

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers concluding speech at plenary session of National Convention

Delegates adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that are vital for perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar and peace and prosperity of national races



YANGON, 3 Sept — The following is the concluding speech delivered by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the plenary session of the National Convention at Nyaunhnapin Camp today.

Esteemed National Convention Delegates,

The National Convention delegates successfully completed drawing fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for the writing of a constitution. Throughout the convening of the NC, the National Convention Con-

vening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee on their part have worked hard side by side with the delegates. I would like to say that the NC has shown the strength of unity by bringing together delegates of national races, delegates of townships, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates from all walks of life and other invited guests.

Delegates,

The delegates have adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles that are fundamental for perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar and

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Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers the closing speech at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 4 September, 2007

New Kyeeni-Chauk railroad for speedy flow of passengers and goods

Secure and smooth transport plays an important role in regional development. Better transport contributes towards the economic progress and high social standard of the people.

Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is building new railroads for ensuring smooth passenger and freight transport. The ministry is also constructing new railway stations and making efforts for manufacturing coaches and wagons in the country.

New Kyeeni-Chauk railroad, built by Myanma Railways, was opened in Magway Division the other day.

The new railroad section is 4.3 miles long. People can go to Bagan and Taungwingyi via Chauk and Kyaukpadaung and others that have railway services. The agricultural produce of Magway Division such as beans and pulses and edible oil crops can be transported by train to other regions.

Due to the opening of the Kyeeni-Chauk railway line, people living in towns on the eastern and western banks of the Ayeyawady can go to Chauk by car and then to Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana the same day.

Myanma Railways is also constructing Kyangin-Pakkoku, Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana-Myohaung dual tracks, Pyawbwe-Phayangasu and Katha-Bhamo railroads. The completion of these railway lines will lead to regional development, higher socio-economic status of people and speedy flow of goods.

NLD party did not do their bit in nation-building endeavours

16 members of Ayadaw Township NLD resign

YANGON, 3 Sept—Altogether 16 members of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division including U Than Lin of Ngwedwinton village, U Hla Paing, Daw Mar Tin, U Pho Shwe and U Pho Tu on 21 August resigned from the party of their own volition, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and the authorities concerned.

In their letters sent to the Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said that the NLD party did not do their bit in nation-building endeavours but is making attempts to get the nation under foreign subjugation. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, 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

Progress of Seikphyu-Pakokku railroad section supervised



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects construction of Seikphyu-Pakokku railroad section.

RAILWAY

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than went on an inspection tour of Seikphyu-Pakokku railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad in Magway Division on 1 September.

First, Project Engineer U Maung Maung Thwin briefed the minister on earth work carried out at the railroad section with the use of heavy machinery. Next, General Manager U Thi Han gave a supplementary report and so did Managing Director of Myanma Railways U Min Swe and Deputy Minister U Pe Than.

Afterwards, the minister gave instructions on use of heavy machinery at full capacity, all-out efforts to be made for accomplishment of the project tasks, striving for cultivation of fuel-substitute physic nut plants along the embankment, trees to be grown to support retaining walls and building of village-to-village roads along with that of railroads for rural development.

Next, the minister inspected the chosen site to build Seikphyu railway station and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Discussions held to promote trade

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Border Trade Department of the Ministry of Commerce held discussions to promote trade at Muse-105th mile trade zone on 26 August.

Present at the meeting were the Deputy Director-General of Border Trade Department, the Director of BTD, the Deputy Director, officials of OSS organization, departmental officials, local authorities, officials of Muse-Nankham traders association, entrepreneurs and company staff.

The discussions were focused on matters related to promotion of trade, boosting exports, banking services, increased local products and easy flow of commodities.

MNA

KOICA organizes Korean cultural performance in Mandalay

YANGON, 3 Sept— The Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Korean Language Department of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages organized a cultural event at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel on 31 August.

Together with a Korean Overseas Volunteer (KOV), lecturers and students of Korean Lan-

guage Department presented Korean drum dance, solo and group dances and the fan dance. A KOV Taekwondo coach and students of Institute of Sports and Physical Education of Yangon also staged Taekwondo demonstration. Myanmar traditional dances were also presented on the occasion.

Under the KOVs Programme between Ko-

rea and Myanmar since 1998, KOICA has sent 74 KOVstoMyanmarto share knowledge and experience on language, computer skill, agriculture and sports and the KOICA-led-Korean cultural event will not only contribute to growing of better understanding between the two countries but also strengthen bilateral relations, it is learnt. —H



Korean cultural troupe performs at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel.— H

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi civilian deaths rise slightly in August

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—Civilian deaths from violence in Iraq rose slightly in August, with 1,773 people killed, government statistics showed on Saturday. The figures from various ministries showed 87 police and Army personnel reported killed in August, a big drop from the previous month when 224 were killed.

The civilian toll was up 7 per cent from 1,653 people killed in July. But it was unclear how the figure was affected by the death toll from massive truck bomb attacks against the minority Yazidi community in northern Iraq on 14 August.

More than 500 people

were killed in those bombings, the Iraqi Red Crescent has said. The provincial governor of the area has put the death toll at 344 with 70 still missing. The overall August figure of 1,773 is largely in line with civilian death tolls for most months this year.

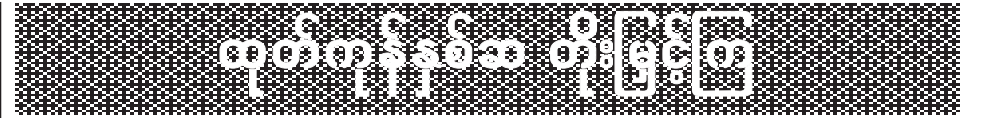
US military deaths in August were 81 so far, according to the Web site icasualties.org, which tracks the number of coalition deaths in Iraq. That is roughly the same as July. During the April-June period, US military deaths topped 100 each month.

Washington has said the fall in the number of

deaths of its soldiers was a sign its tactic of sending an additional 30,000 troops to Iraq and spreading them out in neighbourhoods was having its desired effect of reducing violence.

The impact of that “surge” of troops along with Iraq’s political situation will be the focus of a series of pivotal reports to the US Congress in the coming two weeks. The Iraqi Government statistics showed 472 militants were killed and 2,019 captured in August.

More than 3,700 American troops have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.—MNA/Reuters



New pupils of First Grade of a elementary school attend the entrance ceremony in Berlin, Germany, on 1 Sept, 2007. In Germany, leaving kindergarten and entering elementary school is an important point in life for children.
XINHUA

Indian scientists discover “mosquito-repellent” plant

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept—Scientists in India say they have discovered a plant that can repel mosquitoes, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported on Saturday.

Scientists at a centre of India’s National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) in the hill state of Uttarakhand said a series experiments have shown mosquito-repellent properties in Almorja geranium.

The *PTI* quoted Kuldip Singh Negi, an NBPGR official, as saying it was a chance discovery when a resident reported he has never seen insects coming near the plant. Laboratory tests later showed that the plant contains a compound that releases a strong odor, which keep insects, especially mosquitoes, away, Negi said. The plant can be grown at homes to serve as an effective mosquito repellent, he claimed.

MNA/Xinhua

Suspected insurgents kill railway officer in Thai south

BANGKOK, 2 Sept—Suspected insurgents killed a railway officer in Thailand’s southern Narathiwat Province on Friday afternoon.

The officer was shot while he was controlling signal at a station in Rueso District, according to local newspaper *Bangkok Post*’s website. They also hid a 10-kilogramme bomb at

a sentry box nearby in an attempt to harm security officials who were expected to inspect the scene. The bomb failed to detonate. Narathiwat and its neighbouring provinces of Yala and Pattani have been hit by insurgents on an almost daily basis and nearly 2,400 persons have died in over three years of violence.—MNA/Xinhua

Japan farm minister resigns in blow to PM Abe

TOKYO, 3 Sept — Japan’s farm minister resigned on Monday over illegal dealings at a farmers’ group he headed, dealing a fresh blow to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe just a week after he revamped his Cabinet.

Abe’s first Cabinet was plagued by scandals and gaffes and the 52-year-old conservative leader named a new line-up last Monday to try to revive public support after the ruling coalition suffered a defeat in a July 29 election that gave the opposition a majority in Parliament’s Upper House.

Agriculture Minister Takehiko Endo admitted on Saturday that a farmers’ aid group he headed had illegally taken 1.15 million yen (9,900US dollars) from the state and that he had failed to disclose this to the Prime Minister before his appointment.

