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

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**Gear up for historic democracy movement**

The National Convention went into recess after one of its sessions had been held successfully from 17 May to 9 July last year. With the Plenary Meeting of the National Convention, it resumed on 17 February this year and has now been in progress at Nyaunghnapin Camp, Yangon Division.

All the delegates to the National Convention are finding themselves discussing and coordinating in harmony and union as to the framing of the Constitution. They have now successfully adopted the detailed basic principles for the distribution of legislative powers.

The National Convention Convening Commission, the NCC Work Committee and the NCC Management Committee held a coordination meeting at Anawrahta Yelikha at the camp on 11 March. NCCC Chairman and also State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressed the meeting.

In his speech, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that it is necessary to continue undaunted efforts that will remain historic and to put first the future welfare of the country in lieu of paying heed to invented and groundless news reports about the National Convention by inside and outside pessimists and their subversive acts. Among the three pillars, legislative, executive and judicial, which are most imperative for the writing of the Constitution in a nation, deeper and broader is the legislative sector.

Putting aside the tendency of personal cult, sectarianism, localism and racism, the delegates to the National Convention held discussions and offered suggestions with the same Union Spirit. As a result, the detailed basic principles have been laid down successfully for the legislative sector.

The collected proposals of the Work Committee Chairman have been revealed to the delegates to enable them to have easy access to the adoption of detailed basic principles for the executive and judicial sectors. They are now holding groupwise discussions on those proposals. Pessimists in and out of the country still go on with a variety of destructive acts by broadcasting fabricated and baseless reports.

The Work Committee Chairman’s studies as to the legislative, executive and judicial matters to be put in practice in the future democratic nation were aired on radio and television and reported in the dailies.

All in all, no matter whatever the fabrication and distortions and terrors are, the onus is on the delegates to the National Convention to prepare themselves for the historic democracy movement with love of the country and with the full sense of Union Spirit.

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**Parade columns keep up marching practice**

**Chairman of Management Committee for Observance of the Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects the parade columns.— MNA**

**YANGON, 12 March—** Under command of Parade Commander Brig-Gen Nyi Tun, nine parade columns comprising Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services and Red Cross Brigade participated in the marching drill from the Myoma Grounds to the Resistance Park, here, from 6 am to 9.30 am today.

The parade columns—Anawrahta Column led by Column Commander Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Kyansitha by Col Tha Aung, Bayinnaung by Col Aung Kyaw Oo, Nawade by Captain Aung Zaw Win (Navy), Aungzeya by Col Myo Win, Hsinbyushin by Col Khin Aung Myint, Bandoola by Col Khin Maung Oo, Myawady by Col Win Swe and Aung San by Col Thein Zaw—will take part in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.

Chairman of the Management Committee for Observance of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Adjudant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers inspected the drills of the parade columns.

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**Semifossilized skeleton, skulls unearthed in ancient Hanlingyi city**

**YANGON, 12 March—** A human skeletal-remains which was buried in the seven and half feet deep in the earth was discovered while digging a well in the farmland of U Maung Naing, about 700 yards from Shwegugyi Pa-goda in ancient Hanlingyi city, Wetlet Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, recently.

The human skeletal-remains oriented toward 38° north-east. Its height measures about 5 feet and four inches. According to the anatomical analysis, the skeletal-remains can be identified to be female and the age was estimated to be between forty and fifty years old. The remains was buried systematically due to the posture of two arms upon womb.

It was being semifossilized that condition should be indicated to the remote past. A jar and a small pot were buried beside the waist of the skeletal-remains.

Three more human skulls were unearthed about 20 feet north of the female skeletal-remains while digging a well. The skulls were also semifossilized. The skulls can be identified as two male adults and one child. These skull-remains date back the same period of the female the skeleton.

Previously, Neolithic implements, bronze age artefacts and tools of iron age were occasionally excavated at ancient Hanlin city. It shows comprehensively the evidence of cultural continuity flourished from stone age to bronze age and then iron age to the present. Evidence associated with human skeletal-remains, which shows somewhat burial practice of ancient Myanmar, hence its place may be a cemetery site of early bronze age.

The skeletal-remains seems to be earlier than those of the previous discoveries, such as Nyaungkkan in Budalinn Township, Myin-Oo-hle and Haukkan of Mahlaung Township, Inte of Taungtha Township, Kokko Khala of Wundwin Township, Ywahtington of Pyawbwe Township and Myohla of Yamethin Township, to more solidified and semi-fossilized.

