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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

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi exerting efforts for Confrontation, Utter Devastation, and Imposing All Kinds of Sanctions including Economic Sanction against Myanmar

If she declares to give them up, the Senior General will personally meet her

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — *The Government of the Union of Myanmar today issued the Announcement No. 1/2007. The following is the full text of the announcement.*

The Government of the Union of Myanmar Announcement No. 1/2007

8th Waning Day of Tawthalin, 1369 ME
(4th October 2007)

1. In the Union of Myanmar, the Government and the people are striving hand in hand to build up a new democratic nation.
2. However, starting from 28th August 2007, there occurred demonstrations of some monks. The demands made by the demonstrators in the beginning were only to bring down commodity prices but later the demands made by them were nothing to do with monks and it was found to be the wishes of a political party and other organizations aspiring to create unrest. Unrests occurred due to the attempts of those who want to grab power through short-cut and that of some foreign nations to destabilize the nation.

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Ayeyawady Division in support of National Convention and constitution

YANGON, 4 Oct — Townselders of Ayeyawady Division organized a ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in accord with the law

at Kothein sports ground in Pathein today.

Over 100,000 people including the townselders from Pyapon, Myaungmya, Pathein, Hinthada and

Maubin districts, national races, members of social organisation, traditional cultural troupes, (See page 8)



Ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in progress in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 5 October, 2007

Pay respects to teachers who deserve respects

In the Myanmar society, the five infinite venerables: the Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha, parents and teachers are held in the highest esteem, and receive reverence according to the religious faith and culture.

There is an expression "Pubbacariya Mi Nhint Ba", which means parents are first teachers of their children. Parents at first teach cultural manners and etiquette to their children, and enhance their children's knowledge by dissuading them from doing evil deeds and persuading them into doing good deeds.

Teachers teach all what they have learnt about the prescribed subjects to the children to broaden their horizons and enhance skills. They also protect their students from all forms of dangers. In addition, they have to pave the way for their students to be able to pursue higher education in schools, universities and training courses at all levels according to their natural bent.

Throughout their lives, teachers work hard, exerting their interest in the arts of teaching, goodwill, and sacrifice, and give guidance so as to shape a prosperous future of their students. Moreover, teachers can be compared to guiding lights and skilled gardeners because they nurture their students for their physical, intellectual, moral and vocational skills.

Very great is the gratitude of teachers who train and nurture their students from the time the latter are school age to the time they graduate in the Myanmar society.

Pujaca Pujaneyyanam, which means paying respects to those who deserve respects, is one of the ways to auspiciousness. So, all students have to pay respects to and honour their teachers, who are one of the five infinite venerables, in accordance with Myanmar culture and traditions.



U Than Htay Aung, Daw Yamin Thi and their sons Maung Myat Kaung and Maung Myat Khant of Myaungmya Street in Sangyoung Township donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the home recently.— H

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

Commander meets employees assigned to Coco Island Township

YANGON, 4 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win met with employees who are assigned to Coco Island Township at Thakayta Jetty in Thakayta Township yesterday.

At the meeting, the commander presented cash assistance to the employees and passengers.

After the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected mv Myikyina which would leave for Coco Island Township.

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council also shipped TV retransmission machine and accessories, CI sheets, rice and edible oil to the township.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win meeting with service personnel and passengers at Thakayta Jetty in Thakayta Township.—MNA

Commander, L&F Minister give instructions on boosting meat, fish production

YANGON, 4 Oct — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with officials of the Fisheries Department and personnel of fishery companies at Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department in Myeik on 1 October and discussed matters related to boosting of meat and fish production.

After hearing reports of officials concerned, the commander and the minister attended to the needs.

Before attending to the meeting, the commander and the minister visited a crab breeding camp of a private company in Pahtet Island in Kyunsu Town-

ship, Myeik.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended a ceremony to grow physic nut in Myeik on 2 October.

Members of social organizations and employees of fishery companies in Myeik volunteered to grow 80,000 physic nut seeds and 20,000 grafts.

After the ceremony,

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein went to Pyiphyotun Cold Storage Factory and inspected re-processing of fish and prawn.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein grows a physic nut plant.—F&L

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Militants capture 22 troops in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, 2 Oct — Pro-Taliban militants killed two Pakistani paramilitary soldiers and captured 22 in an attack on a military checkpoint near the northwestern town of Bannu, officials said on Tuesday.

Attacks on security forces and abductions of soldiers have surged in Pakistan since July, when a pact with militants in the North Waziristan region collapsed and commandos stormed a radical mosque in the capital, Islamabad.

Militants in South Waziristan are still holding about 225 soldiers captured at the end of August.

The attack on the post near Bannu late on Mon-

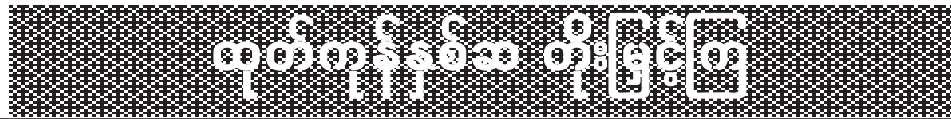
day came hours after a suicide bomber killed 15 people, including four policemen, in the town in North West Frontier Province.

“More than 200 militants attacked the post and killed two soldiers of the Frontier Constabulary and took 22 away with them,” said senior paramilitary official Abdul Nawaz Khattak.

Khattak said 10 to 15 militants were killed in the attack.

The surge in violence comes as army chief and president Pervez Musharraf is preparing to try to win another term in a 6 Oct presidential election.

The violence has raised fresh doubts among many Pakistanis about Musharraf’s unpopular alliance with the United States in its war on terrorism, which they blame for stirring up militant violence in ethnic Pashtun areas bordering Afghanistan. — MNA/Reuters



A US soldier stands guard beside a Chinook helicopter at the Panjshir valley, north of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 2 Oct, 2007. Violent incidents from an average of 425 per month in 2006 has increased to 525 this year which includes suicide attacks, bombing, abduction and other types of terrorization, a report of UN office in Afghanistan said. — XINHUA



A man in ancient costumes performs in a ceremony in Qianwei county, southwest China’s Sichuan Province. A grand ceremony to mark the 2,558th birth anniversary of Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC), the great thinker, philosopher and educator in ancient China, was held in the biggest Temple of Literature in Qianwei recently.

XINHUA

One US soldier killed, 10 wounded in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—One US soldier was killed and 10 were wounded in combat operations in central Baghdad on Sunday, the US military said on Tuesday. The military gave no details about the incident or why such a large number of soldiers had been wounded. It said two Iraqi soldiers and an interpreter were also hurt.

The death raised to 66 the number of American soldiers killed in Iraq in September, according to icasualties.org, a website that tracks US military deaths in Iraq.

That makes September the least deadly month for US troops in Iraq since August last year, when 65 soldiers were killed.

US commanders have attributed the drop in troop deaths to a rise in force levels this year and a series of large-scale offensives against Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda and other militant groups.—MNA/Reuters

US contractor Blackwater defends actions in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 3 Oct—US security contractor Blackwater on Tuesday staunchly defended its actions in Iraq, saying there had been a “rush to judgment” over a shooting incident on 16 September in which 11 Iraqis were killed.

In testimony prepared for the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Blackwater founder and former Navy SEAL Erik Prince said his staff acted “appropriately” on 16 September in a very complex war zone.

“There has been a rush to judgment based on inaccurate information, and many public reports have wrongly pronounced Blackwater’s guilt for the deaths of varying numbers

of civilians,” Prince said in testimony to be presented at the hearing, which was obtained by Reuters.

“Congress should not accept these allegations as truth until it has the facts,” added Prince.

Iraq’s Government has been strongly critical of Blackwater and has called the shooting incident a crime.

Blackwater, which has received US Government contracts worth more than a billion dollars since 2001, is under intense scrutiny over its security work in Iraq, where Prince said the North Carolina firm had about 1,000 personnel.

The hearing comes amid growing questions over the role of private contractors in Iraq and

whether the US Government relies too heavily on outsiders to perform jobs traditionally done by the military.