The 68-year-old Endo, who had been reluctant to take over the ill-fated post, confirmed his resignation at a news conference on Monday after meeting Abe at his official residence. Abe’s first appointee to the portfolio committed suicide over a separate scandal and the second was fired over reports of discrepancies in his political funding records. — MNA/Reuters



Pupils show their paintings about environmental protection at the Zhonghua Primary School in Xianyang, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 1 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA



Stunt man TJ Glen pretends to throw fellow stunt man Anthony Persad (L) through the air with the assistance of a piece of stunt equipment called the ‘Air Ram’ at the ‘Hollywood Stunts’ instructional facility in New York, on 29 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Man charged with murder at wake

LONDON, 2 Sept—A man has been charged with shooting dead 23-year-old Tyrone Gilbert at a wake in Manchester, police said on Saturday.

Gilbert was attending the wake of a friend in the Chorlton-on-Medlock part of the city last July when he was gunned down.

His friend had been shot dead in the city a few weeks earlier. Aeron Campbell, 24, of no fixed abode, has been charged with multiple offences including murder, firearms offences and possession of drugs.

A second 24-year-old arrested on suspicion of murder has been released without charge.

MNA/Reuters

1.5 tons of ancient coins discovered in north China

TAIYUAN, 1 Sept — A cellar containing 1.5 tons of ancient coins, including some 2,000-year-old ones, have been discovered by a villager in Changzi County, north China's Shanxi Province.

The man in Qianwanhu Village discovered the cellar with some 10,000 coins, ranging from three centimetres to one centimetre in diameter, on 23 August when he was digging a channel to place pipes for tap water, said Li Lin, an official of the Changzi Centre of Cultural

Heritage and Tourism.

The "money cellar" was 1.5 metres under the earth, with coins being piled orderly into a cuboid of 1.3 metres long, 0.65 metre wide and one-metre high, Li said.

Most of the coins were made during the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127) with the remainders made during Han Dynasty (206 BC-AD 220) and Tang Dynasty (618-907), Li said.

Many coins were in good condition, and characters on the surface were still legible, while

some others were rusty. The largest coin is three centimetres in diameter and the smallest is one centimetre, Li said.

Archaeologists said the coins were there for three reasons: the coins were liege lords' private wealth; or they were buried by ancient Chinese private banks during war; or they belonged to rich people who buried them during war but had forgotten.

MNA/Xinhua



Revellers battle with tomato pulp during the annual "Tomatina" (tomato fight) in the Mediterranean village of Bunol, near Valencia, Spain on 29 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

All passengers of Cypriot cruise ship safe after collision

NICOSIA, 2 Sept— All 500 passengers and crew of the Cypriot cruise ship "Salamis Glory" are safe and sound after a collision off Haifa port with an Israeli freighter, Cypriot media reported on Friday.

The ship was leaving the northern Israeli coastal city of Haifa on Thursday night when it hit the anchored cargo ship "Shelly," which sank following the accident.

Eleven of the cargo crew members were rescued but two others were confirmed dead after Israeli forces recovered their bodies early Friday.

The Israeli authorities have launched an investigation into the circumstances of the collision.

Cypriot inspectors and experts will join the probe, the *Cyprus News Agency* reported.

Cypriot officials said all possibilities will be investigated, including the likelihood that there was a problem in the ship's navigation system.

The passengers and crew remain on the cruise liner, which is docked at Haifa for the probe. Efforts are underway to repatriate the 500 passengers, only 150 of them are Cypriots.

MNA/Xinhua



A goat with six horn stands in the herd of goats at a farm in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region on 28 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Zambia rejects plan for US military bases

LUSAKA, 2 Sept— The Zambian Government has rebuffed the attempts by the United States to establish a military base in the southern African country, frustrating the world's only superpower from gripping the resource-rich land.

According to a report published by *Daily Mail* on Saturday, Zambian President Mwanawasa said each country had its own sovereignty to decide on any matter and Zambia would in this case not allow the establishment of such a military base in the

country.

Mwanawasa, who is also chairman of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), also said all SADC countries had no interest in the matter.

"As Zambia, we will not be giving sanctuary and I think I can speak on behalf of the SADC region that none of us is interested," he said.

The US Government has been approaching African countries on the possibility of establishing its military base on the continent, in order to secure a presence for its newly-established Africa Command (AFRICOM) now temporarily housed in Germany.

MNA/Xinhua

Turbulence injures 16 on flight to Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 1 Sept — Sixteen passengers on an Air Mauritius flight to Hong Kong were taken to hospital on Thursday after being injured by turbulence, Hong Kong media reported.

"The plane had a safe landing, all we know is that it encountered some turbulence," Chris Lam, a spokesperson for Hong Kong's Airport Authority, said.

The plane landed just after midday. It was not immediately clear what kind of aircraft was involved.

Hong Kong's Cable TV reported 16 passengers had been taken to hospital. It showed two men being wheeled into a Hong Kong hospital on stretchers, including one man who was wearing a neck and head brace.—MNA/Reuters

"Airbus 380" collides with building at Bangkok airport

BANGKOK, 1 Sept — An Airbus 380 aircraft collided with a building and a coach parked nearby at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport on Saturday morning, local media reported.

The aircraft, which is scheduled to fly to Thai northern city of Chiang Mai for its Asia Fight Show, was moving backward while colliding with an airport building and a coach.

One wing of the plane was slightly damaged. However, the engineers said the engines were not affected and the wing could be repaired in several hours, Thai Traffic Radio reported.

There were no casualties reported.—MNA/Xinhua

Plane crash kills family of six in California

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept— A small plane crashed in central California, killing a family of six, according to a CNN report on Saturday.

The plane crashed near a remote Kern County airport on Friday afternoon and exploded into flames, the report quoted authorities as saying.

All six people aboard, including at least one infant, were killed. The family had been headed to Kern County for a camping trip, said the report.

The cause of the crash was under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

MNA/Xinhua



Jiang Dezhang and his bride Tie Guangju exchange wedding rings during their special mid-air wedding ceremony in Kunming, West China's Yunnan Province on 28 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Malaysia's AirAsia inks pact with Vietnam's Vinashin

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Sept — Malaysian low-cost airline AirAsia Friday signed a deal with Vietnam's state-owned corporation, Shipbuilding Industry Group (Vinashin), to establish a new frills-free carrier to be known as Vina AirAsia in Vietnam expected to be operational in July next year.

The letter of intent for the joint venture with

the initial investment of 30 million US dollars was signed by AirAsia group chief executive officer (CEO) Auk Tony Fernandes and Vinashin's group chairman and CEO Pham Thanh Binh.

The signing was witnessed by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung who is here to join in Malaysia's 50th independence celebrations.

"With 84 million people in Vietnam and the fact that the country is close to China which has a population of more than a billion, the potential is huge," Fernandes told reporters later. AirAsia, which is Southeast Asia's largest budget airline, would have a 30 per cent stake in the joint venture against Vinashin's 70 per cent, according to him.

MNA/Xinhua



"Raja Gigi" or "Teeth King" Rathakrishnan Velu uses his teeth to pull seven train coaches, weighing about 300 tonnes, in Kuala Lumpur on 30 Aug, 2007 in an attempt to break a record which he set four years ago with six coaches.—INTERNET

Sony introduces first US video walkman player

NEW YORK, 1 Sept — Consumer electronics maker Sony Corporation on Thursday said it introduced a new US version of its Sony Walkman that includes the ability to play digital video, the latest potential rival to Apple Inc's dominant iPod media player.

The Japanese company, one of the world's biggest electronics makers, said its NWZ-A810 and NWZ-S610 series of Walkman digital music players would be available in September.

The devices will support an open platform — which means they will play a variety of music formats such as MP3 and Microsoft Corp's WMA, providing more choices for downloading and managing music and video collections online.

Sony added that it would pull the plug on its Connect Music Services, which distributes music in Sony's proprietary ATRAC audio format in North America and Europe. Specific timing

will vary, but the move will not occur before March 2008.

Sony said the models' battery life allows up to eight hours of video playback for the NWZ-A810 series, which will sell for between 140 US dollars and 230 US dollars.

Battery life will be more than nine hours for the NWZ-S610 series, with prices ranging from 120 US dollars to 210 US dollars.

MNA/Reuters



Steadily, relentlessly, quietly. Toyota is closing in on dethroning General Motors, the longtime king of the world's automakers. On 31 Aug, 2007, Toyota set a global sales target of 10.4 million vehicles for 2009 — a number that would put the Japanese company far ahead of the current industry record of 9.55 million vehicles that GM sold in 1978.—INTERNET

Mozambique unveils \$550m biofuels project

MAPUTO, 1 Sept — State-owned Mozambican Petroleum Co (PETROMOC) on Thursday unveiled a 550-million-US-dollar bio-fuels project aimed at easing an energy crunch in the fast-growing southern African nation.