Experts and scholars have assumed the date belongs to four thousand years of age due to the finding of a few pottery and lack of beads and bronze artefacts. The stone tools dedicated to neolithic age, weapons of bronze, small package of bronze wires belonged to the Bronze Age, iron implements of Iron Age, seals of Pyu scripts, Pyu burial urn, finger-marking bricks, stone-rings, bangle, dishes on single stem of offering lamp and different shapes of pottery in the surrounding of Hanlingyi ancient city. Therefore, these areas have been continuously settled or inhabited by man from stone age and bronze age to ancestors of Pyu-Myanmar era which could be some 4,000 years ago.

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**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

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**Experts inspect human skull unearthed about 20 feet north of the female skeletal-remains while digging a well on 5 March.—CULTURE**

**Ancient objects collected by Nyaungkebin Soe  in Hanlingyi.—CULTURE**
Indonesia, Malaysia to send technical teams on boundary dispute

JAKARTA , 11 March — Indonesia and Malaysia have agreed to appoint technical teams that will represent both governments in the negotiations over a disputed offshore area in their maritime boundaries, Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said on Thursday.

A local resident (L) fires up a bucket at a huge former state-owned construction material depository warehouse in Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province, on 12 March, 2005. —Internet

Wirajuda said the agreement was reached during a one-and-a-half-hour meeting with his Malaysian counterpart Syed Hamid Albar here on Wednes- day evening.

"We agreed that a single meeting will not be able to resolve a problem that is techni- cally and legally very compli- cated," he told reporters on the sidelines of the 15th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)-European Union Ministerial Meeting here.

He said the teams will hold their first meeting here on 23 March to be followed by a series of other meetings in both countries.

New Cabinet lines up in Thailand

BANGKOK, 12 March — Thailand’s long-anticipated new Cabinet was formed on Friday following the royal endorsement of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the first ever elected single-party government in the country’s history.

In an official announcement made by Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, the newly endorsed Cabi- net include six deputy prime ministers. They are Somkid Jatusripitak, Police General Chitchai Wannasatith, Suwit Khunin, Vissanu Krea-ngam, Surakiart Sathirathai, former Foreign Minister and Pinjik Jarusombat.

Kantathi Suphamongkon, one of three Thai Trade Representatives and a former Foreign Ministry official takes over as Thailand's top diplomat. Former Deputy Prime Minister Suwat Liptapanlop moved down to be the Justice Minister. Somkid was authorized to handle the country’s overall economic affairs, concurrently serving as finance minister, while Police General Chitchai Wirajuda was appointed as head of the Interior Ministry. Defence Minister went to Gen- eral Thamarak Isaranuraga, while Com- merce Minister was assumed by Thamong Budaya, the former Finance Minister, according to the announcement. Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan, former Public Health Minister, was shifted to be the new Agriculture and Cooperatives Minister, while Sudarat’s deputy Suchai Charoenrattanakul stepped up to take top seat of the ministry.

Surakiart Sathirathai and Sudarat Keyuraphan are the two ministers who held their portfolio through Thaksin’s many Cabinet reshuffles in his first term. Sudarat is also considered part of the Prime Minister’s close inner circle.

Poland plans to withdraw some Iraq troops

WARSAW, 11 March — Poland, the fourth-largest contributor of troops to the US led occupation of Iraq, plans to withdraw several hundred of its 1,700 soldiers from the country in July, the defence minister said in an interview published on Friday.

"I can only say that we assume a reduction of the Polish contingent by several hundred troops," Jerzy Szmajdzinski told the Rzeczpospolita daily when asked whether Poland would reduce its troop level with its next regu- lar rotation, scheduled for July.

The cutback will also involve hand- ing over authority for Westar province, now patrolled largely by Ukrainian sol- diers, to Iraqis. Poland plans to hand over the other two provinces for which it is responsible — Babii and Qadisiyah — at a later time, Szmajdzinski said.

Ukraine intends to pull out its entire 1,650-strong contingent in a phased withdrawal between 15 March and Oc- tober. Its troops also serve in a Polish-led security force in central Iraq that cur- rently numbers 4,700. At its peak, the force had 9,500 soldiers.

Polish leaders have said repeatedly that they want to scale down their troop presence in Iraq this year in hopes of possibly leaving by year’s end, but they have not given a specific timetable. The country ranks behind the United States, Britain and Italy in numbers of troops deployed in Iraq. Szmajdzinski said details will be decided at a meeting in Warsaw in April of countries contribut- ing troops to Iraq. —Internet

China’s highways to reach 2.3m kilometres by 2010

BEIJING, 11 March — China’s high- ways will reach 2.3 million kilometres by 2010, according to a plan for high- ways and waterways released by the Ministry of Communications Thursday.

By 2010 China will build 55,000 more kilometres of expressways, reach- ing cities with a population of more than 200,000, according to the plan. By then, drivers will be able to complete a round trip of 400 to 500 kilometres and single trip of 800 to 1,000 kilometres in one day, the plan says. All counties should have regular buses.