A report prepared by committee staff ahead of the hearing listed 195 shooting incidents involving Blackwater in Iraq from the start of 2005 until September 12 of this year, an average of 1.4 per week.—MNA/Reuters

Bomber kills at least 11 on Afghan bus

KABUL, 3 Oct—A suicide bomber blew himself up alongside a bus in Kabul on Tuesday, killing at least 11 victims including policemen and civilians, Afghan officials said. It was the second such attack in the capital in four days.

The front of the bus was

blown apart by the blast at the start of the morning rush hour on a narrow road in a shopping district in the city’s western outskirts. Shop windows were shattered and blood and body parts strewn on the ground. A police officer at the scene said women were among the

dead and he had picked up the bodies of a number of children.

“The report we have indicates that so far 12 police have been killed and 15 wounded,” said a police official who declined to be named.

Later, the Interior Ministry said 11 people — six police and five civilians, three of them children — had been killed.

Police had noticed the bomber as he tried to board the bus, the ministry said in a statement.

He was shot and detonated his explosives outside the bus, it said.

A Taliban spokesman said the radical Islamic movement, which is fighting to topple the government and drive Western troops out of Afghanistan, was behind the attack. — MNA/Reuters



South Koreans perform traditional dance during a National Foundation Day celebration on a street in Seoul, capital of South Korea, on 3 Oct, 2007. South Korea commemorates the foundation of ancient Korea by the legendary King Dan-gun on every 3 Oct and makes it a national holiday. — XINHUA



Dennis Tiangco checks a text message on his cell phone showing the transaction his mother in Hong Kong sent at their home in San Miguel town, Bulacan Province, northern Philippines. —INTERNET

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New FMD control zone set up in south England

LONDON, 3 Oct — Britain's Farm Ministry said on Tuesday it had set up a new temporary control zone in southern England as precautionary measure after discovery of a ninth suspected case of foot and mouth disease. The Department for

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) said in a statement it had ordered the protection zone around a premises near Haywards Heath on the border of east and west Sussex. Eight cases have been confirmed during the

current outbreak which began in Surrey on 3 August. Seven of those have been confined to the Surrey area and the eighth, confirmed on Sunday, was found in the southern county of Berkshire. *MNA/Reuters*

Taleban ambush Afghan police convoy, kill eight

GHAZNI (Afghanistan), 3 Oct — Taleban insurgents ambushed an Afghan police convoy and killed eight officers, the Interior Ministry said on Monday. "Around 100 police were on their way to the Ajristan District to strengthen the present police forces there. On the way the enemies ambushed our forces and unfortunately there was fighting

for a few hours and as a result eight police were killed," said Interior Ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary. An official from the province of Ghazni where the attack took place said earlier that 11 police had been killed. Taleban rebels eventually fled the scene and the bodies of three insurgents were found after the clash, the Interior

Ministry spokesman said. The Taleban claimed responsibility for the attack. Elsewhere, Afghan Army troops with advisers from the US-led coalition called in airstrikes to kill "numerous insurgents" and defeat a Taleban ambush in neighbouring Uruzgan Province, a US military statement said. *MNA/Reuters*



A model wears a creation from Fendi Spring/Summer 2008 women collection during Milan Fashion Week on 27 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Teenager admits shooting sister dead in Britain

LONDON, 3 Oct — A teenager has admitted shooting dead his 12-year-old sister with a gun stored by their mother at the family home. Kasha Peniston, 17, pleaded guilty to manslaughter when he appeared at Manchester Crown Court on Tuesday. He shot his sister Kamilah in the forehead as he played with a handgun at their house in Gorton, Manchester, in April. She died in hospital the next day. Their mother Natasha Peniston, 33, has pleaded guilty to possession of a gun and ammunition. She was in London attending a funeral at the time of the shooting, police said. She left her son in charge of Kamilah and her two younger twin sisters, aged eight. Before she left for the

capital, she told her son about a gun buried in the garden, but ordered him not to touch it. The teenager ignored her and dug up the weapon, taking it inside the house. It went off as he played with it in his pocket as his sister lay on the sofa. The bullet hit her in the head. — *MNA/Reuters*

27 killed after bus self-ignites in China

CHONGQING, 3 Oct — Twenty-seven people have been killed after a bus combusted of itself in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, rescuers said on Tuesday. The bus with 38 people aboard, suddenly caught fire at around 5:15 pm Tuesday on its way from Wansheng District to downtown Chongqing, they said. The fire was "quite fierce", rescuers said. Eleven escaped and were rushed to the Qijiang County Central Hospital for emergency treatment. *MNA/Xinhua*

Indonesia's Sumatra hit by quake, tsunami alert issued

JAKARTA, 3 Oct — An undersea earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale hit Indonesia's southwestern Sumatra on Tuesday, prompting the country's meteorology agency to issue a tsunami warning. There were no immediate reports of any casualties or damage after the tremors that struck around the same area where a strong earthquake and powerful series of aftershocks killed 25 people and damaged more than 80,000 buildings last month. The epicentre of the quake lay at a depth of 20 kilometres (12 miles), about 160 kilometres southwest of Lais District in Bengkulu Province, the agency said in a text message. "It was quite strong. People panicked because they are still traumatised by the previous earthquakes. All of us ran out of the building," said Evi Nurhidayati, a police officer in Bengkulu. Since last month's earthquake, the area has been hit by a series of quakes and strong aftershocks, setting off tsunami warnings in Indonesia and other countries in the region. — *MNA/Reuters*



Palestinians released from Israeli prisons wave to relatives from a bus window as they arrive at the Betuniya checkpoint on the outskirts of the West Bank city of Ramallah, on 1 Oct, 2007. Dozens of newly released Palestinian prisoners descended from buses and kissed the asphalt at this West Bank checkpoint after Israel freed them in a gesture to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ahead of a US-sponsored Mideast peace conference this fall. — INTERNET



Joint Message on the occasion of World Teachers' Day on 5 October 2007

YANGON, 5 Oct — *The following is the Joint Message issued on the occasion of the World Teachers' Day by Koichiro Matsuura, the Director-General, UNESCO; Kemal Dervis, the Administrator, UNDP; Juan Somavia, the Director-General, ILO; Ann M. Veneman, the Executive Director, UNICEF; and Thulas Nxesi, the President, Education International.*

Today, on World Teachers' Day, we celebrate teachers and the central role they play in efforts to achieve quality education for all children. However, in many countries not all children have the opportunity to enter a classroom or gain basic literacy or numeracy skills, as there are simply not enough qualified teachers. This has negative outcomes not only for the future of individual children, but also for the development of whole societies.

Teachers are a crucial element in the achievement of the international education goals of Education for All (EFA) and of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These commit governments to providing a good quality education for all children by 2015. The growing shortage of qualified teachers is the main challenge to the realization of these goals. UNESCO estimates that by 2015, 18 million new teachers will be needed globally — 4 million in Africa alone. High rates of population growth, increasing enrolment rates and the impact of HIV and AIDS in some sub-Saharan African, Arab and South and East Asian countries, and large numbers of teachers leaving the profession combined with shortages in some subject areas in more developed countries, seriously threaten these goals.

But the challenge is more than one of numbers. The quality of teachers and teaching is also essential to good learning outcomes. This implies an education system that attracts and retains a well-trained, motivated, effective and gender-balanced teaching staff; it implies a system that supports teachers in the classroom, as well as in their continued professional development. Dissatisfaction with loss in status, low salaries, poor teaching and learning conditions, and lack of career progression or adequate professional training have driven large numbers of teachers out of the profession, sometimes after only a few years of service.

Some policies being implemented to recruit and retain teachers can, however, be at the expense of education quality. Responses to shortages through larger class sizes, by increasing teacher workload, especially if teaching support is already poor, by lowering the entry level to teacher colleges, by hiring untrained or poorly trained professionals or contract teachers with little job security, can further lower the status of the teaching profession, leave teachers ill-equipped to cope with the realities of the classroom or result in a loss of professional motivation.

Guidance on key policies for effective teachers

and teaching is provided by the joint ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers, 1966 and by the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel, 1997. The Recommendations set out guidelines and good practices on teachers' status, their training, working conditions, career progression, and involvement in education decision-making through consultation and negotiation. The celebration of World Teachers' Day on 5 October every year, marking the commemoration of the 1966 Recommendation's adoption, is an occasion to take stock of the challenges and consider what action is needed in order to achieve high quality teaching and learning for all.