In an interview with Reuters, Eugenio Silva, a senior PETROMOC official, said it would create about 800 jobs and lead to a maximum annual production of 226 million litres of ethanol and biodiesel seven years after start-up.

Sugarcane and jatropha, a drought-resistant shrub, will be planted on some 74,000 hectares of land as part of the joint project

with COFAMOSA, which represents some 200 Mozambican and South African farmers, Silva said.

"There are so many components which include (a) plantation, the building of a totally new infrastructure and processing of raw material," he said, adding that PETROMOC

intended to get funding for the project from international donors and investors. The proposed development will be located in Corrumane, some 100 kilometres southwest of the capital Maputo and could help ease an energy crunch in Mozambique, which has enjoyed an economic

boom since the end of a 17-year civil war in 1992.

The former Portuguese colony has limited energy supplies, making it reliant on foreign oil and gas. Rising petrol prices have pinched Mozambican consumers and prompted fears that the nation's economic growth could slow.—MNA/Reuters

Pertamina discovers new oil reserve

JAKARTA, 2 Sept — Indonesia's state-run oil and gas firm Pertamina claimed that it had found a new oil reserve in the West Java town of Cirebon, local Press said Friday.

The new reserve is estimated to contain up to

11 million barrels of oil, reported leading news website Detikcom, quoting a government official.

The new reserve at Randegan Utara field in Cirebon, about 200 kilometres east of Jakarta, is expected to begin production within the next

five or six years, said Kardaya Warnika, head of the Oil and Gas Executive Body (BP Migas).

Pertamina also has drilled a new oil well with potential output of 300,000 barrels per day.

MNA/Xinhua



Actors dressed as the characters in the Chinese novel "Journey to the West" to attract tourists at Changchun Movie Wonderland in Changchun, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 29 Aug, 2007. The Changchun Movie Wonderland is a movie amusement park which is composed of Motion Dome Theater, Water Screen Theater, Giant Screen Theater and 4D Theater etc.—XINHUA

Second-hand smoke to kill two million Chinese

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept — Nearly two million older people alive today in China are likely to die from emphysema and other chronic lung diseases caused by second-hand smoke, researchers predicted on Thursday.

Their estimates are part of a series of studies showing that chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, is far more common than had been recognized around the world and will present a serious problem for health officials.

COPD includes emphysema, chronic bronchitis and some types of serious chronic asthma. Smoking is by far the

leading cause.

Dr Peymane Adab and KK Cheng of Britain's University of Birmingham, with colleagues in Hong Kong and Guangzhou, used data from a study of 20,430 men and women over the age of 50. Most had never smoked.

"More than half of never smokers reported exposure to passive smoking in their

workplace and at home, with 28 per cent reporting high levels of total adult exposure," Adab and Cheng wrote in their report, published in the Lancet medical journal.

Anyone who spent more than 40 hours a week in and around cigarette smoke for more than five years was considered to have high exposure.—MNA/Reuters



Chinese Party and Government leaders Hu Jintao, Wen Jiabao, Zeng Qinghong and Li Changchun (front, L to R) meet with representatives of China's national outstanding teachers in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 Aug, 2007. — XINHUA

Ten die of illicit home-made alcohol in southern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 1 Sept — At least 10 persons died of drinking poisonous home-made alcohol in southern Nepal within the last 24 hours, local media sources reported Friday.

According to the reports, five persons died on Thursday after consuming illicit alcohol in Dhanusa District, situated some 125 kilometres south of the Nepali capital Kathmandu. Four of them died in the Janakpur Zonal Hospital while fifth died undergoing treatment in a hospital in neighbouring Indian state of Bihar.

Five more persons, who were admitted in the hospital after consuming

poisonous home-made alcohol, succumbed on Friday, reported the National News Agency (RSS).

Talking to local media house's website THT online, relatives of one of the deceased alleged that illegal home-made alcohol business was flourishing under the patronage of police in the region.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Bhog

Bahadur Thapa, however, denied the allegation of police involvement in alcohol business.

MNA/Xinhua

Burning Man festival participants enjoy the playa near an art installation in the Black Rock Desert in Gerlach, Nev, on the morning of 31 Aug, 2007.

INTERNET



Heat wave continues unabated in California

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — Temperatures are expected to top out around 110 degrees Fahrenheit

(nearly 40 degrees Centigrade) on Saturday in parts of California, prompting authorities to issue a public warning.

The region will sweat through Labour Day which falls on 3 September, the National Weather Service (NWS).

The NWS issued an Excessive Heat Warning for the mountains of Ventura and Los Angeles counties—including the Santa Monica range, despite its proximity to the ocean and the coastal areas of Orange County.

It was scheduled to remain in force until

7:00 pm.

So far, the operator of the state's power grid has been able to keep up with demand for electricity to run air conditioning systems, but there have been no kilowatts to spare over the past few days of 100-degree-plus heat. Still, the California Independent System Operator, or Cal-ISO, asked people to scrimp on electricity, especially during the heat of the day. People were urged to wait until after dark to use high-consumption appliances, such as washing machines.

MNA/Xinhua

Bridge collapse claims at least five lives in south Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept — At least five people were

killed and many others wounded when a portion

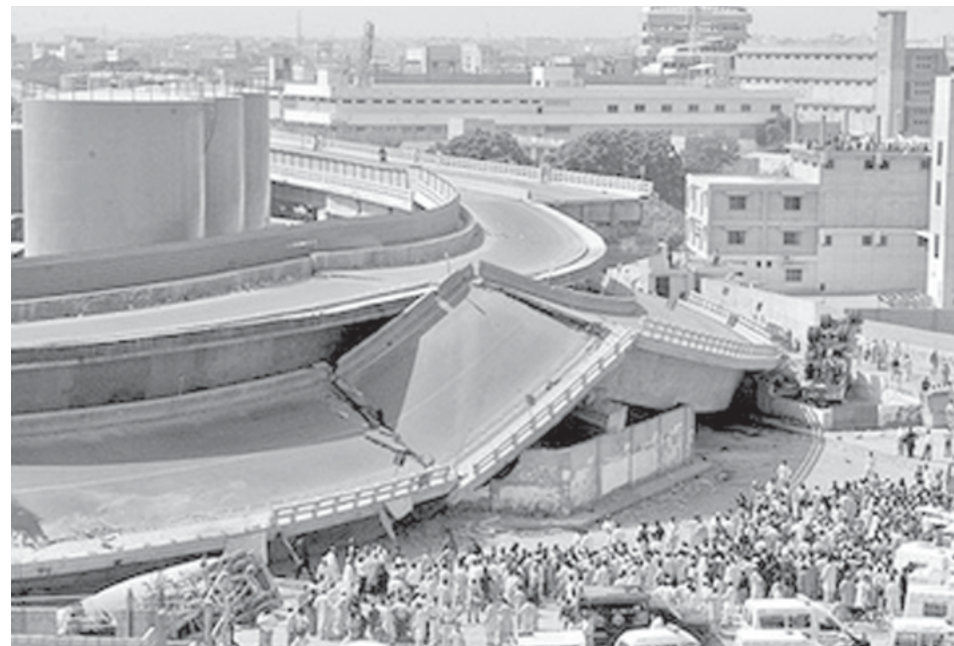
of a bridge in South Pakistan collapsed on

Saturday, the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported.

A portion of the Northern Bypass Bridge caved in at Paracha Chowk in Sher Shah area of Karachi on Saturday and several vehicles over the bridge went down with the collapsed portion of the bridge structure and got trapped under the rubble.

At least five people died and many others were injured, the APP report said, adding that the death toll was feared to rise as some people were still trapped in the debris.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani rescue workers and bystanders gather around a collapsed bridge in Karachi on 1 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

UK organic food sales soar, supply fails to keep up

LONDON, 1 Sept — Organic food and drink sales rose strongly in Britain last year but domestic supplies are failing to keep pace with demand and could limit future growth, the Soil Association said in a report issued on Saturday.

The Soil Association, which certifies more than 70 per cent of the organic produce sold in Britain, estimated that organic sales of food and drink topped two billion pounds (4.04 billion US dollars) for the first time last year, up 22 per cent from a year earlier.

Organic produce accounts for about two per cent of food and drink sales in Britain.

Fully organic farmed land in the UK, however, has fallen by seven per cent this year, including a six-per-cent drop in arable area, and self-sufficiency in organic cereals fell below 50 per cent in 2006, the report said. Helen Browning, the Soil Association's Director of Food and Farming, told a news conference that supply issues threatened future expansion prospects.

MNA/Reuters



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meeting with delegates to the National Convention at the dinner. — MNA

Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers...

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peace and prosperity of national races. The principles adopted by the NC are to be enshrined in the constitution. In order to lay down such principles, efforts have been made since 1992.

