members, chairmen and officials of sub-committees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National

Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State

Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Re-

gion-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Dragon) Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) Breakaway (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who have returned to the legal fold,

Commission, members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia delegates of workers, delegates of serv-

as 1058 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 98.79 per cent.

The Panel of Chairmen presented the Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by National Convention. First, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races read out detailed basic principles regarding sharing of the judicial power in the chap-



U Tin Kha of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel. — MNA

Nyeinchanyay Myothis 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) Nai Saik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, members of the National Convention Convening

ice personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates. At the plenary session, U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel presided over the meeting together with U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCC Work Committee, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia and Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons as members of the panel of chairmen.

Director U Than Aung of the NCC Work Committee Office acted as MC and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman

ter Judiciary, and the chapters the Tatmadaw, Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens.

(The presentation will be published.)

Next, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants read out detailed basic principles regarding the chapters 'Election' and 'Political Parties'. The Plenary Session took a break at 9.45 am.

(The presentation will be published.)

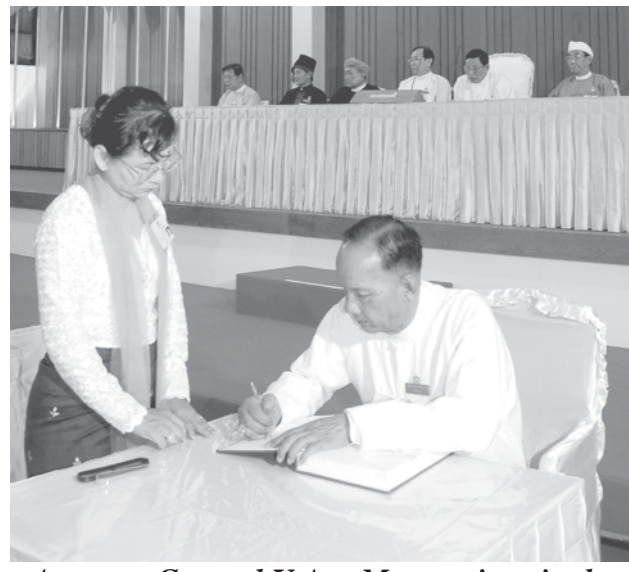
When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 10 am, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers read out the detailed basic principles regarding the chapters 'Provisions on State of Emergency', 'Amendment of the Constitution' and 'State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital' and Dr Maung Maung Wint of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia read out detailed basic principles regarding the chapters 'Transitory Provisions' and 'General Provisions'.

(The presentation will be published.)

(See page 11)



Chief Justice U Aung Toe signs in the book of records of the compilation of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles.—MNA



Attorney-General U Aye Maung signs in the book of records of the compilation of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. — MNA

National Convention continues...

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Afterwards, Alternate Chairman of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel made concluding remarks and the plenary session took a break at 10.45 am.

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention resumed at 11 am, members of the panel

of chairmen, on behalf of all the delegates to the National Convention, and Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC, signed in the book of records of the compilation of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National

Convention.

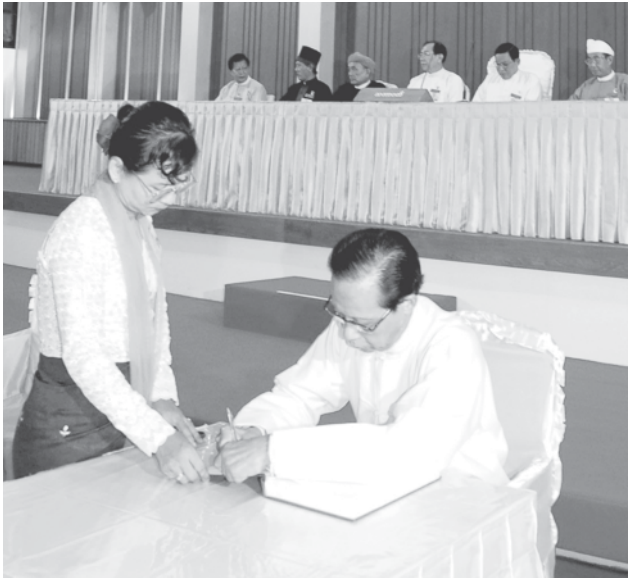
Next, the book of records was presented to Alternate Chairman of the Plenary Session of the National Convention U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel. The Plenary Session of the National Convention was adjourned at 11.55 am.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continues on 3 September (Monday) at 9 am at the Pyidaungsu Hall.