In implementing the Recommendations and their policy goals, there is a great need for strong evidence to facilitate ongoing and effective planning. Complete, timely and comprehensive data and information about teachers, schools and pupils can provide insights into a range of policy concerns. Teacher-related data and information systems, up-to-date research, cost analysis, micro-planning, and school mapping are all important elements of planning for, and managing, an effective teaching force. So too is information on the investments from public and private sources needed to ensure quality education and teaching in accordance with the 1966 Recommendation, as well as on teachers' aspirations, the impact of teacher training, including in-service training, the obstacles and means to fully engage teachers and their organisations in key education decisions through effective social dialogue, and other influences on teachers' practice in the classroom, all of which can significantly impact on children's learning.

However, at present, there is a serious gap in data and information about teachers and teaching. Current comparative databases are weak and require improvement in order to better monitor progress towards the achievement of international goals. We must strive to work together to build systems and structures that will enable and support ongoing and efficient planning and management of this crucial element in achieving quality education for all — the teacher.

On World Teachers' Day, we celebrate teachers across continents, in all countries, in towns and in villages, and thank them for their continued efforts often in difficult circumstances. In acknowledging the vital role they play, we reaffirm the need to continue to work together to better understand the issues and ensure that we are equipped to make the right choices so that teachers are recruited, trained, and supported in ways that lead to a motivated, effective teaching force, able to contribute to our shared goal of achieving quality education for all children. — MNA

China bans poultry imports from Canada

BEIJING, 2 Oct — China has ordered all poultry imports and relative products shipped from Canada after 23 September be returned or destroyed to ward off the H7N3 avian influenza virus.

The decision jointly made by the Ministry of Agriculture and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine came two days after the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) released an outbreak alert, saying that the highly pathogenic virus has been confirmed in a chicken broiler breeder flock in Saskatchewan.

The Paris-based international organization warned that approximately

540 roosters have died in one barn containing approximately 600 birds. Another 49,100 roosters and broiler breeders held in other nine barns nearby are susceptible.

To remedy the situation, China has imposed an import ban on all poultry and relative products from Canada and required relevant local governmental departments to seal up all Canadian poultry and relative products carried by airplanes, ships or trains from abroad that must stop over in or transit China.

Illegal poultry imports from Canada must be destroyed under the supervision of entry-exit inspection and quarantine departments.

MNA/Xinhua

China rejects 47 tons of bacteria-infected sardines made in US

JINAN, 3 Oct — A Chinese coastal city has rejected 47 tons of frozen sardines infected with disease-inducing bacteria which were originally manufactured in the United States.

The batch of sardines, imported from a

Japanese trading company, was stopped on Saturday by the Entry-exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Rongcheng City, Shandong Province, according to the bureau.

Sample detection shows that the sardines

were infected with "listeria monocytogens", or a bacteria that can lead to various diseases, such as breath difficulty, vomiting, rash, meningitis, fever, coma and blood poisoning, or even death for human beings and animals, the

bureau said.

The sardines, valued at about 40,000 US dollars, were found to be originally manufactured in the United States, it said.

No further details were provided.

MNA/Xinhua

Time all realized alien plots

U Lu Kar

My friend, these days, I am being irritated by the distorted news stories such foreign radio stations as VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB are airing from the time I get up to the time I go to bed to scale up ongoing political movements in our nation with the intention of making the protest marches grow into anarchic unrest like that in 1988. That has prompted me to rebut the exaggerated news.

On the morning of 20 September 2007, these radio stations aired that Myanmar's affairs would be under discussion at the United Nations Security Council because, as they said, the junta brutally suppressed the protests being staged peacefully by people and monks, it detained "88" generation students, and it was holding Daw Suu Kyi under house arrest. The news released in the newspapers and aired on radio and TV showed that due to the alien instigation and young monks' lack of knowledge about political affairs, monks staged protest marches in rows. However, officials showed their magnanimity in dissuading the monk protesters from doing so. It was learnt that no monk was injured or arrested, and no public member was injured in the incident, either.

In every country, security forces have to take preventive measures for perpetuation of sovereignty, and prevalence of law and order in the nation concerned. About 100,000 people led by anti-war Iraq veterans, families of servicemen and others mounted a protest to demand an immediate end to the US occupation of Iraq in Washington DC on 17 September 2007. The police prevented the demonstrators and arrested about 200 demonstrators. Peaceful protests are prevented even in the democracy pioneer country. So, I don't think taking preventive measures against protests to avert undesirable consequences in a country on the path of democratic transition goes too far.

Friend, as you know the US invaded Iraq and Afghanistan four or five years ago. In Iraq, many civilians lose their lives every day. Under the

pretext of searching terrorist leader Osmar bin Laden, Ngapwagyi (the notorious super power) is expanding its hegemonic power over weaker countries through various means. If we, the people, are caught in the trap of deception of a handful of national traitor axe-handles who are desperate to gain power and dollar, Ngapwagyi will also invade our country, bully and kill our people, exploit natural resources, and establish military bases to expand its hegemonic power over the whole world. Do you want to see our country face such situations?

Action should be taken against Ngapwagyi that has killed a large number of Iraqis, and launched bomb attacks on Afghanistan to kill many Afghans, designating it as war criminal or war criminal country. All world countries should take action against Ngapwagyi by completely severing relations and communication with it.

Hegemonic acts of Ngapwagyi are an endless story. Our country is now in the process of marching towards democracy. In this regard, we are working hard on self-reliant basis, and we will never let our country become a colonial minion. Ngapwagyi and its associates are not happy with this condition, so they are using national traitor axe-handles receiving assistance and funds from them, to destroy our motherland. We, people, are duty-bound to work harder with nationalistic fervour so that our posterity will be able to see the sovereignty of our country. It is time our people realized the plots of Ngapwagyi.

Like crows, they severely criticize arrest and detention of some protesters to ensure stability and peace of our country. But, why don't its associates that are shouting human rights and democracy condemn Ngapwagyi that invade other countries, torture their national peoples, and kill hundreds of thousands of civilians, and turn a blind eye to its unjust acts?

It invaded Iraq as if the country was an accomplice

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of Osmar bin Laden and it had weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Has it found any WMD in Iraq now?

It is now exploiting oil in Iraq at will. Nonetheless, I have not found any action taken against Ngapwagyi that has invaded other countries and killed many people. They are making comments on the action the government is taking with benevolence to prevent demonstrations of monks to restore stability and peace, as though the action were posing danger to regional peace and stability. But, they have failed to spotlight the suppression of a demonstration staged by thousands of people in Ngapwagyi country. They should shout more loudly for the Iraq whose people are being killed daily. We often learn that our neighbouring countries also fire shots and arrest the demonstrators often.

There is no need to make criticism of any actions every country has to take to restore peace and stability.

It is very regrettable that some monks took part in the demonstration at the instigation of national traitor axe-handles with whom Ngapwagyi is anxious to install a puppet government in Myanmar. The government took action with great care.

Friend, in my opinion, now the entire people should have noticed that Ngapwagyi and its associates, and a handful of national traitor axe-handles are resorting to all possible means to destabilize our country and make the people become impoverished.

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People of Meiktila, Mahlaing, Thazi, Wundwin in Mandalay Div and Ayadaw, Dabayin in Sagaing Div express their desire

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — People of Meiktila, Mahlaing, Thazi and Wundwin in Mandalay Division, and Ayadaw and Dabayin in Sagaing Division who favour stability of the State, prevalence of law and order and community peace walked in procession on 2 and 3 October with the concept that the recent demonstrations staged by some monks and NLD members undermined the

that read “Don’t destroy peaceful conditions”, “We cannot serve as slaves”, and “Give encouragement to propagation of the Sasana” after chanting “Our Three Main National Causes”, and “Approve the Constitution”, gathered at Paukchaung Sports Ground and then started marching to No 1 BEHS Junction, Market (West) Street, Clock Tower Street, Taungwinnan Junction, Aung Zeya Street, Station (South) Junction, Yadana

serve as slaves”, and “Don’t destroy development” after chanting “Our Three Main National Causes”, and “Approve the Constitution”, walked in procession starting from Myoma Sports Ground to Meiktila-Myingyan Street, Yadana U Pagoda Street, Bank Street and finally to Marga Street in the town. On 2 October in Thazi, over 7,500 people holding the placards that read “We favour stability”, “We



Local people marching to mass rally in Meiktila Township.— MNA



Local people participating in mass rally in Pyawbwe Township.