State Law and Order Restoration Council took a step to hold the National Convention by issuing the declaration No 11/92 on 24 April 1992. Coordination meetings on the convening of the NC were held from 23 June to 10 July 1992. Leaders of the legitimate political parties, representatives-elect and independent representatives-elect attended the meetings and passed a resolution to invite delegates groups to the National Convention

Regarding the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, some self-centered organizations have manufactured false propaganda on the rights bestowed upon national races. It is undeniable that if compared with previous constitutions, this constitution vests national races with better rights on the basis of the prevailing conditions of the nation.

and set the number of representatives.

Under the resolutions of the coordination meetings, eight delegate groups namely, delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, State service personnel and delegates of other invited persons participated in the National Convention. Delegates of political parties were chosen by the respective parties. Those chosen by respective political parties for representatives-elect group and independent representatives were invited. The rest delegates were chosen by respective townships, departments and organizations.

Delegates,

The National Convention commenced on 9 January 1993. As is known to all, the National Convention was adjourned temporarily in 1996.

On 30 August 2003, the government announced the seven-step Road Map. In order to implement the first phase, the National Convention was reconvened on 17 May 2004. From 1993 to 1996 the National Convention was held six times and from 2004 to date five times. Today, the National Convention came to an end successfully and completely.

Delegates,

Now the desire of all the citizens is to build a peaceful developed nation. Therefore the government is discharging duties of establishing a peaceful modern developed nation. In doing so, it laid down twelve objectives, namely, four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives. At the same time, the government is implementing the tasks for peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order which is essential for practice of democracy system, for strong economy of the State and the people and for emergence of an educated State through the border areas and national races development project, 24-special development region project and rural development project. Such

endeavours mean upgrading the value of the Union and serving the national interest.

Despite internal and external obstacles, accomplishments were made on its own efforts. The constitution is very important in shaping the brighter future through the already-achieved progress. There were the 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution in Myanmar. However, they are not relevant to the present conditions. That is why efforts are being made for drafting a new constitution.

The 1947 constitution was formulated in haste by 71 persons—55 members of the Committee for Drawing State Constitution formed under the resolution passed at the first session of the first Constituent Assembly and 16 members appointed by the chairman of the Constituent

Assembly. And 1974 constitution was written through coordination by 97 members of the Commission for Drawing State Constitution (Draft). At this National Convention, more than 1000 representatives of the eight delegate groups collectively adopted the basic principles through thorough discussions after taking historic lessons and considering the prevailing conditions. So, you delegates know best that this State Constitution has a broader area and more political essence than any other constitution in the nation. At the National Convention, the representatives from various groups including the representatives of national races from all walks of life and the representatives of the groups that have returned to the legal fold have different views and opinions. However, they held discussions and made positive suggestions, putting the interests of the Union in the fore. So, such fruitful results have been achieved.

Delegates,

Regarding the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, some self-centered organizations have manufactured false propaganda on the rights bestowed upon national races. It is undeniable that if compared with previous constitutions, this constitution vests national races with better rights on the basis of the prevailing conditions of the nation.

Under the 1947 constitution, the nation had only four states—Kachin, Kayah, Kayinni and Shan. Under the 1974 constitution, three more states — Chin, Mon and Rakhine—were formed. And under this State Constitution, apart from seven states and seven divisions, the nation will be constituted with one self-administered division for Wa national race and five self-administered zones for Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung and Kokang national races.

Moreover, for the legislation and execution of Regions and States, there will be governing bodies with Region Hluttaws along with chief justices of Regions

and States for jurisdiction. A Region or State Hluttaw will be formed with two representatives from a township each. Furthermore, of the remaining national races other than those who have already got the representative Region or a Self-Administered Area in that region, each national race that has a population which constitutes 0.1 percent of the population of the State will have a representative to Region or State Hluttaw. And if a national race in a self-administered division and zones that has not had self-administration and has a population of more than 10,000 will have a representative to the self-administered leading body. It indicates that the principles also mention the rights of a national race that has a population of 10,000 and above. So, those who are criticizing unreasonably the basic principles are indeed the ones who are attempting to break up the Union.

Delegates,

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that the democratic society that the entire nation have longed for is one that will ensure the interests of all the national races who will safeguard and defend the Union, live together through thick and thin, work together for national development and share the fruits of development. In other words, it is a society of the Union nationals who are ready to give up their lives for the national policy. The national policy is “Our Three Main National Causes” — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. This being so, I would like to call on the entire national people, including the delegates to the National Convention, to continue working together in every step towards a genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy, upholding “Our Three Main National Causes”. — MNA

KNU terrorist insurgents fire artillery at Hatkyi Hydropower Survey Project, killing one Thai worker

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—KNU terrorist insurgents are perpetrating a string of atrocities to jeopardize stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. In the meantime, they are undermining nation-building endeavours being carried out by the government.

At 7.15 pm on 2 September, a group of KNU fired heavy weapons at Malaryu in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, where 13 Thai nationals who are engaged in the Hatkyi Hydropower Survey Project and one interpreter are accommodated. Consequently, a shell of the heavy weapons landed on the site and exploded, leaving Mr Smarn, 54, a Thai national, dead.

Despite shouting for serving the interest of Kayin State, the KNU are undermining national development tasks, collecting extortion money in the villages, doing forced recruitment, planting bombs, committing robbery and forcibly getting villagers to move to refugee camps in the border.

The local Tatmadaw column are in hot pursuit of the KNU terrorist insurgents.—MNA

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An “88” incident activist

I will continue.

Ko Min Ko Naing, what have you done? I know what you have done although you would not admit. Why don't you ask me from which source? There are my intimate friends in your group. Let it be. I only disclose the matter now although I have known it throughout. As I have already mentioned that I am writing this because I do not want our friends still outside to make similar mistakes.

The “88” generation student group of yours agitated the mass of workers to undermine stability and peace of the nation. You have gone so far as using your own offspring and relatives to incite unrest among the students. You even attempted to secure the involvement of the monks.

You will have to put an end to the attempts to stir up trouble among the workers. At the American Centre on May Day this year, NLD members, those expelled from NLD, youths and mainly led by the “88” generation student group of yours organized a World Workers Day commemorative talk attended by factory workers and the unemployed numbering altogether about 70. The so-called workers at the meeting were none other than the unemployed youths who came to sit at the talks after an apprentice lawyer named Kyaw Kyaw promised them good breakfast and lunch plus transport. Weren't they? And were not these your ideas? At the talks, I learned that your Thwin Linn Aung of South Dagon gave talks on Labour Conductions, Labour Laws and Labour Foundations and went on discussing the sufferings of the workers. I also learned that the expenditure of the gathering was funded by your group that organized it from behind the scene. Was it correct?

Moreover, your group stirred up trouble at the Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha industrial zones. As you did in 1988, you applied the same methods of offering money to the destitutes and organized, trained and used them by sending them to the workers to mingle with them. Concerning workers, it is difficult to get employed or to resign from a post in government departments whereas it is different at the private factories and mills. Once your hard cores were employed in the private factories and mills they would incite others and get them take to the

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It is the same at schools. If you planned something, you bred your hard cores and planted them at schools in advance. Your hard cores would mingle with other students and incite them cleverly. When there are calls from outside to get riotous, your implants would agitate others in most active manner and prompt the latter while they themselves are moving in front of others. When such implants said it was their duty to fight and demand and it was the historic duty so on and so forth, others would follow them as in the example of the flock of ducks following the one in front given by Moe Thee Zun. Once they were out of their classrooms or taken to the streets, they were

under your influence. You could do whatever you liked. It is my wish that the ignorant and innocent students do not get into trouble and fall prey to the machinations of your group. I am writing this article to dissuade them from following the wrong path. Now, the schools have gained rich experience because of you. So, teachers and parents are in a better position to control the children. The students of today too have high aims each and they are not interested in your plots. They can distinguish the ruby from the artificial gem. So, it is different from the days of ours when we made use of the students whenever we would like to make trouble.

When attempts were made to incite riots and stage protests after the price hikes of diesel, petrol and gas, your group was at the top of perpetrators trying to do the same as you did in 1988 when you took advantage of the currency demonetization then. You know why I say this. The third anniversary memorial ceremony of the late U Kyi Maung took place at his house on the 19th last month. While eating Monhinga (rice noodle) it was you who said that as bus fares had risen along with the price of other commodities in the wake of fuel price hikes you would walk back home up to Shwegondine bus stop and asked others to do the same if they wished. Acting as the supreme leader you would like to test the strength of your supporters. In short, as you started a new form of attack, about 150 persons followed you and Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho, Htay Kywe and Mya Aye. You staged a protest walk from the Kanbawza Street up to Shwegondine with pleasure. During the walk you shouted such and such. After your ignition, isolated similar protest walks took place. So, you are held responsible for the protest walks resulting from the fuel price hikes.