MNA



U Tin Kha of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel accepts the book of records of the compilation of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. — MNA



A member of the panel of chairmen of the National Convention signs in the book of records. — MNA



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Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed by Malaysian Ambassador Dato Shahrudin Bin Md Som at a reception to mark 50th Anniversary Independence Day of Malaysia Friday. — MNA

Librarian Course No 1/2007 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — The Librarian Course No 1/2007 of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information concluded at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw this morning, with an address by Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise.

Also present on the occasion were Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, officials of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, course instructors and trainees.

First, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise made a speech on the occasion and presented first, second and third prizes to outstanding trainees.

On behalf of the course instructors, Director U Maung Pe (Admin) of the Information and Public Relations Department presented gifts to U Soe

Aung of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Director U Than Tun of IPRD gave away completion certificates to the trainees through trainee leaders. — MNA



Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win presents award to an outstanding trainee of Librarian Course No 1/2007. — MNA



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Myanma Railways contributing to regional development

*Article by Maung Maung Myint Swe
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A ceremony to launch a passenger train service from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw.

Smooth transport plays an important role in the development of national economy. It not only helps improve education, health and socio-economy of the people but also contributes to community peace and tranquillity. With easy transportation between one region and another, amity among the national people will be further cemented and efforts for national development can be stepped up.

For easy transport, Myanma Railways is building more railroads and launching more new railway services. MR has launched new railway services — Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay, Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan and Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine. In addition, Kyeeni-Chauk railway service will be launched soon and Yangon circular railway services have been extended.

Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation started running Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan No 107-Up train and No 108-Down train on 18 May 2006 for the convenience of service personnel who are discharging duties in Nay Pyi Taw. On the same day, Nay Pyi Taw-Kyaukpadaung-Nay Pyi Taw post trains — No 101-Up train and No 102-Down train were launched facilitating the convenience of local passengers and flow of commodities.

Due to the launch of Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay No 109-Up train and No 110-Down train on 25 May 2006, the local people from nearby regions are able to directly go to Nay Pyi Taw.

With a view to ensuring convenience of the passengers travelling to all parts of the nation from the central location, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanma Railways launched No 25-Up train and No 26-Down train for Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railway

trip on 7 June 2006. Therefore, trains are shuttling between Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay.

On 16 July last year, Myanma Railways launched the first running of No 27-Up train and No 28-Down train from Nay Pyi Taw to Myingyan through Thazi and Meiktila. Due to the opening of DaikU-Myitkyo-Sittoung Rail road, a passenger train has been in operation from Mawlamyine to Nay Pyi Taw since 22 April, 2007. Local residents in Mawlamyine can now travel directly to Nay Pyi Taw and the opening of the rail link contributes to regional development.

Myanma Railways has constructed railroads across the country and 19-mile-long railroad from Pyawbwe to Paya-nga-su is under construction as part of Nay Pyi Taw-Shwenyaung-Naypyidaw rail

service to link Nay Pyi Taw and Shan State (South).

The 322-mile-long Kyangin-Pakokku railroad and the 95-mile-long Katha-Bhamo Railroad are under construction as part of efforts for development of the regions on the Ayeyawady west bank.

Altogether 12 commuter trains are running to link Yangon Station with Eastern University, Dagon University, University of Computer Science (Hlawga) to extend rail services to outskirts of Yangon.

Local people and residents in Nay Pyi Taw can now travel easily to various regions in the country by train. Myanma Railways is making efforts for the smooth and safe transportation of the people and regional development.

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A commuter train running from Yangon Station to Ywathagyi, University of Computer Studies in Hlawga and Dagon University in eastern Yangon.



Railway Station at Dagon University.

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**US frees
Iranians
held
overnight**

BAGHDAD, 30 Aug—US forces freed a group of Iranians on Wednesday after holding them overnight in Baghdad, Iran's official IRNA news agency said, quoting Iran's ambassador to Iraq.

Iraq's state television also reported their release, but a US military spokesman said he was not immediately able to confirm either their detention or release.