MNA

living conditions of the people.

They organized the procession after seeking the permission from the authorities concerned in accord with the law.

On 2 October in Meiktila, over 17,000 people holding the placards

Manaung Pagoda, Win Thuza Shop Street and finally to Independence Park in the town.

Similarly on 2 October in Mahlaing, over 12,000 people holding the placards that read “Don’t destroy peaceful conditions”, “We cannot

favour peace”, “We cannot serve as slaves”, “No neo-colonialism”, “BBC lying”, “VOA deceiving” and “RFA setting up hostilities”, “Watch out saboteurs” and “Don’t want unrest” after chanting “Our Three Main National Causes”, and “Approve the

Constitution” walked in procession from Township’s Sports Ground to Station Street, Postal Office Street, Cinema Hall Street, Myoma Market Street, No 1 BEHS Street and finally to Meiktila-Taunggyi Street in the town.

Likewise, on 2 October in Ayadaw of Sagaing Division, over 10,000 people holding the placards that read “We favour stability and peace”, “Our enemies are saboteurs”, “Fight against internal and external destructive elements”, “Protests are contrasting democracy”, “Support the National Convention”, “Constitution is welcome” and “Ongoing seven-step Road Map must be

realized” after chanting “Don’t want saboteurs” and “Not accept internal and external destructive elements” marched in procession from township sport ground to the office road, Monywa-Shwebo Street, Market Street, Ayadaw-Naunggyi Ai Street and finally to the sports ground in the town.

On 2 October in Wundwin, about 13,000 people holding the placards that read “We favour stability”, “We favour peace”, “We don’t favour protests”, “We don’t accept BBC, VOA and RFA” after chanting “Our Three Main National Causes” and “Approve the Constitution”, marched in procession from Tada U Monastery to Meiktila-

Mandalay Street, Thedaw Wundwin Street, and finally to Thedaw Station in the town.

Similarly on 3 October in Dabayin, over 11,000 people holding the State Flags and the placards that read “We favour stability and peace”, “We don’t favour protests”, internal “Fight against internal and external destructive elements”, “Our Three Main National Causes”, “Ongoing seven-step Road Map must be realized”, “Support the National Convention”, and “Constitution is welcome”, walked in procession from Monywa-YeU Street, Hninzi Street, Swedaw Street and finally to Myoma Sports Ground in the town.

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Local people taking part in mass rally in Thazi Township.

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Local people march towards the mass rally in Dabayin Township.— MNA

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3. The unrests are now totally under control by authorities for ensuring stability and the rule of law, with the cooperation of Sanghas and people who do not want any unrest.
4. Due to lopsided broadcasts by some international media, some member nations of the United Nations Organization were worried about Myanmar's situation and the UN Secretary-General sent his Special Envoy Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari to Myanmar to make urgent investigation and submit a report.
5. Myanmar is grateful to some member nations of the UN for their understanding upon Myanmar's situation and their principled stances.
6. Mr Gambari arrived Myanmar on 29th September. He witnessed the situation has returned to normalcy and he had an opportunity to pay a courtesy call on State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. Mr Gambari also had opportunities to meet with those worthy to be met for enquiring the situation.
7. At the courtesy call, State Peace and Development Council Chairman

Senior General Than Shwe mentioned Mr Gambari that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been exerting efforts for Confrontation, Utter Devastation, and Imposing All Kinds of Sanctions including Economic Sanction against Myanmar. If she declares to give them up, the Senior General will personally meet her.

8. At present, the people of various States and Divisions all over the country are convening mass rallies to support the National Convention and welcome the forthcoming Constitution as well as to denounce recent unrests.

9. Hence, the Government, with the support and in response to confidence and aspiration of the people, will continue to build up the nation into a discipline-flourishing genuine democratic one in accordance with the seven-step Road Map.

By order,

(Signed)

Thant Shin

Colonel

Secretary

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representatives of economic and industrial organizations, peasants, workers, service personnel, students and people from various mass and class organizations attended the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, starting at 6 am Shwe Myanmar column led by U Nyan Win,

Shwepyitan column led by U Tin Soe, Pawsanhmwe column led by U Thauung Tin, Sinthwelatt column led by U Nyi Nyi Soe marched to the sports

places. Division Education Officer U Ohn Maung (Retd) presided over the ceremony. Member of the Panel of Chairmen were Secretary of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Nyunt Hlaing,

Chairman and Members of the Panel of Chairmen and the attendees chanting slogans at the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Local people including townselders, national races, members of social organizations and cultural troupes, representatives of commercial organizations, peasants, workers, service personnel and students marching towards the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

No one loves Myanmar more than her people

Member of Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization Acting Principal of University of Computer Science in Pathein Dr Daw Sabei Phyu, Member of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Specialist Dr Daw Than Than Hla, Ayeyawady Division War Veteran Organization Lt-Col Hla Khin (Retd), Ayeyawady Division Fishery Federa-

tion President U Nyein Myaing, U Man Kyaw Aye of a townselder of Mayungmya Township.

Executive of Kyaungon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association Daw Aye Mya Mya Win acted as master of ceremonies and Executive of Pathein Township USDA Daw Eindra Shein Wai as co-MC.

Executive of Pathein District USDA U Win Maung and those

present saluted the State Flag.

The mass rally chairman said that delegates of the National Convention after holding discussions have already adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for the emergence of a constitution that is as important as the nation's life.

The fundamental principles will form as foundation for the nation's (See page 9)

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 perpetuation, eternal peace and stability and long-term rapid development. Preparations were made in 1992 to hold the National Convention that successfully concluded on 3 September 2007.

Over 1000 representatives of eight delegate groups — delegate group of political parties, delegate group of representatives-elect, delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intellectual and

national race delegates, 15 peasant delegates, five workers delegates and two representative-elect delegates totalling 76 representing the over seven million people of Ayeyawady Division took part in the NC.

The delegates were permitted to freely compile their group-wise papers after holding thorough discussions.

Representatives from all walks of life and groups that returned to the legal fold give suggestions and hold discussions in the interest of the Union. The constructive result is the



Local people marching towards the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



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intelligentsia, delegate group of State service personnel and delegate group of other invited persons — attended the NC.

Fifty-four

adoption of 104 fundamental principles to be formed as base in formulating the constitution.

According to the constitution, the future

nation will be formed with seven regions, seven states, one self-administered division for Wa people, and five self-administered zones one each for Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung and

Kokang. It is obvious that special consideration has been given for the rights of national races.

All patriotic national people will have to ratify the constitution

and uphold Our Three Main National Causes.

No one loves Myanmar more than her people. The people who attend the mass rally will have to safeguard the nation with full Union Spirit and patriotism. All will be able to shape the future nation only if the constitution is enduring. People of the entire Ayeyawady Division support the National Convention and hail the Constitution.

Secretary U Aung Kyaw Sein of Pathein Township USDA said that a total of 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold. **The national races are taking part in building of infrastructures on the State's development and the regional development tasks. Now, they are witnessing the unprecedented develop-**

ment.

In Ayeyawady Division, local people made their journey by boat in the past. There have been a lot of bridges including Bo Myat Tun Bridge built. That shows development of transport sector. In addition, economic, health, education and social sectors have developed in the division.

There must be the constitution in a nation that ensures rule of law, peace and tranquillity and a ready-achieved development. In drafting the constitution, it cannot be written only with the wishes of a person, an organization and a government. Besides, it is impossible to copy the constitution of other nations. The constitution based on current conditions and history background of our country must be drafted.

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Chairman U Ohn Maung, Division Education Officer (Retd). — MNA

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The constitution must be the one that contributes to the interests of the entire people and the State, and that guarantees the perpetuation of the Union. The two constitutions abolished in Myanmar are not compatible with present conditions of the nation. Therefore, it is important for the State and

the people to draft an enduring constitution.

To lay down the basic principles, the National Convention was convened with the six



Secretary of USDA U Aung Kyaw Sein. MNA

objectives and completed on 3 September, 2007.

In the period of laying groundwork for the constitution, the internal traitors in collusion with those in some big nations instigated unrest on the previous days. As there are the principles that include some points with which they are not happy, they are

attempting to undermine the nation.