As you had showed the way Di Nyein Lin of the (Yangon) Western University made preparations to stage protest walks in Hlinethaya and Htandabin. His father Zaw Zaw Min encouraged the indisciplined acts of the son and openly said that the “88” generation student group

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had campaign plans similar to the 19th August protest walk and members of the group would have to render help to the activities of ex-MDC Htin Kyaw. In the protest walk on 21st August, members of your group Aung Naing, Nyan Linn, Nyi Nyi Aung, Yoe Gyi, Yoe Lay, Thida San, May Mi Win and Nobel Aye took part and in the protest walk on 22nd August, Mee Mee, Tin Moe Lwin, Nilar Thein, Myo Aung Naing, Sithu Maung and Di Nyein Linn were involved.

A study of the isolated protest walks showed that the methods are the same as those used in 1988. The protest lasted no more than 15 minutes and the number of protesters was just 14 or 15. Of them the number of your men was about four or five. The rest were unemployed hired as daily wage earners from the districts. As they were paid handsomely they did whatever was bidden, like holding the placards or shouting.

I have already told you that the people want to live in peace. They dislike your perpetrations to cause disturbances. But at first, they tolerated you. You know, human beings can have tolerance to a certain extent. You were so stubborn and the people had lost patience.

At busy points your men were there waiting and when the protesters arrived they joined the latter posing as members of the public in the midst of shouting slogans and clapping. This has been the trick to make it appear that the public have joined the protest. Years passed but your methods have not changed. Whatever methods, old or new, are applied, the public today feel disgusted as far as riotous protests are concerned. They will never take part in them. You will have to accept this.

And you have a support group formed secretly to strengthen your position as the supreme leader. I will have to say what needs to be said. It was the four 8's (8-8-88) new blood group (Union of Myanmar) you have formed. The group comprises students from Yangon, Mandalay and Bago. I learned that you wanted them to be the reserve force of student leaders and to use them in inciting public uprising for democracy cause. You were very ambitious. As there are numerous statements released by various groups, I notice your group is one of them.

Any way, small and isolated incidents of protest walks have taken place at the earnest instigation of your group and NLD. Still, I notice there has been no public participation. Members of NLD and your men have played the leading roles in all events. Numerous statements using big words are posted on the Internet.

Actually, ordinary people have to suffer because

of your protest walks at every opportunity. If there breaks out any unruliness, people will be frightened and there will be traffic congestion. Besides, local and foreign correspondents are taking photos causing inconvenience to the people who wish to lead a peaceful life. The people had to tolerate you. **Your activities will cause instability. From the government's point of view, community peace and stability will be harmed because of your perpetrations. Then there will be public panic buying of basic commodities including rice (People have been indulged in such habits since 1988 unrest generated by you). Commodity prices are rising. So, what are you going to do? Today, people do not like any kind of unrest. People want to lead a peaceful life. You have never realized the fact. That is the problem.**

NLD is another problem. It is sponsoring and organizing the demonstrations from behind the scene. Let it be if it only supports those demonstrations. But it is issuing a lot of special announcements. The worst is that the NLD is shouting at the top of its voice, saying that the government-backed organizations are trying to stop the demonstrations through violent means, forcibly arresting the demonstrators, ruthlessly beating them, using abusive language and applying improper means against women demonstrators. I as well as people know what you are really doing. So, I feel shame for NLD. It had been long since I have been disappointed with the party.

I have already told you that the people want to live in peace. They dislike your perpetrations to cause disturbances. But at first, they tolerated you. You know, human beings can have tolerance to a certain extent. You were so stubborn and the people had lost patience. Actually, the ones who are trying to stop the protesters, the troublesome naives, are not the USDA members, thugs hired by the USDA or the ones acting under government order as you have accused. They are the ordinary people. The people came out and controlled and arrested your followers as they could no longer tolerate acts to disturb community peace and stability. The public response stands witness to the fact that the people do not accept your protests. You need to accept the truth as it really is.

You should see the scene of local people seizing protesters and forcing them to get into cars. The local people would not be gentle as they were not escorting a monk or helping a pregnant woman to get to hospital

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by car. The people were angry and lost patient. So, they would use force to a certain degree. What is the NLD's intention to exaggerate the matter? Just admit that you were crying to gain sympathy of your stepfathers from abroad. You use the words “beating us” and “applying indecent means in treating women protesters”. Don't you know these words have much impact? The 1988 unrest was fueled with the rumour which said that a woman by the name of Aye Nyein Thu was subject to sexual abuse.

You know, Myanmar people have sympathy. They are not as rude as you have accused. You have insulted the people by saying that the people's forces are not the local people and that they are just thugs. Here, I would like to ask you “Who is the one that organized trishaw pedallers, jobless persons, pickpockets and thieves to take part in the protest walk offering daily wages? I know all your tricks.

I have already said how much financial assistance NED is providing your group annually. I think you will remember a government press conference revealing your financial matters. Ko Bo Kyi of AAPP collected money from abroad and sent K 25 million to you through the British embassy in April 2006. You, Ko Ko Gyi, Zaw Zaw Min and Pyone Cho bought hand phones with that money. Ko Bo Kyi even told you to provide money to buy a car for your group. As you have asked money from a certain US NGO for the so-called political

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prisoners, it sent US \$ 30,000 to you through the US embassy. Ex-Ba Ka Tha members living in the US and Khin Ohnma of NDD also sent K 2.5 million to you. To the extent of my knowledge, you have reached an agreement with DVB to sell local news and photos to the radio station. I have no idea about the financial value of the agreement. You can spend a lot as you are receiving a large amount of aids. You can even own mobile phones that can contact the whole world in accord with the user’s wish. Such

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phones are not available in Myanmar at present. If this information is true, it is sure that danger looms large. And you will know this.

You have made an endless array of mistakes. I have already dissuaded you from committing such mistakes. The situation at present is different from that of 1988. You should lead your own way. I had to tell you this as you were making contacts again with NCUB, NCGUB, AAPP and ABSDF. Actually, they are armed insurgents. But you have never paid heed to my advice. There were good relations between you and Ko Than Khe by supporting each other. You have constant contacts with Ko Than Khe and Saw Thein Zaw of ONSOB. You thoughtlessly sent your men to take military, political, organizational and explosive courses run by ABSDF at Daungkhwin camp. According to State-owned dailies your stance is the same as that of the ABSDF. You should know what those news reports mean.

You are too arrogant. It’s not entirely your fault. BCP has ordered to intensify UG activities inside the country. The order listed you as the second most popular leader so that the public would rally around you. As flattered by the BCP, you have become a daredevil with haughty manner as if you were the real second most popular democracy leader. Your most terrible mistake was that you thought the government dared not touch you.

You are in breach of the Printing and Publishing Law by releasing announcements, and Electronic Law by putting on the website anti-government programmes designed to discredit the government, and Order 5/96 by releasing directives to your members with the intention of disrupting the National Convention. Well, what is to be done in this regard?

Now, the government would take legal action against you. I do not think your master Communists have taught you how to avoid possible legal actions.

I am not mentioning the sections of the Law under which action can be taken against you. I am just pointing out your weak points and helping you guess what the government will say to you, because we used to be comrades.

Now, the government has kept you in detention. According to the news stories featured in the newspapers, this time you will have to face legal action unlike the event in 2006 in which you were kept in detention for a short period to restore the situation. And according to your family members who answered the questions of foreign news agencies, your mobile phones, computers, CDs and documents were said to have been seized. When Demo-2006 programme was launched, Moe Thee Zun distributed an eight-page copy each of a paper “Public Movements Annual” to us. It is about the methods to incite mass protests through UG activities to get the people take to the streets based on the methods used in 1988 and Gene Sharp’s methods. You are implementing these methods. One of these points is that you should take great care in using mobile phones and computers. As far as I know, you hardly took my advice.

Mar Ki, Panneik Tun and you were operating computers to release announcements, sending letters, and using mobile phones, so I reminded you that you take care in whatever you did, speak no secrets on mobile phones, hide CD Roms, delete computer data, and hid well your diaries. And I said that you could be arrested if an official investigation was made into the programmes stored in the computer. I warned you repeatedly about possible dangers because your writing to Gambari was leaked out. However, your reactions indicated that it did not matter, and no one dared take action against you. If the plans of NV, AS and AF (UG) are still in the computers, I have no idea what would be your future.