"The Iranian delegation, at 7 O'clock this morning, was handed to the office of Iraq's Prime Minister by American forces," Ambassador Hassan Kazemi-Qomi said, according to IRNA.

IRNA had reported that US forces detained the delegation, which was in Iraq to sign an electricity contract, on Tuesday.

US forces have separately been holding five Iranians since January that they say were providing support to militants.

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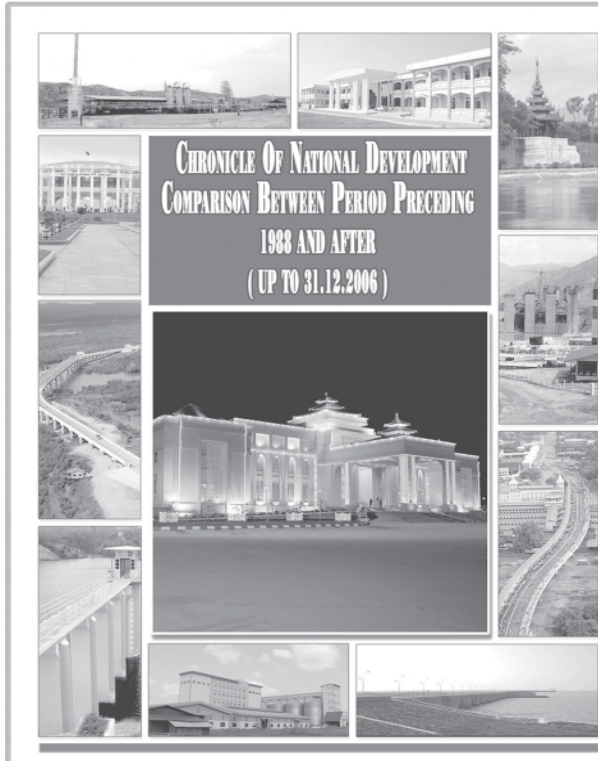
**AU envoy says Darfur peace talks
to resume in October**

KHARTOUM, 30 Aug—The African Union's special envoy for Darfur, Salim Ahmed Salim, announced Tuesday that the peace negotiation between the Sudanese Government and rebel movements in Sudan's western region of Darfur would be resumed in October.

Salim made the announcement after a meeting with Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir, during which Salim briefed al-Bashir his consultations with parties concerned following a meeting of Darfur rebel groups in Tanzania early this month.

MNA/Xinhua

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**Study confirms 2006 human to human
spread of bird flu**

WASHINGTON, 30 Aug— A mathematical analysis has confirmed that H5N1 avian influenza spread from person to person in Indonesia in April, US researchers reported on Tuesday.

They said they had developed a tool to run quick tests on disease outbreaks to see if dangerous epidemics or pandemics may be developing. Health officials around the world agree that a pandemic of

influenza is overdue, and they are most worried by the H5N1 strain of avian influenza that has been spreading through flocks from Asia to Africa.

It rarely passes to humans, but since 2003 it has infected 322 people and killed 195 of them.

Most have been infected directly by birds. But a few clusters of cases have been seen and officials worry most about the possibility that the virus has acquired the ability to pass easily and directly from one person to another. That would spark a pandemic.

Ira Longini and colleagues at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle looked at two clusters -- one in which eight family members died in Sumatra in 2006, and another in Turkey in which eight people were infected and

four died. Experts were almost certain the Sumatra case was human-to-human transmission, but were eager to see more proof.

"We find statistical evidence of human-to-human transmission in Sumatra, but not in Turkey," they wrote in a report published in the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*.

"This does not mean that no low-level human-to-human spread occurred in this outbreak, only that we lack statistical evidence of such spread."

In Sumatra, one of Indonesia's islands, a 37-year-old woman appears to have infected her 10-year-old nephew, who infected his father. DNA tests confirmed that the strain the father died of was very similar to the virus found in the boy's body.—MNA/Reuters

**Iran says US accusations
on Iraq "not true"**

TEHERAN, 30 Aug – Iran rejected on Wednesday accusations by US President George W. Bush that Teheran was fomenting instability in Iraq, and called on Washington to change its policies in the region.

"They (the US accusations) are not true," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini told Reuters by phone, saying Bush was repeating them "again and again".