I continue to say that it is time for the entire people to safeguard the State and already-achieved peace and development.

In conclusion, we support the National Convention and the principles to be included in the constitution that ensure the perpetuation of



Daw Nwe Nwe Oo of Ayeyawady Division WAO. — MNA

the State; that serve the interests of entire people; that are more durable and comprehensive than those



Lt-Col Hla Thwin (Retd) of Pathein Township WVO. MNA

adopted in the past constitution and that give priority to the rights of the national races, and denounce the acts of some foreign nations.

Daw Nwe Nwe

Oo of Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization seconded the motion, saying that the emergence of an enduring constitution of vital importance in realizing a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state. The National Convention held in accord with six objectives successfully concluded on 3 September 2007.

To safeguard the nation against danger and for perpetuation of the Union, the para 42 of



U Aung Shwe, a townselder of Pathein Township. — MNA

chapter XIII of the constitution said, "Every citizen is under a duty to uphold: (a) Non-disintegration of the Union; (b) Non-disintegration of national solidarity; (c) Perpetuation of sovereignty." The detailed basic principle is the most beneficial, effective and important for the nation and people. The national people will crush all enemies trying to threaten Our Three Main National Causes, with united strength. The stipulations contained in the constitution guarantee

equal rights for women.

The division now has 7474 schools, up from 5189. Many institutions of higher learning have been opened in the division. There are more education opportunities in the division than in the past. People at present are looking forward to the day on which the constitution comes into force.

The destructive elements in the nation tried to cause unrest and public alarm to grab power through short cut under orders of foreign power. VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB aired fabrications with religion as stepping-stone to break up national unity.

With false news reports, they are trying to generate doubts among the public for eruption of a commotion similar to the 1988 unrest.



Daw Ohmar Swe, Member of Pathein District MCWSC. MNA

Afterwards, U Aung Shwe, a townselder of Pathein, seconded the motion calling for the support the National Convention and the constitution. He said: **Due to dams and river water pumping stations in Ayeyawady Division, the number of acres of**

monsoon and summer paddy has increased from 3 million to 5 million in the division. As the division gives a yield of over 389 million baskets of paddy every year, the division stands as the granary of the country. Local farmers have enjoyed fruits of development thanks to the government.

The government has built infrastructures for a future democratic nation. The emergence of a constitution which will guarantee the perpetuation and development of the nation is vital for the country.

The legislative power is entrusted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Region Hluttaw, State Hluttaw as well as to self-administered-areas.

Therefore, it shows that the detailed basic principles for the constitution give special rights to national races.



U Tun Tun Win of Hinthada Township. MNA

The government has implemented the seven-point road map. Over 1,000 delegates attended the National Convention and it was successfully completed.

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Daw Aye Mya Mya Win of Kyaunggon Township USDA acts MC and Daw Eindra Shein Wai of Pathein Township USDA acts Co-MC. — MNA

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Those destructive elements who want to take power through short cut are trying to jeopardize the emergence of a democratic nation. They resorted to the unrest in the country making use of religion. **We, the people, favour stability and peace but oppose unrest and violence. We want to deal with affairs of our country and we don't accept the interference**

participated in mass rallies in support of the National Convention and the constitution across the country. Therefore, the UN should pay attention to voices of majority of the people and review the genuine situation in the country.

The convening of National Convention is a nation building task, the national essence, and reflects the desire of the

Committee Daw Ohma Swe seconded the motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the State Constitution. She said that a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation that we do long for will emerge only when the entire national people participate in the tasks for implementing seven-step Road Map of the State with might and main. In doing so, internal and external destructive elements are attempting to create unrest in the country taking advantage of the religion and thus the people are worried about their living.

The protests stirred up by external saboteurs are really against the desire of the entire people. Some foreign radio stations are stimulating internal destructive elements to cause political instability in the country. The Western media's greatly exaggerated make-up stories to incite violence are against discipline-flourishing democratic system.

Now, it is time to walk on the flowers-paved road to new democratic nation because the National Convention has successfully completed. In the meantime a handful of internal groups who are seeking self-interest are committing terrorist acts to grab power by short cut. The real desire of the entire people wanting to live in stable and peaceful life is to draw the Constitution of the State. All have known that anti-government groups attempting to cause violence like "88" unrest is a grave danger to the entire national people.



Local people chanting slogans as they march towards the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



Local people marching towards the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division.

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of the foreign countries. Concerning the broadcasting of BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB, people should distinguish between right and wrong. **We are worried that the United Nations will make wrong decision after listening to the voices of minority of the people. The people who favour stability and peace and oppose violence have**

entire national races. It also represents all the people.

In conclusion, he seconded the motion tabled by U Aung Kyaw Sein, a representative of USDA, and denounced acts of foreign countries which pose danger to Myanmar.

Member of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory

The Constitution is the life-blood for the nation and the people. The public health care services are being carried out across the nation. The Government has built a total of 77 hospitals including three 200-bed ones and has appointed 3,349 health staff in Ayeyawady Division.

All citizens are longing for high life styles in addition to sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter. Moreover, they favour all-round development, stability and peace in the country but not the protests and violence. The national goal of the State is to introduce a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic country.

As the forthcoming constitution will actually bring about the interest of the State and the people for a long run, I absolutely seconded the motion calling for support of the National Convention and the State Constitution tabled by Ayeyawady Division USDA.

Farming entrepreneur U Tun Tun Win of

Hinthada Township said that the 1947 constitution and the 1974 constitution had defects and loopholes, so emergence of an enduring State constitution is as indispensable as the life-blood for the nation and the people. The National Convention was therefore held to adopt the principles that can serve the interests of the nation and the people.

More than 100 national races will enjoy unprecedented rights when the State constitution is approved. The people should not directly copy the western democracy that is not in conformity with the traditions and customs of the country.

The people are to be constantly vigilant against the acts of destructive elements to block the tasks of the government that is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map.

He expressed support for the NC and the State constitution, and denounce the acts of certain countries that are posing dangers to Myanmar.

Lt-Col Hla Thwin (Retd) of Patheingyi

Township WVO said that the government has convened the National Convention, the first of the State's seven-step Road Map, calling the people to crush the acts of internal and external destructive elements as a national duty. It is required to achieve success in implementing every step.

Seconding the motion, he expressed his support for the NC and upcoming constitution and condemning the acts of certain countries.

With the unanimous approval, the chairman passed the resolution of supporting the NC and the upcoming constitution.

Members of the panel of chairmen and the attendees chanted slogans: non-disintegration of the Union (our cause, our cause), non-disintegration of national solidarity (our cause, our cause), perpetuation of sovereignty (our cause, our cause), the State's seven-step Road Map (must succeed, must succeed). The rally ended at 8 am.

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Indonesia raises alert level on Mt Kelud volcano

JAKARTA, 2 Oct— Indonesian scientists have raised the alert for Mount Kelud, a volcano in East Java, to the second-highest level following increased activity, an official said on Sunday.

Volcanic tremors and increased temperatures in the past four days have led to fears of an eruption, and residents have been told to stay away from the the 1,731-metre (5,712-foot) volcano, Yan Mulyana, an official at the Indonesian Vulcanology Survey, told Reuters. Mount Kelud is 87.5 kilometres southwest of Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city.

"We urge people to remain calm and

not to be agitated by rumours of an eruption," Mulyana said.

Residents have been told to avoid staying within a five-kilometre (three-mile) zone.

A 1919 eruption of Mount Kelud caused the lake in its crater to burst through the volcano rim and sent boiling water down its slopes, killing 5,000 people in 104 villages.

MNA/Reuters

Typhoon "Lekima" moving closer to south China

HAIKOU, 3 Oct— The severe tropical storm Lekima was upgraded to typhoon Tuesday afternoon and is moving closer towards south China's island province of Hainan, where 100,000 people have been evacuated, local authorities said.

Lekima, named after a fruit in Vietnam, was located at 17.7 degrees north Latitude and 110.4 degrees east Longitude at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, about 110 kilometres southeast of Sanya, the southernmost

city of Hainan, the Hainan Provincial Meteorological Observatory said.

Lekima, upgraded to typhoon at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, is packing winds of about 118.8 kilometres per hour at its eye and heading towards

northwest at a speed of 15 kilometres per hour, the observatory said.