Well, I will make it short and to the point. You perpetrated terrorist acts to disrupt the ongoing National Convention and cause public panic. Now, the government is exposing the news about that. I want to know what your excuses will be. You made a variety of accusations to degrade and obstruct the National Convention. Now, the government is going to take action under Order 5/96. I wonder what your defence is. The government has got clear evidence that you had contacts and dealt with terrorist insurgents, and expressed support for each other. You

were receiving and spending the funds they provided. What is your defence if the government files a lawsuit against you for these points? You had incited mass protests for long to discredit the government? That is your main task, so it is undeniable. Now, you are not in a position to escape from upcoming punishment.

You were claiming yourselves to be activists trying to secure democratic transition, human rights and citizens’ rights in Myanmar. And you said that your activities were aimed at ensuring peaceful transition and national reconsolidation. Nevertheless, in practice your acts are producing negative results. So, the people are now making a comment that your acts are posing grave danger to the nation. Do you have any reasonable explanations to defend these subversive acts you have committed? Supposing you have some, do you think your explanations can save you from punishments? And do you think the government will accept your explanations?

When you had served your term, I believed that leading us, you could help seek a solution to the political standoff and identify a reasonable political trend by reviewing the nation’s prevailing situations. In practice, you have become a saboteur posing dangers to the people, you are adopted by others and are following the path laid down by external elements. We will soon lose you as a consequence. So, I would like you to review your wrong strategies and tactics thoroughly.

In conclusion, I would say it is very clear that national reconsolidation cannot be achieved through any forms of armed insurgency, destructive acts and aboveground activities. And it is impossible to find a solution to the political stalemate if you cling on to the 1990 election results taking the trend of the NLD. Politicians exploited the students for political gains in the 1988 unrest. If we are exploited again in 2007, it will be because of our stupidity. Do you remember what our goal is — to enable the NLD to come to power or to help introduce democracy in the nation? If we understand our goal, it will be clear for us which way we should choose. I would like you to consider my presentation to be an opinion poll on students movements. Ko Min Ko Naing may not get an opportunity to read my letter, but my other friends are requested to read and evaluate it. I think, we have time and opportunities to mend our ways.

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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 Association (DKBA) and Haungthayaw Special Region Group who have returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group from Hpan Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group),

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sion Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3,

Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nai Seik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, 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 Chair-

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National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Alternate Chairman of the Plenary Session Dr Manan Tu Ja of Other Invited Persons made a speech saying that as today is the auspicious and a special day for the Union of Myanmar as well as the chairman and members of NCCC, the chairman and members of NCCWC, the chairman and members of NCCMC and

all the delegates because the National Convention which all have desired concluded successfully. He continued to say that the Book of Records which contained fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be included in drafting the State Constitution (draft) will be handed over to the Chairman of NCCC.

Based on these fundamental principles and detailed basic principles, State Constitution (draft) would be made, he said. Fruitful results have been achieved for the State and the people, due to cooperation among the delegates, their selflessness and concerted efforts of the delegates with patriotism and Union Spirit, he said. He said that throughout the holding of the Na-

tional Convention, all delegates living in harmony as brethren and making consultation is a remembrance. He expressed thanks to the State for transportation, accommodation, food and health. He also thanked NCCC, NCCWC, NCCMC, the respective sub-committees and supporting staff for their respective roles.

In conclusion, he wished all the delegates be able to serve the interests of the State and the people and requested the chairman of the NCCC to accept the Book of Records.

Next, Dr Manan Tu Ja handed over the Book of Records which contained fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be included in drafting the State Constitution to (See page 12)

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Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explained administrative matters. He said: The National Convention that was reconvened on 18 July 2007 will be over soon. This time, the National Convention has adopted the basic principles and detailed basic principles for the remaining seven chapters to be included in the State Constitution. And of the basic principles and detailed basic principles, the ones that should be amended, added or repealed have been done so. Now, the National Convention has successfully completed its functions, so it is going to conclude.

Therefore, you delegates will go back home soon. In this regard, the National Convention Convening Commission has made all necessary arrangements for your convenience. I would like to present the arrangements we have made in the management sector such as transportation.

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission will host a dinner in your

honour tonight. Based on the distance, transport means and route, we have made schedules for you to go home beginning on 4 September schedules have been made for their convenience in going home.

Arrangements are being made in states and divisions to render assistance to the delegates or their way home.

Remedying the weaknesses we found out when the National Convention was in session in 2004, 2005 and 2006, we made better programmes in the management sector. However, we heard that delegates got some difficulties. You delegates, however, understood and forgave these minor weak points because you witnessed that the government and responsible persons took necessary measures with great care in various sectors, and young men who provided services on accommodation and meals expressed their goodwill and hospitality towards you. So, I found that everything was all right without any particular problem during the National Convention. I have to say thanks to you for that.

During the National Convention, the National Convention Newsletter was in circulation daily. It featured National Con-

vention sessions, group-wise discussions, and the laying down of detailed basic principles. The newsletter reflects the National Convention where you worked together, so it will become invaluable historic evidence.

In addition, many delegates created articles, poems, comedies, cartoons and stories in various sectors including the National Convention. Those responsible rendered assistance to them in this regard. The newsletter carried various kinds of creative and informative works, so it won your interest and satisfaction. **I learnt that the newsletter to a certain degree helped delegates of various national races further understand one another's customs, traditions and culture along with the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention laid down, and strengthen national unity.** Therefore, the Ministry of Information is planning to insert suitable works in the newspapers and journals.

Here, I have to say thanks to responsible persons and staff who made enthusiastic contribution towards the services on management, creation of the

newsletter and entertainment, and the delegates who showed their understanding and forbearance with the difficulties and provided their contribution. My thanks also go to the staff from the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, members of the Myawady troupe of the Ministry of Defence, the Anyeint (non-dramatic) troupe of the Yangon Command Headquarters, the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, the Music Asiayon, and the Theatrical Asiayon and all artistes who contributed voluntary services towards the entertainment programmes. I also thank the organizations and wellwishers who donated cash and kind for successful completion of the National Convention, entrepreneur delegates and outsider entrepreneurs who rendered assistance for the sports and entertainment programmes, and film producers who donated motion pictures.

At the National Convention, we have built fraternal relations, unity, comradeship, mutual understanding, magnanimity, forgiveness and harmony among ourselves. That harmony has enhanced genuine and firm attachment on Union Spirit. We have gained a reward that is invaluable for the country and the entire people including us.

Besides, we have gained a golden opportunity to attend the National Convention, to submit our views, participate in the discussions, coordinate and make decisions and create a prosperous future of the nation. **Due to the victory of the National Convention, we have been recorded as initiators of the new nation, and we can be proud of that.**

The National Convention will be over soon, but you delegates will have to continue to discharge the duties on the National Convention. It is because a copy each of the book featuring the basic principles and detailed basic principles has been distributed to you delegates. So, at every opportunity, you have to give the people talks on the functions of the National Convention and the essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles. And I urge you to give the talks to the people on a small scale at surrounding areas, at your societies, at your homes, and at informal discussions for public

knowledge.

The National Convention has played its role, however we will have to accomplish the follow-up programmes of drafting the State Constitution. I would say that is a national duty every citizen has to uphold. Then, we have to carry out a large number of demanding tasks step by step in accordance with the seven-step Road-Map such as to ascertain the wishes of the people to approve the State Constitution, to elect representatives of the people, to complete the building of a discipline-flourishing democratic country, and to improve the socio-economic life of all national races.

We will soon have to say goodbye to each other, but we should consider that we are in the same residence because we live in the same Union. I would like you to have a concept that doing your bit with earnest efforts in public services in your



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan briefs on matters related to administration. — MNA

regions is "pursuing the common goal together". We have to part each other at Nyaungnabin Camp soon, but not entirely. Indeed, completion of the National Convention means assigning duties to you to work together for democratic transition, while serving the public interest in your own regions.

Therefore, we have to maintain the already-achieved momentum. After accomplishing our duties, we will have to meet together again. I would say goodbye to you delegates. In conclusion, I wish you delegates a safe trip home, a peaceful life with your family members, and a success in playing your respective roles in drafting the State Constitution and holding a referendum, and contributing towards the transforming of the nation into a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic one.

Next, National

Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered a concluding speech.

(The speech of National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein is reported separately.)

The National Convention which was reconvened for the fifth and last time on 18 July 2007 with the objectives— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, consolidation and perpetuation of sovereignty, flourishing of a genuine multi-party democracy system, further flourishing of noblest and worthiest of worldly values namely justice, liberty and quality in the State and for the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national

political leadership role of the future State— successfully concluded at 9.35 am.

In the evening, the Secretary-1 hosted farewell dinner to mark the successful completion of the National Convention in honour of the National Convention delegates.

Present were members of the National Convention Convening Commission, members of Work Committee and Management Committee, officials of the various sub-committees and the delegates.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and NCCC members cordially greeted the delegates.