Bush and other US officials have long accused Iran of supplying weapons to insurgents in Iraq, but in a speech to veterans on Tuesday the President hardened his stance by lumping Teheran and al-Qaeda together.

Bush's verbal attack on Iran came just hours after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said the power of the United States was rapidly collapsing in Iraq and that Teheran was ready to step in to help fill the vacuum. Iran blames the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 for the violence that is threatening to tear the country apart and has repeatedly called on US forces, now numbering about 160,000, to leave the neighbouring country.

Hosseini said the US path was neither "useful or fruitful", adding: "It is better for him (Bush) to change his point of view and political decisions."

MNA/Reuters

**Sudan floods death toll
reaches 101, crops ruined**

KHARTOUM, 30 Aug— Floods across Sudan have killed 101 people, spread disease and destroyed livelihoods by wiping out agricultural crops, officials said on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the United Nations appealed for 20 million US dollars to provide clean water, food and shelter to more than three million people in what Sudanese officials have called the worst floods in living memory.

"One hundred and one have died, and 278 were injured in the floods,"

Awad Widatallah Hussein, an official in the government's emergency response team, told Reuters. The flooding killed more than 36,000 livestock, he said.

The floods have made at least 200,000 people homeless, and destroyed more than 42,000 hectares of crops, the UN humanitarian aid agency (OCHA) said in a statement. In south Sudan, which recently emerged from decades of civil war, witnesses said the situation was worsening—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Ajax, Anderlecht miss out on group stage

MILAN, 30 Aug — Slavia Prague reached the Champions League group stages for the first time on Wednesday after a 3-1 aggregate victory knocked out Ajax Amsterdam.

Belgian titleholders Anderlecht also succumbed in the third qualifying round, losing 2-0 at home to Fenerbahce amid violent crowd scenes.

The Turks reached Thursday's draw alongside Arsenal, who trounced Sparta Prague 5-0 on aggregate and Werder Bremen, who dispatched Dinamo Zagreb.

Goalkeeper Artur Boruc saved two penalties to send Scottish champions Celtic through in a shootout with Spartak Moscow after a 1-1 extra time draw left them level at 2-2 on aggregate.

Benfica also progressed after beating FC Copenhagen while Valencia coasted to a 2-1 win at Sweden's Elfsborg to seal a 5-1 aggregate win. Ivan Helguera and David Villa scored.

The night belonged to Slavia Prague and striker Stanislav Vlcek, whose two strikes put the Czechs into the group stage for the first time in five attempts.

Luis Suarez netted for Ajax with a low shot but despite other chances, the 1995 winners could not claw back their 1-0 home defeat two weeks ago and miss the group stages for a second season after defeat to FC Copenhagen last year.

Turkish champions Fenerbahce eclipsed Anderlecht 3-0 on aggregate in a game where Belgian police had to intervene after fans from both clubs clashed in the 80th minute.

The game had to be stopped for a number of minutes after Anderlecht fans attempted to jump over fencing dividing them and the visiting fans. —MNA/Reuters

Owen scores in Newcastle's Cup win

LONDON, 30 Aug — Newcastle United striker Michael Owen, who missed most of the last two seasons through injury, scored his first competitive club goal since December 2005 in their 2-0 League Cup second round win over Barnsley on Wednesday.

Owen struck after 57 minutes with a well-placed shot to grab his first competitive goal in a black-and-white shirt since he scored a hat-trick in a 4-2 win over West Ham United on December 17, 2005.

Two weeks later he broke his foot and subsequent injuries have restricted him to just a handful of appearances since then.

Substitute Obafemi Martins, who replaced Owen after 82 minutes, added a second against the Second Division side in the 86th minute as Newcastle maintained their unbeaten start to the season under new coach Sam Allardyce. —MNA/Reuters



Los Angeles Galaxy captain David Beckham (R) falls while fighting for the ball with Pachuca's Fernando Salazar during their SuperLiga final soccer match in Carson, California, on 29 Aug, 2007. Beckham was injured on the play and left the game. —INTERNET



Team United States' Kobe Bryant (L) drives to the basket under pressure from Team Uruguay defender Esteban Batista during their game in the FIBA Americas regional qualifying basketball tournament to decide two berths for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, in Las Vegas, Nevada on 29 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Kanter wins men's discus throw

OSAKA, 30 Aug — Estonian Gerd Kanter won the men's discus throw of world athletics championships in Osaka on Tuesday with 68.94 metres. He was followed by German discus thrower Robert Harting, 66.68 metres, and Rutger Smith of the Netherlands, 66.42 metres.