It was forecast to land in the south of the island or pass by on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, it said.

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Algeria violence death toll jumps in September

ALGIERS, 3 Oct—Seventy-five people died in political violence in Algeria in September, including 60 killed in suicide blasts, more than double the number in August, according to a Reuters count based on newspaper reports.

Among the suicide bombings was a failed assassination attempt on President Abdelaziz Bouteflika in Batna Town southeast of Algiers.

The September toll compares to 29 in August and brings to 369 the number of people killed in violence in 2007 involving al-Qaeda-linked Islamist rebels and the security services. Al-Qaeda's north Africa wing said it was behind suicide bombings in Dellys Town, east of Algiers, on 8 September and a suicide blast in Batna on 6 September that killed 57 people.

The group also claimed a suicide car bomb attack on 21 September against a police convoy accompanying foreign workers, injuring nine people including two French and one Italian.

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DRIVE WITH CARE

Daihatsu sales double in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Oct—Japanese car-maker Daihatsu has said sales in Indonesia in eight months to August 2007 rose 101.8 per cent year-on-year led by growing demands for light engine Xenia and small sports utility vehicle Terios. Local subsidiary PT Astra Daihatsu Motor has announced sales rose to 34,975 units from last year's 17,327 units, leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia* reported on Tuesday.

The hike lifts Daihatsu to fourth largest performer in Indonesia after sister company Toyota, Suzuki and Mitsubishi. Sales of Xenia alone reached 19,603 units in the period.

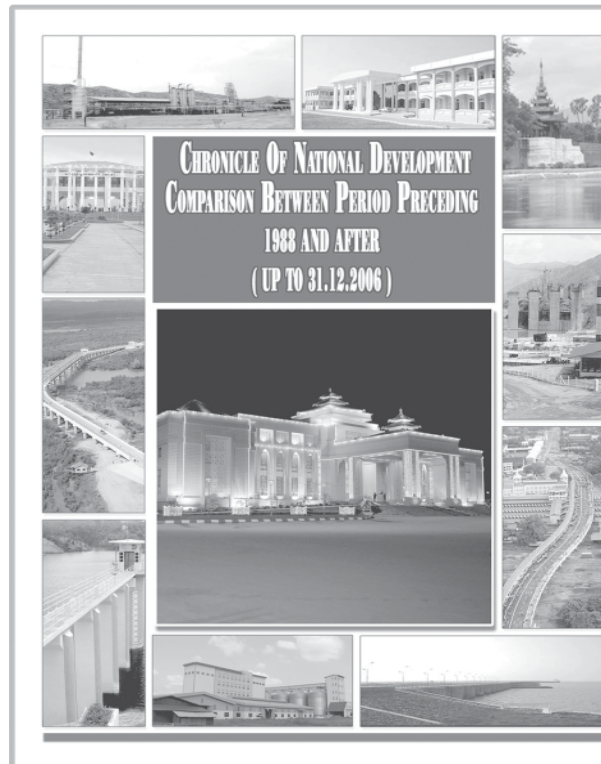
"Xenia is the only model in Indonesia that still draws a huge crowd of buyers since the launching three years ago and today's buyers still have to wait for more than three months," Astra Daihatsu marketing director Suparno Djamsin was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE President gives \$10m for Iraqi refugees

GENEVA, 3 Oct—The President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al-Nahayan, has donated 10 million US dollars to the United Nations to help Iraqi refugees in Syria, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) said on Tuesday.

UNHCR spokeswoman Jennifer Pagonis said 60,000 Iraqis continue to flee their homes every month, with 2.2 million people now uprooted within Iraq and 2.2 million



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Indonesia to put \$1.2b power transmission projects out to tender

JAKARTA, 3 Oct—Indonesia's state power utility PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) plans to host a tender for the Sumatra and Java power transmission networks worth some 1.2 billion US dollars in April 2008.

The company is currently conducting a feasibility study.

PLN said it could not afford to wait any longer if it wanted to meet the

schedule set out in its blueprint, English-language daily *The Jakarta Post* reported on Tuesday.

A number of firms, both local and foreign, have expressed interest in constructing coal-fired power plants in Sumatra, where coal deposits are abundant but many people still do not have access to electricity.

PLN, which is working with these firms under the independent power

producer (IPP) scheme, estimates that the planned power plants will produce enough electricity to also feed the Java-Bali power grid.

The transmission projects, once completed, will be able to supply electricity from Sumatra to Java, where blackouts are also frequent.

Among the power plants to be built are the 2,400-megawatt plant in Bangko, South Sumatra, and the 1,600-megawatt plant in Muara Enim, South Sumatra. Last week, PLN awarded six contracts

worth 913 billion rupiah (some 99.7 million dollars) to local firms for the construction of power transmission lines in Java.

The government has launched the 10,000-megawatt power plant programme, under which PLN will build 10 coal-fired power plants with a total capacity of 6,900 megawatts in Java and 25 power plants outside Java with a total capacity of 3,100 megawatts.

The construction of some of the projects has already commenced.

MNA/Xinhua

Italy seizes ancient books from "priestly" thief

ROME, 3 Oct—Italy's art police have seized ancient books and paintings worth 650,000 euros (925,300 US dollars) from the house of a man they suspect stole them from public libraries and state archives — sometimes disguised as a priest.

Police said on Monday the suspect, a Roman in his mid-forties, would dress himself in priest's robes or wait for hours hidden in the bathrooms and cupboards of libraries to make off with texts and drawings dating from the 17th and 18th centuries.

The man used ink remover to delete identification numbers and library stamps, police said, adding they suspect he was responsible of a series of thefts in Rome and Turin. Some items were sold to collectors in Italy and abroad.—MNA/Reuters



A model presents a pasta dress creation by Hungarian designer Virag Toth during a fashion show at an Italian restaurant in Budapest on 27 Sept, 2007.—XINHUA

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India calls for reform of world of financial, trade institutions

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Oct—A comprehensive overhaul of the world's key financial institutions and drastic changes to the rules of international trade are necessary if poor countries are to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said here. Speaking at the general debate of the 62nd session of the General Assembly, Mukherjee said the United Nations "must play an important role in over-

seeing the reform of the international financial architecture".

"This should include measures to ensure a greater voice for and participation by developing countries in the Bretton Woods institutions," he said, referring to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

These reforms must be taken to their logical conclusion if the credibility of these institutions is to be enhanced, Mukherjee said, adding that progress toward the

MDGs has been tardy.

He pointed out that early and substantive progress in the current Doha round of international trade negotiations is also essential, and urged special attention be paid to the needs and interests of subsistence farmers in poor states.

MNA/Xinhua



A sign hanging in a mobile telephone store lists prices in the new and old currencies in Caracas, on 1 Oct, 2007. Regulations require retailers to post prices in the new currency, the 'strong bolivar,' alongside prices in bolivars as a means of preparing consumers for a 1 Jan, 2008 monetary shift, which officials say will help them fight inflation. — INTERNET

China growth seen raising threat to tigers, forests

LONDON, 3 Oct—China's economic boom is fuelling demand for endangered species ranging from tigers to African timbers even though Beijing imposes the death penalty for wildlife crimes, the head of a UN watchdog said on Tuesday. Growing affluence means that more and more Chinese are able to afford exotic foods such as snakes, reptiles and frogs or buy traditional medicines like tiger bone wine believed by many in China to help lower blood pressure.

In China "more and more people get access to these expensive food stuffs", Willem Wijnstekers, head of the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

(CITES), told a Reuters environment summit.

"Both within China and in neighbouring countries there is a lot disappearing," he said.

"Africa is full of Chinese wood buyers and the forests are rapidly disappearing in the direction of China as well," he said. Timber is used both in China and for exports including furniture sold to nations from Europe to North America.

But he said that China had stringent penalties. "They have the death penalty for wildlife crime and they have used it," he said. "I'm not going to promote the death penalty for CITES but they really take it seriously."

MNA/Reuters

Philippines bans fishing to revive biggest reef

MANILA, 3 Oct—The Philippines has tightened laws banning fishing and collecting of species on the country's largest coral reef to help it recover from near destruction, the World Wildlife Fund for Nature said on Tuesday.

The 27,400 hectare Apo Reef off the coast of Mindoro Island was almost drained of life by heavy fishing, including by dynamite and cyanide, which left only a third of coral cover by the early 1990s.