China also aims to enhance its port handling capacity to 6.4 billion tons and container capacity to 100 million TEUs. The ministry will also work to reduce accidents in highway and waterway transportation by providing transporta- tion information service and setting up a monitoring system and emergency services. —Internet

Uruguay appoints new ambassador to China

MONTEVideo, 11 March — The new Uruguayan Government has appointed career diplomat Cesar Ferrer as the new ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, government officials said on Thursday. President Tabare Vazquez held a meeting on Wednesday in Monte- video with Ferrer on the present and future relations between Uruguay and China, the officials told Xinhua.

Ferrer, currently Uruguay’s ambas- sador to Egypt, had also served as the Latin American country’s envoy to Libya. He used to be the director of the public relations office of the Foreign Ministry.

The Uruguayan Government places great importance to the relations with China, and in particular to the expansion of trade and cooperation, officials said.

60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

— To work in concert with the people to achieve success in implementation of the seven-point Road Map for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation
— To exert energetic efforts in carrying out the five rural development tasks
— To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the twelve State Objectives while upholding Our Three Main National Causes
— To build a strong, efficient and modern Tatmadaw

A local resident (L) fires up a bucket at a huge former state-owned construction material depository warehouse in Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province, on 12 March, 2005. —Internet
US troops shoot dead Iraqi policeman in raid

TUNIS (Iraq), 11 March — In action against suspects within the US-installed Iraqi police, American troops raided the house of a policeman and killed him on Thursday, police sources said.

Alshad Mehdi Muzahem, a policeman belonging to the Dijja police station, was shot dead by US soldiers who surrounded his house north of Baghdad in a pre-dawn raid, the source told Xinhua.

Elsewhere, US forces surrounded the main police station in Baiji, 200 kilometre north of Baghdad, preventing police staff from entering.

There was no word from the US military on either of the operations, which appeared to be part of an effort to eliminate collaborators with guerrillas in the US-trained police force.

Similar unexplained operations have met with resentment in the Salahadin Province. Last week, US forces briefly detained two police officers, triggering a police strike to protest at what they called the US heavy-handedness.

The US military later said the arrest was made following a discovery of illegal weapons in a police warehouse, and the two were released immediately after questioning.

While some policemen were suspected of leaking information to rebels' beat on destabilizing the country in a transitional period, the general police force, being accused of collaborating with US-led multinational forces, has been targeted in the country-wide guerilla attacks.

A police station chief was assassinated in broad light on Thursday by guerrillas who, dressed in police uniforms, set up a fake checkpoint in central Baghdad. Two other policemen were also killed in the ambush.

MNA/Xinhua

Police chief shot dead in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 March — Guerillas dressed in Iraqi police uniforms shot dead the chief of a central Baghdad police station on Thursday, police sources said.

They said the guerrillas set up a fake police check point and stopped the police officer's car as he was on his way to work at Salhiya police station. After asking his name, they shot him along with two other policemen in his car. One of the guerrillas filmed the killing, police said.

MNA/Reuters

Physicians condemn failure to count Iraqi casualties

LONDON, 11 March — The US and Britain should set up a commission to assess the number of civilian casualties in Iraq, an international group of doctors said in a statement on Friday.

"We believe that the joint US/UK failure to make any effort to monitor Iraqi casualties, is from a public health perspective, wholly irresponsible," the doctors said in a statement on the British Medical Journal's Web site.

The appeal coincided with a warning from Kofi Annan, UN secretary general, that Iraq's new government needs to act fast to stem the violence that has risen again to pre-election levels after a brief lull.

Both the scale and sophistication of attacks are on the rise, worrying signs as Iraq's new leaders prepare to take power, Mr Annan said in a report on Friday.

The US government, which led the invasion of Iraq in 2003 that removed Saddam Hussein's regime, says it does not count civilian casualties and that all care is taken to avoid them.

The British government says it relies on figures from the Iraqi health ministry which, since April 2004, has reported daily the number of civilians (which may include insurgents) who have been killed or injured in terrorist incidents or as a result of military action.

But Klim McPherson, visiting professor of public health epidemiology at Oxford University, said these figures were likely to be "seriously biased", because they did not take into account deaths during the first 12 months since the invasion.

Also, only violence related deaths reported through the health system were taken into account and non-violent deaths due to the destruction of war were not.

Figures for civilian casualties in Iraq since the US-led invasion have ranged from tens of thousands to a hundred thousand. The Lancet medical journal in 2004 suggested the number of 98,000 Iraqi civilians could have died as a result of the war and violence during the subsequent occupation.