Virgilijus Alekna of Lithuania, the champion in 2003 and 2005 world championships and 2004 Olympic Games, only ranked the fourth with 65.24 metres. This is his first loss in a major championship since his silver medal at Edmonton in 2001.

"Virgilijus is the best discus thrower ever and he inspired me

a lot in recent years," Kanter said after the competition, "I think he will be back, you cannot count him out."

This is Kanter's second win over Alekna in 46 meetings. Last year, Alekna won all the major meets including the European Championships, Zurich IAAF Golden League and IAAF World Athletics Final, as Kanter finishing second all three occasions.

Kanter, 27-year-old, is the first Estonian to win the world championships title. "Our team is small, so the win means a lot for us and our country," he said. He got a silver in the 2005 world championships. —MNA/Xinhua



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns volley to Paul Capdeville of Chile at the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 29 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Kenya's Jepkosgei wins women's 800m at athletics worlds

OSAKA, 30 Aug — Janeth Jepkosgei of Kenya captured the title of the women's 800 metres at the world athletics championships here on Tuesday.

Jepkosgei clocked one minute 56.04 seconds for the gold, followed by Morocco's Hasana Benhassi in 1:56.99 and Ethiopia's Mayte Martinez in 1:57.62.

"It's the first gold medal for Kenya and the first world championship gold for me, and it's also my personal best, so I'm happy," said Jepkosgei.

Benhassi, also silver winner in 2005 worlds, complained about illness for her failure to win the gold. "Even after my arrival in Osaka, I wasn't fully sure to take part in the competition, because illnesses have hindered my preparation throughout the season. —MNA/Xinhua

Marseille slump to 2-0 home defeat against Nice

MARSEILLE (France), 30 Aug — Olympique Marseille were still looking for their first home victory this season after slumping to a 2-0 defeat by Nice at the Stade Velodrome in Ligue 1 on Wednesday. Defender Vincent Hognon, who joined the club from St Etienne during the close season, fired home from a corner kick six minutes into the second half. Midfielder David Hellebuyck, who also played for Les Verts, wrapped up the win three minutes from time with a powerful shot from just inside the box. —MNA/Reuters



Australia's Matt Giteau, right, is tackled by New Zealand's Mils Muliana during their Tri-Nations Rugby match in Melbourne, on 30 June, 2007. —INTERNET

Isinbayeva retains world pole vault title

OSAKA, 30 Aug — Defending champion and world record holder Yelena Isinbayeva retained her pole vault title but failed to break her own world record at the world athletics championships here on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old Russian took the title in 4.80 metres, followed by Katerina Badurova of Czech Republic in 4.75 metres and another Russian Svetlana Feofanova in 4.75 metres.

Isinbayeva, who set a new world record of 5.01 metres in winning the title at the 2005 worlds, tried twice at 5.02 metres but failed at both attempts.

—MNA/Xinhua



Number five seed Ana Ivanovic of Serbia hits against Aravane Rezai of France during the 2nd round of the US Open Tennis Championships at the USTA National Tennis Centre in Flushing Meadows, New York. Ivanovic won 6-3, 6-1. —INTERNET

Japanese veteran Sugiyama loses to Russian teenager

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Japan lost its final player in the women's draw at the US Open on Wednesday when veteran Ai Sugiyama was defeated in three sets by Russian teenager Ekaterina Makarova.

Sugiyama, 30, landed only 56 per cent of her first serves and came up short on many of the big points during a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 loss at the National Tennis Centre.

Makarova, a qualifier ranked 156th, won the first set by blasting four aces and landing 82 per cent of her first serves. But Sugiyama recovered in the next by converting both of her second-set break-point opportunities. —MNA/Reuters

Africa opposed to US command base

JOHANNESBURG, 31 Aug— African countries are opposed to US command base on the continent, South African Defence Minister Mosiuoa Lekota said on Wednesday in Cape Town.

Lekota said that there is broad consensus among African countries that foreign forces, specifically in the form of the United States' new African

Command, would not be welcomed to establish themselves on the continent.