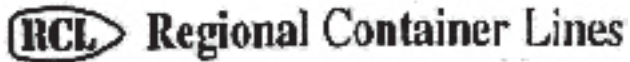
Then, they enjoyed dinner. After dinner, artistes from Myanmar Music Asiayon and Motion Picture Asiayon entertained the delegates with the accompaniment of Myanma Athan modern music troupe. — MNA

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Iraqi talks continues in secret in Finland

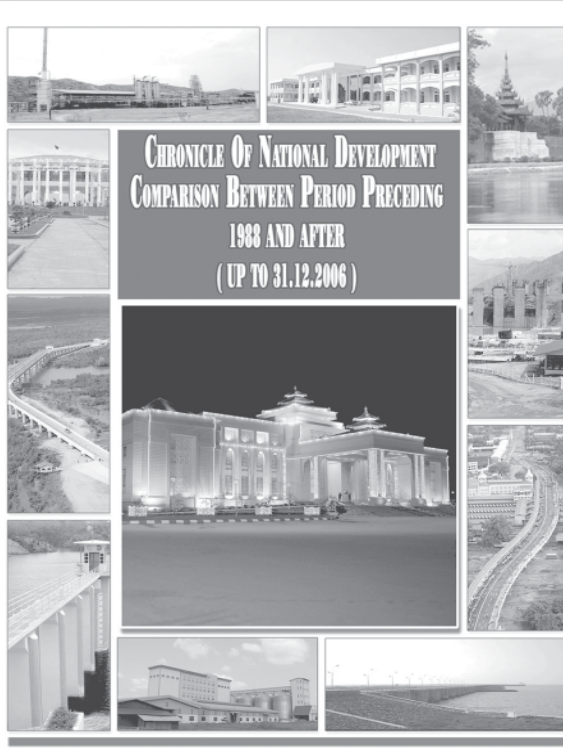
HELSINKI, 2 Sept—The talks on ending violence between Iraq’s Shiite and Sunni Muslim groups continued in secret for a second day on Saturday at an undisclosed location in Finland.

The Iraqi talks started in Finland on Friday under the auspices of the Crisis Management Initiative (CMI) headed by former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari.

Few details about the closed-door meeting are being released including any information about who is taking part in, or the venue for the talks. CMI describes the talks as a seminar that will look at lessons learned from the South African and Northern Ireland peace processes and study how these processes could benefit Iraq.

“The seminar has started well,” CMI director of operations Meeri-Maria Jaarva told on Saturday. She declined to name the participants.

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Britney Spears says “Gimme More” in new song

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept— Troubled pop star Britney Spears has released her first new song in years on the Web, a single called “Gimme More” that is

expected to hit radio airwaves as early as next week.

The song was officially released late on Thursday on the website of New York radio station Z100, and by Friday it could be heard on YouTube.

Music industry magazine *Billboard* said the single is expected to get its first radio play next week, and several other media reports said Spears could have a new album out in early November.

A spokeswoman for Jive Records, Spears’ label, was not immediately available for comment.

Spears, 25, is attempting to resurrect her flagging career, and the

new single could be the first salvo in a media blitz. Rumours have been rampant that she will perform at the MTV Video Music Awards in Las Vegas on 9 September, and for months she has been saying she is at work on a new album.

The singer has become a major subject for tabloid coverage for public behaviour that has included being photographed with no underwear under her miniskirts, shaving her head bald, attacking paparazzi with an umbrella and performing in local nightclubs where she was accused of lip-syncing songs. — MNA/Reuters

WHO investigating unknown, deadly illness in Congo

GENEVA, 2 Sept—The World Health Organization said on Saturday it was investigating “an outbreak of an unknown illness with a high mortality rate” in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

“The clinical features in the majority of cases include fever, headache, diarrhoea or colicky abdominal pain, and vomiting,” the United Nations agency said in a statement.

The WHO said it was not clear how many people had died or the total number afflicted with the illness, though more than half of cases had involved children under the age of 10. Experts from the WHO as well as Congo’s provincial and national health services were in the field and had taken clinical samples for laboratory testing, the WHO said.

It said the cause of the illness was still unknown.

“The national health authorities have taken a precautionary approach and are implementing measures to improve hygiene, ensure the safety of the water supply, promote safe burial practices and strengthen infection control,” it said.

MNA/Reuters

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SPORTS

Recovering Nadal blasts into fourth round at US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Second seed Rafael Nadal continued to overcome knee problems at the US Open on Sunday when he outclassed Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6, 6-2, 6-1 to reach the fourth round.

The Spaniard, who almost pulled out of the event because of tendinitis in his left knee, looked much happier and eased into the last 16 after just over two hours.

World number 74 Tsonga matched Nadal early on but once the Spaniard had taken the first-set tiebreak 7-3, the result was never in doubt. — MNA/Reuters



Defending champion and second seed Maria Sharapova, having lost only two games in the first two rounds at the 2007 US Open, was stunned 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 by Polish teenager Agnieszka Radwanska on Saturday. — XINHUA

Weir shares lead while Mickelson, Woods lurk

NORTON (Massachusetts), 3 Sept — Canadian Mike Weir moved into a tie for the Deutsche Bank Championship lead on Saturday but it was Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods who grabbed the spotlight with a magical display of shot-making.

Mickelson and Woods, playing together in a high-profile grouping with Vijay Singh, fired sparkling seven-under-par 64s, the lowest scores in the second round, to surge into contention at the TPC Boston.

Left-hander Mickelson twice chipped in, for birdie on 15 and for eagle at the par-five 18th, on his way to an eight-under total of 134, just one off the pace.

World number one Woods, grouped with Mickelson and Singh this week for the first time in a PGA Tour event, covered his last eight holes in six under to finish a further two shots adrift.

Woods, champion last year, rolled in a 33-footer to eagle the par-four fourth before ending a breezy day at six under in the second leg of the inaugural four-event FedExCup playoff series. — MNA/Reuters

Oliveira earns Zaragoza 1-1 draw with Racing

MADRID, 3 Sept — Brazilian striker Ricardo Oliveira scored a late goal to grab a point for Real Zaragoza in their 1-1 home draw with Racing Santander in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Racing took the lead against the run of play when Oscar Serrano struck early in the second half but Zaragoza's persistent pressure paid off when Oliveira reacted quickly to score from close range in the 75th.

In the day's other game, Levante were held to a goalless draw at home by Real

Murcia. Champions Real Madrid visit Villarreal on Sunday, when Barcelona host Athletic Bilbao Sevilla's game at Osasuna has been postponed as they face AEK Athens in their rearranged Champions League third qualifying round second leg, in Greece on Monday.

The change in fixtures was caused by the death of Sevilla midfielder Antonio Puerta last Tuesday. A minute's silence was held at the start of both of the evening's games. — MNA/Reuters



Manchester City's Verdran Cotluca (R) challenges Blackburn Rovers' Morten Gamst Pedersen during their English Premier League soccer match at Ewood Park in Blackburn, northern England, on 2 Sept, 2007. INTERNET

Kenyan Ndereba powers to world marathon gold

OSAKA (Japan), 3 Sept — Kenya's Catherine Ndereba powered to her second world championship marathon gold medal with a perfectly executed run on Sunday.

Ndereba, who also won gold in 2003 and took silver in 2005, hit the front at the 36 kilometres mark and surged clear over the last two kilometres to clock two hours 30 minutes 37 seconds in Osaka.

China's Zhou Chunxiu claimed silver in 2:30.45 and Japan's Reiko Tosa rallied to take bronze in a time of 2:30.55 and earn the host country its first medal of the championships.

"Some people said after I didn't win in Athens or Helsinki 'Catherine is finished' — but I showed them that with the help of God I can win again," Ndereba told reporters.

"I was feeling cramps in my leg at the end. I was trying to control the race

and observe where the Chinese runner was. It was the toughest marathon of my career. It was so hot."

Ndereba's victory made it a marathon double for Kenya after Luke Kibet ended the country's 20-year wait for gold in the men's marathon on the opening day of the world championships.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam finishes third in ASEAN U-17 soccer C'ship

PHNOM PENH, 3 Sept — Vietnam on Saturday beat Indonesia 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out Saturday to rank third place in the ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) Football Federation (AFF) U-17 Championship Tournament.

Indonesian player Sahlan Sodik scored the opener in the 18th minute, but Vietnam drew level through Giang Tran Quach Tan in the 29th minute. During the second half, both teams could not find any scores. In penalty kicks, Vietnam won 4-3 after Indonesia's Irvin Museng hit the goal post, making some of Indonesian players cry.

"Today my team had bad luck. We will try to train our players more in the next year," Indonesian coach Urias told a Press conference after the match.