A ban on fishing, only partially enforced since it took effect in 1994, has helped restore some of the reef so that around half is now alive. Now a new local law, brought in this week, is stepping up protection in what was once of the world's top dive spots.

"It has been declared a 'no-take zone' to allow the reef and the various species around it ample time to recover from years of fishing," said Gregg Yan of the World Wildlife Fund-Philippines.

Yan said the marine park would be opened for tourists to help generate funds for its protection as well as provide an alternative livelihood for hundreds of fishermen in the area.

MNA/Reuters



Pop star Madonna is among the nine recording artists nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, according to media reports on Friday.

INTERNET

NZ, India to negotiate film co-production agreement

WELLINGTON, 3 Oct—New Zealand Prime Minister and Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage Helen Clark, and Minister of Finance Michael Cullen announced Tuesday that New Zealand and India have agreed to negotiate a film co-production agreement.

Cullen is currently visiting New Delhi.

According to a Press release from New Zealand Government, the aim of the proposed film co-production agreement is to expand and facilitate film co-production to benefit film makers in both countries, and to develop cultural and economic exchanges.

Under the proposed treaty,

filmmakers from both countries would be able to pool resources to create films which will benefit both countries financially and culturally.

Films made jointly by New Zealand and Indian producers would also qualify as works with national status in both countries, making them eligible for government support and facilitation.

Many Indian screen productions have used New Zealand as a location in recent years, and Helen Clark said "we now want to build on those connections to help make screen productions which are genuine partnerships between the two countries". — MNA/Xinhua

Fire at Russian institute kills nine, injures 51

Moscow, 3 Oct— At least nine people were killed and 51 injured on Tuesday in a fire at a public building southeast of Moscow, the Russian Emergencies Ministry said. The fire broke out on

the fourth floor of one of the buildings at the Institute of State and Corporate Management.

"As a result of the fire, which is now out, nine people died and 51 are injured," a spokesman said

on Tuesday evening.

Fire safety at public buildings across Russia has been criticized after a series of fires where fatalities were high because fire escapes were blocked. — MNA/Reuters



Elephants walk across a river at Chobe National Park in Botswana, recently. XINHUA

SPORTS

Valbuena earns Marseille shock win at Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (England), 4 Oct — Olympique Marseille stunned Liverpool with Mathieu Valbuena's classy goal earning a 1-0 win at Anfield in Champions League Group A on Wednesday.

Valbuena took a return pass from Bolo Zenden before curling in a 25-metre shot off the underside of the bar in the 76th minute after Momo Sissoko was tackled just outside his area.

"I'm very happy. It's my first goal in the Champions League and it gives Marseille a very important win," Valbuena told French TV channel TF1. "We are very happy tonight."

It was the first time a French team had won at Anfield but was not a fluke victory for new coach Eric Gerets in his first game in charge of a Marseille side that has won just one of their nine domestic league games this season.

Liverpool did not really threaten until the final minutes when Fernando Torres hit the post with a close-range shot. — MNA/Reuters

Olympiakos stun Werder Bremen with late goals

BREMEN (Germany), 4 Oct — Olympiakos Piraeus scored three times in the last 17 minutes to stun Werder Bremen 3-1 in the Champions League and go top of Group C on Wednesday.

It was the first victory for Piraeus in 31 Champions League away matches and ended Bremen's six-match unbeaten streak in the competition at home.

Bremen took a 32nd-minute lead against the defensive-minded visitors when Hugo Almeida blasted in a Daniel Jensen cross, giving the rain-soaked sell-out crowd of 37,500 something to cheer about after Almeida had wasted two earlier

chances. Bremen, who had warmed up for the match with an 8-1 victory over Arminia Bielefeld on Saturday in the Bundesliga, kept up the pressure but failed to get another one past goalkeeper Antonis Nikopolidis. — MNA/Reuters

Lazio come from behind to hold Real

ROME, 4 Oct — Two goals from Goran Pandev allowed Lazio to come from behind and earn a 2-2 draw with Group C rivals Real Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Ruud van Nistelrooy poked in a Wesley Sneijder freekick in the eighth minute to give the Spanish champions the

lead but the Macedonia

striker replied with a venomous volley in the 32nd.

Real regained their advantage 16 minutes after the break when Dutchman Van Nistelrooy raced unopposed on to goal after Raul had split open the Lazio defence with a smart pass. Pandev earned his side a point with powerful shot from the edge of the

area in the 75th.

"It is difficult to win everywhere you go," Real Madrid coach Bernd Schuster told a news conference. "It was an open game and a draw is a positive result. We went 2-1 up and perhaps we felt we were in control. But Lazio fought phenomenally, they didn't let us win."

The Serie A team made a bright start but were soon caught out when Sneijder's freekick filtered through to the former Manchester United forward.

Defender Guglielmo Stendardo headed a Luciano Zauri freekick into the penalty to set up Pandev's first. Before the equalizer, the Macedonian had wasted two great chances, blasting a shot over the bar with only Real keeper Iker Casillas to beat and going alone instead of passing when the defence was outnumbered. — MNA/Reuters

Drogba strikes as Chelsea grab 2-1 over Valencia

VALENCIA (Spain), 4 Oct — Chelsea came from a goal down to claim a 2-1 victory away to Valencia on Wednesday in a game that marked Avram Grant's first game as coach in the Champions League.

The Londoners looked to be in trouble in the Group B match when a dominant Valencia took an early lead after striker David Villa cashed in on some shaky defending to steer the ball past keeper Petr Cech.

But winger Joe Cole put Chelsea back in the match when he put the finishing touch to a sharply worked counter-attack and striker Didier Drogba completed a classic smash-and-grab raid with a sharp finish nine minutes from time.

The win put Chelsea top of the group with four points from two games, one clear of Valencia and Schalke 04 and three ahead of Rosenborg, who lost 2-0 at home to Schalke. Valencia made the early running at the Mestalla with David Silva lashing over the bar with less than a minute on the clock.

Chelsea failed to take heed, however, and helped by a catalogue of errors in midfield and defence,

David Villa put Valencia in front in the ninth minute.

The Spain striker pounced on a poor clearance on the halfway line, collected the ball after it ricocheted off Michael Essien and then steered a shot low to the left of keeper Petr Cech.

Joaquin should have made it 2-0 when he broke down the right just over 10 minutes later but he drilled his shot straight at Cech and Chelsea made Valencia pay when they equalized on the break.

Florent Malouda fired the ball low across the area after a neat one-two with Drogba and Cole got enough of a touch to turn it into the net with Italian leftback Emiliano Moretti trying to block his path.

The goal helped steady Chelsea, who have had a stuttering start to the season and were stunned by the departure of coach Jose Mourinho two weeks ago.

Valencia almost regained the lead when Moretti headed wide of the far post after a corner early in the second half but they were made to pay for their profligate finishing when Drogba hit them on the break once more. — MNA/Reuters



Germany's goalkeeper Nadine Angerer (1st R) saves the penalty during the final against Brazil at the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in Shanghai, east China, on 30 Sept, 2007. Germany led 1-0.

INTERNET

Porto snatch late victory over Besiktas

ISTANBUL, 4 Oct — Ricardo Quaresma scored a stoppage-time goal to give Porto a 1-0 victory over Besiktas in their Champions League Group A match on Wednesday.

Porto had to work hard to stave off growing pressure from the home side in the later stages of both halves, with Besiktas creating a series of chances.

But it was Porto who broke the deadlock when midfielder Quaresma poked the ball past Besiktas keeper Hakan Arkan from close range in the second minute of stoppage time.

The result lifted Porto to second in the group with four points, two behind leaders Olympique Marseille and three ahead of Liverpool. Besiktas are without a point after a second loss.

"We fought well and had some clear chances but we didn't capitalise on them and conceded an unlucky goal at the end," Besiktas captain Ibrahim Uzulmez said.

"After two losses, we have put our chances of advancing in jeopardy," he said.

The defeat added to a disappointing week for coach Ertugrul Saglam's side after they lost to arch rivals Galatasaray in the Turkish league at the weekend.

After a cautious opening 15 minutes, Besiktas began to dominate the game in the first half, exerting growing pressure on the Porto goal with the Portuguese side content to sit back and absorb the attacks.