The minister made the statement during a briefing

on the implementation of government's programme of action by Cabinet's International Relations, Peace and Security cluster.

Lekota indicated a

hesitance on the part of African Countries to host the US new dedicated command for the continent.

US President George Bush announced earlier this year that he had directed his Department of Defence to develop and establish a Unified Command for Africa (Africom) by the end of September 2008.

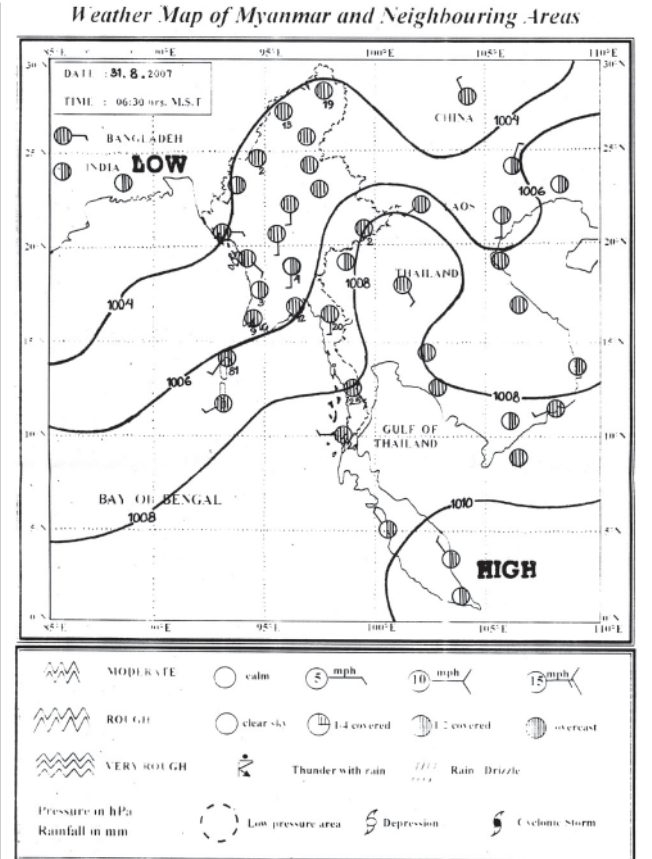
This would assume responsibility for the African continent, excluding Egypt, from the US, European and Central Commands. This raised a number of suspicions in Africa about the US Government's motives for such an initiative.

The official *BuaNews* quoted the minister as saying: "The Africom initiative has raised a lot of interest and attracted a lot of attention because ... Africa has to avoid the presence of foreign forces on her soil."

MNA/Xinhua



Myanmar Distribution Group Co Ltd donates calsome kid cereal to General Hospital in North Okkalapa Township on 31 August 2007. Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Chit Ko Tin accepted 150 packages of cereal worth K 350,000 presented by responsible personnel of the Co Ltd. — NLM



WEATHER

Friday, 31 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Kachin, Rakhine States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Kayin, Kayah States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inches, Machanbaw (3.90) inches, Co Co Island (3.35) inches, Dawei (2.17) inches, Ann (1.93) inches, Yay (1.70) inches, and Kanbalu (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-8-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 31-8-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-8-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 30-8-2007 was (0.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-8-2007 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (97.72) inches at Mingaladon, (100.04) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.66) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South-west at (14:30) hours MST on 30-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Northern Shan, Eastern Shan States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Kayin Rakhine and Southern Shan States, Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of september 2007: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 1 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာ ရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဗျာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဗျာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:15 am
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- 7:25 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 6. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
 7. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက်တံတား
- 8:15 am
 8. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Grammar made easy

- 11:00 am
 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 3. Games for children
- 12:10 pm
 4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 1:35 pm
 5. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်း ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား ပြည်တွင်းသတင်းစဉ်
- 1:45 pm
 6. “ကျောင်းသို့မသွေ သွားဖို့လေ” (ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မင်းအောင်သူ။ နေယံ၊ ခင်မိုးမိုးအေး၊ ခင်သန်းဝင်း၊ ဝှမ်းပုံကြီး၊ ချောနုဝင်း၊ သဉ္ဇာ၊ သိမ်၊ သိမ်ထွန်း၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ချစ်ချစ်ဇော်)
- 2:20 pm
 7. ကြံတောင်သူတွေ ဝင်ငွေသုံးဆုတိုးဖို့ ဆင်းရွှေလီကြံစိုက်ကြစို့. (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 2:30 pm
 8. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm
 9. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song for uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

- ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:40 pm
 4. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:55 pm
 5. Musical programme
- 5:05 pm
 6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်)(အမျိုးသမီး)
 7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
 - 5:50 pm
 8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (နာမည်ကျော်ထင်ရှား ပေါက်သနပ်ခါး)
 - 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
 - 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
 - 6:35 pm
 11. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
 - 7:00 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်”(အပိုင်း-၅၆)
 - 8:00 pm
 13. News
 - 8:05 pm
 14. International news
 - 8:10 pm
 15. Weather report
 - 8:15 pm
 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာနှောင်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
 - 8:20 pm
 17. The next day's programme



Saturday, 1 September

- Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -The light
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Feel so good
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -What about me
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Take on me
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request -Always -Love takes time
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news Exchange news from ASEAN membercountries
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture ... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt “Yei Dagon Taung Hill”
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Once upon a time -Hay baby
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Pyay-Taungup road section, agricultural tasks in Pyay

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Bago Division (West) PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint and officials, heard reports on construction of earth road and building of bridges on Kyangin-Okshitpin section of Pyay-Padaung-Taungup road presented by officials at Nyaungkyo Yeiktha in Pyay on 29 August morning.

Next, Division Manager of Myanma Agriculture Service U Than Maung also reported on cultivation of 550 acres of coffee against the target of 1,500 acres in Nyaungkyo region.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected thriving 29 acres of coffee plantation in Pyay Station and left necessary instructions.

At Shwemyaya Hall of Road Construction-8 of Public Works, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party were welcomed by Commander of Western



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects extended construction of Pyay-Padaung-Taungup Road. — MNA

Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and officials. Senior Engineer U Aung Htay of Construction-8 submitted the reports on maintenance of Pyay-Padaung-Taungup road and future tasks. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need to construct the retaining walls at the eroded areas and carry out maintenance task.

At the mile post 86/6 on Pyay-Padaung-Taungup road, he viewed extension of shoulder along the road and attended to the needs.

At the hall in Taungup Station, they met servicemen and fam-

ily members. At the hall in Taungup, they met departmental personnel. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on progress of the township presented by the Chairman of Township PDC.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than instructed officials to strive for ensuring sufficiency of rice and edible oil. Not only in Taungup Township but also in Rakhine State, it is necessary to extend cultivation of beans and pulses, sunflower, groundnut, sesame and mustard. In addition, all the townships are to grow 300 acres each of pepper

yearly. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged local farmers to extend rubber and physic nut to meet the target. Furthermore, efforts are to be made for breeding prawn with the technological aid of departments concerned.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented K 500,000 to the funds of Maei Hospital through officials. At Lin Aung Cold Storage in Maei, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed production process of the cold storage and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

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- ❑ Strive for ensuring sufficiency of rice and edible oil.
- ❑ Extend cultivation of beans and pulses, sunflower, groundnut, sesame and mustard.
- ❑ Extend rubber, physic nut to meet the target.

Presentation on fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be published

YANGON, 31 Aug— The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention presented Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. Presentation on detailed basic principles regarding sharing of the judicial power in the chapter ‘Judiciary’, and the chapters ‘the Tatmadaw, Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens’ read out by U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, detailed basic principles regarding the chap-

ters ‘Election’ and ‘Political Parties’ read out by U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, detailed basic principles regarding the chapters ‘Provisions on State of Emergency’, ‘Amendment of the Constitution’ and ‘State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital’ read out by U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers and detailed basic principles regarding the chapters ‘Transitory Provisions’ and ‘General Provisions’ read out by Dr Maung Maung Wint of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia will be published in the dailies.

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Myanmar Railways contributing to regional development

Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation started running Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan No 107-Up train and No 108-Down train on 18 May 2006 for the convenience of service personnel who are discharging duties in Nay Pyi Taw. On the same day, Nay Pyi Taw-Kyaukpadaung-Nay Pyi Taw post trains — No 101-Up train and No 102-Down train were launched facilitating the convenience of local passengers and flow of commodities.

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