"I got a lot of experiences from this championship here," Vietnamese coach Dinh Hong Vinh said.

"In Cambodia, it is hot in the morning and it rains in the afternoon. My players have not had experience like this before, including playing under rain. The football field here is not flat, making us have difficulties too. I will train my boys to go along with these problems in other matches," he said. — MNA/Xinhua



Defending champion Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, inspects her driver while on the first tee during the championship round of the LPGA State Farm Classic 2007 golf tournament in Springfield, Ill, on 2 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Mirza's grand slam disappointment continues

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Sania Mirza's grand slam disappointment continued when she was ousted from the US Open in straight sets by Anna Chakvetadze on Saturday.

The Russian sixth seed needed only

53 minutes to defeat Mirza 6-2, 6-3 and remain unbeaten in four career meetings against India's top player.

"I didn't play an ugly match," said the 26th seed Mirza. "It was just she didn't allow me to play well. I was always on the move. I was always running.

"She was very rarely running. She was dictating play. I like to dictate play. That's how I play. When I can't do that I start putting pressure on myself."

Mirza, who has largely failed to live up to her billing since turning pro in 2003, landed only 48 per cent of her first serves and had only nine winners.

Chakvetadze blasted only three aces but kept the 20-year-old Mirza off-balance by mixing up her serves while connecting on 65 per cent of her first attempts.

"I think she served really well," said Mirza, who used to play doubles with Chakvetadze when they were juniors. "She improved her serve in the last month."

"She's very hard to play for a lot of players. I feel like I'm not doing the right things. I'm playing like she wants me to play.

"I had to do something different to play her and I didn't."

MNA/Reuters



French FC Barcelona player Thierry Henry, right, vies for the ball with Athletic Bilbao player Javier Martinez Aginaga during their Spanish league soccer match at the Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona, Spain, on 2 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Second British general slams US policy in postwar Iraq

LONDON, 3 Sept — US plans for handling Iraq after the 2003 invasion were “fatally flawed”, a retired British General said, adding that the US Administration had refused to listen to British concerns about postwar planning.

Major General Tim Cross said he had talked to former defence secretary Donald Rumsfeld before the invasion about the need to have international support and enough troops on the ground to reconstruct Iraq.

“He didn’t want to hear that message. The US had already convinced themselves that Iraq would emerge reasonably quickly as a stable democracy,” Cross told the *Sunday Mirror*.

“Anybody who tried to tell them anything that challenged that idea—they simply shut it out,” Cross, the most senior British officer involved in planning post-war Iraq, added.

His comments echoed those of General Mike Jackson, head of the British Army during the invasion, who was quoted by *The Daily Telegraph* on Saturday as describing Rumsfeld’s approach as “intellectually bankrupt”.

The unusually outspoken comments by former top military men follow weeks of commentary, mainly in the US Press, suggesting British forces have failed in southern Iraq and are set to

flee.

Defence analyst Charles Heyman told *Reuters* the criticism was surfacing “because everybody realises this is now a failed policy and they are all casting around for scapegoats”.

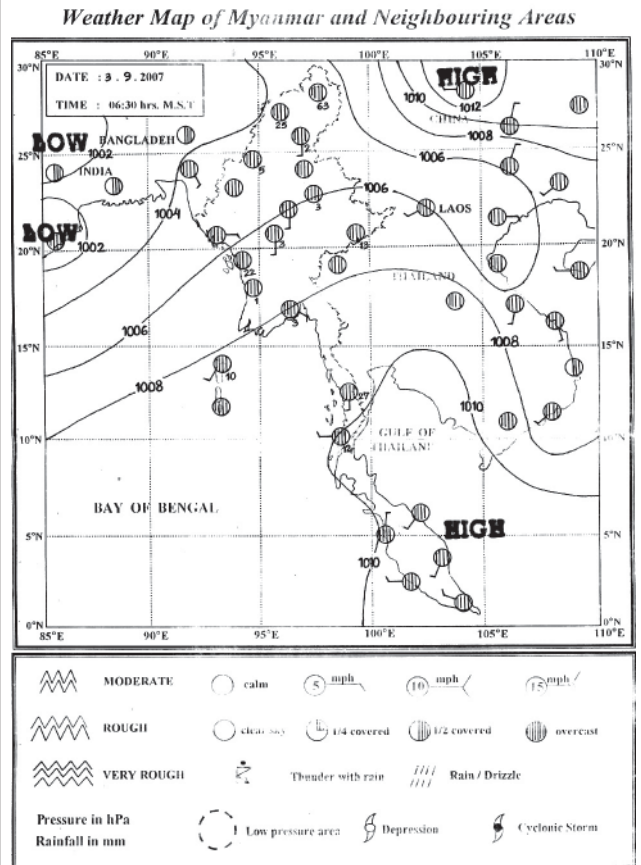
“Why didn’t someone resign at the time and say this is foolish and foolhardy?” he said.

He said the recriminations were not helpful to future military and diplomatic relations between Washington and London, which have traditionally boasted of a “special relationship”.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi men walk past cars that were demolished after a parked car exploded near the Kazimiyah neighborhood in northern Baghdad, Iraq on 2 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET



WEATHER
Monday, 3 September, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Division fairly widespread in Shan State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Naypyitaw (0.39) inch, Hinthada (3.23) inches, Putao (2.72) inches, Hakha (1.69) inches and Minbu (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-9-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 3-9-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-9-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 2-9-2007 was (1.2) hours approx.. Rainfall on 3-9-2007 was (0.32) inch at Mingaladon, (0.11) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.31) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 2-1-2007 was (98.98) inches at Mingaladon, (101.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.35) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (13:30) hours MST on 2-9-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of 4-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Chin State and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).
State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 4-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 4-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 4-9-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

ASLEEP IN JESUS Mr Freddy Rebeiro Aged 70 years

Mr Freddy Rebeiro, husband of Daw Khin Khin Lay (Winnie), father of Ann, Stephen & Ivan, passed away peacefully at Yangon General Hospital at 3:40 pm on 2nd September.

The funeral service will be held at Yayway Christian Cemetary on 4th September (Tuesday). Cars will leave Yangon General Hospital at 10 am.

Bereaved Family



Tuesday, 4 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Fallen Angle
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -You’ve got a friend in me
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Love of my life
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Radio
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Luch time music: -When I look into your eyes -Runaway train
- 9:00 pm English speaking course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9:30pm Listening pleasure -My baby -Reach
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 4 September
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parit-tas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. လူနတ်နှစ်လီ တစ်ရစ်စီ ရွှေနတ်တောင်စေတီ
- 7:50 am 5. Morning news
- 8:00 am 6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:10 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. Song of yesteryear
- 8:30 am 9. International news

- 8:45 am 10. Let’s Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမ အကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ(ပထမဆူ) (အထက-၂၊ဒဂုံ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:50 pm 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:05 pm 5. Dance of national reces
- 5:15 pm 6. Sing and enjoy
- 5:50 pm 7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလှူလာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်

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- 6:00 pm 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲရင့်စွာ
- 6:50 pm 11. စကားအလင်းဒါနလှူမဆုံး ဖြိုကွမ်းခြံကုန်း (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:05 pm 12. ဆောင်းပါးရှင်-၈၈ ရဲဘော်ဟောင်းတစ်ဦး၏ “မင်းကိုနိုင်-ကြိုးမဲလေတံခွန် သို့မဟုတ် တိုင်းပြည်အန္တရာယ်” (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 7:20 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်” (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 8:00 pm 15. International news
- 8:00 pm 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပြီးလှည့်ပါ ချစ်သူရယ်” (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm 18. The next day’s programme

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National Convention successfully concludes with closing address by Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yan-gon Division, at 9 am today and it successfully concluded with the closing address by Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present also on the occasion were members of NCCC, 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, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives,



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts the book of records presented by Dr Manan Tu Ja of Delegate group of Other Invited Persons.— MNA



Plenary Session of National Convention at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township. MNA

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, (See page 11)

It is my wish that the ignorant and innocent students do not get into trouble and fall prey to the machinations of your group

If you planned something, you bred your hard cores and planted them at schools in advance. Your hard cores would mingle with other students and incite them cleverly. When there are calls from outside to get riotous, your implants would agitate others in most active manner and prompt the latter while they themselves are moving in front of others. When such implants said it was their duty to fight and demand and it was the historic duty so on and so forth, others would follow them as in the example of the flock of ducks following the one in front given by Moe Thee Zun. Once they were out of their classrooms or taken to the streets, they were under your influence. You could do whatever you liked. It is my wish that the ignorant and innocent students do not get into trouble and fall prey to the machinations of your group. I am writing this article to dissuade them from following the wrong path.

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