Porto goalkeeper Helton made an important save after 25 minutes, palming away a header from Brazilian striker Bobo. — MNA/Reuters

Schalke too good for Rosenborg

TRONDHEIM, (Norway), 4 Oct — Second-half goals earned Schalke 04 a 2-0 victory over Rosenborg Trondheim in their Champions League match in Group B on Wednesday.

Midfielder Jermaine Jones broke the deadlock at the Lerkendal Stadium in the 62nd minute with a left-foot shot off a pass from Ivan Rakitic.

Striker Kevin Kuranyi sealed the victory in the 89th minute, breaking free, evading defender

Christer Basma and putting the ball past Rosenborg goalkeeper Lars Hirschfeld.

Delighted with Jones, Schalke coach Mirko Slomka told a news conference: "He had a very good game; a fantastically important goal."

As for the result, following Schalke's opening 1-0 home defeat by Valencia two weeks ago, Slomka added: "We had to win. We were going to win, and we did win."

Rosenborg, who had

held Chelsea to a surprise 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge, paid the price for failing to convert their chances into goals and never really put the visitors under much pressure.

"We played alright in the first half, but we could have taken better care of the chances we produced," said Rosenborg coach Knut Toerum. "In the second half we gave them opportunities and the match opened up."

MNA/Reuters

Polish ambassador to Iraq wounded in Baghdad explosions

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct—The Polish ambassador to Iraq was slightly wounded by three roadside bomb explosions near his convoy in central Baghdad on Wednesday morning, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

“The Polish ambassador was among the casualties of the triple roadside bomb attack in central Baghdad District,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The Polish Ambassador, General Edward Pietrzyk, was immediately rushed to a US military hospital, said the source.

The attack took place

when three roadside bombs were detonated coordinately near the Polish Embassy convoy of sport utility vehicles (SUVs) in the Arrassat area in Baghdad’s downtown Karrada neighbourhood, dama-

ging three SUVs and wounding three persons aboard, the source said.

The attack also killed a passer-by civilian and wounded two others, the source said.

Poland is a US ally over the Iraqi war, and about 900

Polish soldiers are operating within the US-led coalition troops in Iraq.

Twenty-four Polish servicemen and civilians have been killed in Iraq since the outbreak of the Iraq war in March of 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

US in Iraq says finds list of foreign fighters

BAGHDAD, 4 Oct — The US military said on Wednesday it had discovered a list of some 500 al-Qaeda militants recruited to fight in Iraq from a range of European, Middle East and north African countries.

Spokesman Major-

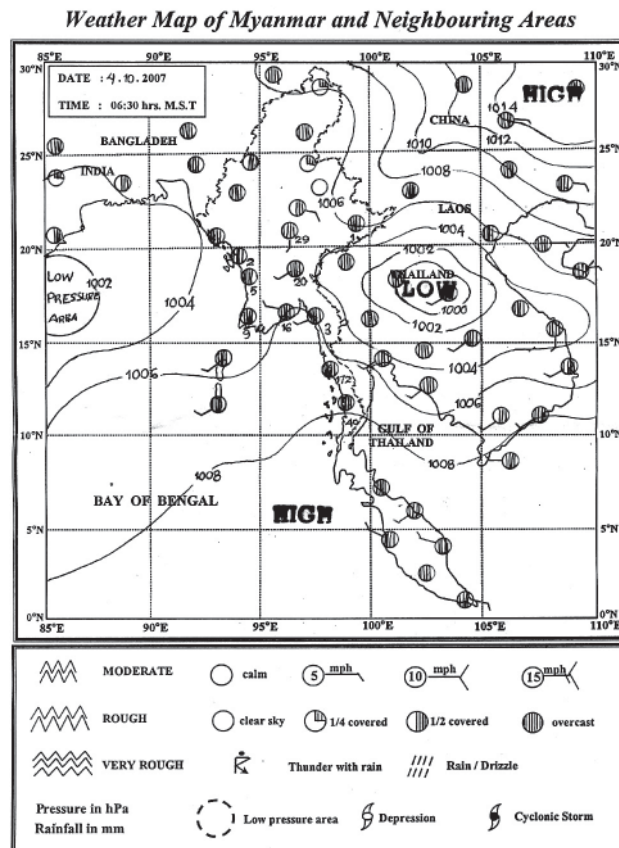
General Kevin Bergner said the information was unearthed in September when a senior al-Qaeda member in Iraq, called Muthanna, was killed along with seven other militants near Sinjar in northwest Iraq.

The US military

blames fighters recruited outside Iraq for many of the suicide attacks targeting US and Iraqi forces and has previously criticized neighbours such as Syria for not checking the flow of foreign militants across borders into Iraq.

“Muthanna was the emir of Iraq and Syrian border area and he was a key facility of the movement of foreign terrorists once they crossed into Iraq from Syria. He worked closely with Syrian-based al-Qaeda foreign terrorist facilitators,” he said.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 4 October, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, isolated in Shan State and lower Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfall in Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Thaton (11.93) inches, Ye (9.09) inches, Dawei (7.13) inches, Shwegyin (3.82) inches, Hpa-an (1.38) inches and Meiktila (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-10-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 4-10-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-10-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 3-10-2007 was (0.6) hour approx.

Rainfall on 4-10-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (126.93) inches at Mingaladon, (131.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (135.55) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (13:20) hours MST on 3-10-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday low pressure area over West Central Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday tropical storm “Lekima” over South China Sea has crossed the Vietnam coast near Vinh and remain as a land depression. It is forecast to move westward slowly and downgrade into a low pressure area.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-10-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of rain in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-10-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-10-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-10-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Chinese coastguard vessels search in the sea area near Dandong, northeast China’s Liaoning Province. One sailor was confirmed dead and 10 others went missing when a fishing boat hit a cargo ship on the Yellow Sea off northeast China’s Liaoning Province early on Wednesday, the local maritime police said.

XINHUA



Friday, 5 October
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercises
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
- 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:10 am
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
- 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:30 am
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am
- 9. English for Everyday Use

- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. ဆောင်းပါးရှင် ဦးမျိုးမြင့်(ဥပဒေ)၏ “ပြည်ပကတော့ ဆူပူစေချင်မှာပေါ့၊ မြန်မာပြည်သူများကတော့ ဆူပူတာမကြိုက်ကြ”
- 4:30 pm
- 3. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားစီမံအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
- 6. Song of yesteryears
- 5:25 pm
- 7. “ဖွားချို” (စံရှားတင်၊ ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်(ကောသီပန်)
- 5:45 pm
- 8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို

- အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်”(အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 17. The next day’s programme



- Friday, 5 October
Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
 - 8:35 am Music -Violet
 - 8:40 am Perspectives
 - 8:45 am Music -I am so in love
 - 8:50 am National news/Slogan
 - 9:00 am Music -I see you
 - 9:05 am International news
 - 9:10 am Music -What’s it gonna be
 - 1:30 pm News /Slogan
 - 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Take my breath away -All by myself
 - 9:00 pm WOM
 - 9:15 pm Article
 - 9:25 pm Music at your request -Yesterday once more -Seasons in the sun
 - 9:45 pm News /Slogan
 - 10:00 pm PEL

People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
- ★ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
- ★ The public be warned of
killers in the air waves —
RFA, VOA and BBC

- ★ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ★ BBC lying
VOA deceiving
RFA setting up hostilities
- ★ Beware! Don't be bought by those slickers

Of the persons detained for questioning for holding assemblies in violation of section 144, 692 have been released on pledge

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct — Due to the acts to cause disturbances in the nation, the respective authorities imposed section 144 in some townships of Yangon Division on 25 September 2007 prohibiting public assembling.

The authorities had to conduct detentions for questioning as there were persons who held assemblies in violation of the section. Up to this day, they have detained a total of 2093 persons. Through investiga-

tion the authorities found out that the detainees included those who took part in the disturbances, those who followed and supported the noisy protests and those who unwittingly joined them. As the persons who unknowingly joined the noisy protests are also violators of the section, the authorities are releasing them after they have signed the pledge. Up to now, the authorities have released 692 persons.

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INSIDE

Time all realized alien plots

Friend, in my opinion, now the entire people should have noticed that Ngapwagi and its associates, and a handful of national traitor axe-handles are resorting to all possible means to destabilize our country and make the people become impoverished.