"Counting casualties can help to save lives both now and in the future by helping us to understand the burden of death and residual burden of injury, disease and trauma across the entire population," the group's statement said.

The statement was signed by 23 experts in public health and epidemiology from the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Spain, and Australia. —Internet

Minister urges French firms to try harder in Asia

MANILA, 11 March — French companies need to make more effort in promoting their businesses in Asia, Foreign Trade Minister Francois Loos said on Friday.

Loos, winding up a three-day visit to Manila, said there were many opportunities waiting for French business in the region.

"In the countries we visited there is a great deal of potential but French companies are making minimum effort," he told AFP.

Loos said French companies were doing well in the Philippines.

He noted that Lafarge's Philippine subsidiary, Lafarge Cement Services (Philippines), was the largest cement manufacturer in the Philippines with more than USD 1 billion (EUR 745 million) invested in the country.

"Obviously Lafarge is satisfied with its investment here," he said.

Recent orders by Cebu Pacific Airlines and Philippine Airlines for the Airbus was "good for French business but we can do more", he said.

Among the companies represented in the delegation were Lafarge, mobile phone maker Alcatel and financial groups BNP Paribas and Calyon.

After meetings with the country's central bank and trade department officials, Loos said he thought the Philippine government was doing its best in solving the economic problems it faces.

France is the Philippines' ninth biggest investor and was the sixth biggest aid donor from 1992 to 2003, official government figures showed.

About 100 French companies with a combined investment of about EUR 1.6 billion (EUR 1.19 billion) employ a Filipino workforce of about 8,000 in the country. —Internet

Singapore studies use of over-the-counter HIV test kits

SINGAPORE, 11 March — Singapore said on Wednesday it was studying the use of over-the-counter HIV test kits for early detection following a jump in the number of new cases last year.

"These test kits are easy to use because they test the saliva. This will allow those at risk to test themselves," Senior Minister of State for Health Balaji Sadasivan told Parliament.

The number of new HIV/AIDS cases in Singapore rose 28 per cent to 311 last year, up from 242 in 2003, he said.

"The minister said 90 per cent of newly diagnosed patients were male and a third of them were gay men.

Although the wealthy Southeast Asian island has one of Asia's lowest levels of HIV infection, it is tightening defences due to the jump in cases, notably among gay men and heterosexual men who have casual sex. —MNA/Reuters

A Chinese vendor weighs tomatoes at a vegetable market in Beijing on 11 March, 2005. —Internet
Thailand requires anti-smoking photo on cigarette packs

BANGKOK, 12 March — Cigarettes sold in Thailand are required to carry photos of patients with smoking-incurred disease on their packs, the Public Health Ministry has announced.

The regulation will take place on March 25 and manufacturers and retailers failing to implement it will face fines of 20,000 to 100,000 baht (500 to 2,500 US dollars), state-run Thai News Agency on Thursday quoted the Public Health Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan as saying.

A skinny patient with breathing mask and tubes around was shown on one of the photos required to be carried on cigarettes, it showed pictures published by local Press. There are the other five choices for cigarette manufacturers including pictures of cancer-infected lungs and teeth stained by cigarette tar.

The frightening coloured photo will occupy almost half of the whole front of a cigarette pack.

These anti-smoking messages displayed on the packets are part of the government’s campaign to convince smokers to quit and discourage others from starting, said Sudarat.

From the World No-Smoking Day on May 31, tobacco advertisements will be prohibited at selling points of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco, she added.

From the same day on, the authorities will also ban selling of cigarettes and tobacco within 500 metres of schools or religious places.

A 24-hour call centre will be opened to receive complaints or reports of violations of the anti-smoking regulations.

Thailand has implement strict rules against smoking at public places including air-conditioned shops and restaurants.

Malaysian PM to visit New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 12 March — New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark announced on Thursday that Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will make an official visit to New Zealand from 30 March to 1 April.

Welcoming the Malaysian Prime Minister’s visit, Clark said in a statement that Malaysia is a respected and influential voice in ASEAN and the wider Asian region.

“Malaysia chairs the Organization of Islamic Conference, and is actively involved in many areas of multilateral diplomacy,” Clark said.

“We have a long history of close and friendly ties in education, defence, tourism, and business with Malaysia. Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi’s visit will be an opportunity to discuss the scope for deeper engagement,” Clark said.

“It will also enable us to share views on developments in Asia of strategic importance to both countries, as well as shared global concerns, such as security, economic development, and WTO issues,” Clark said.

Clark said there is considerable scope to boost two-way economic links between Malaysia and New Zealand. Both countries have concluded studies into the possible benefits of a bilateral free trade agreement.

“An FTA with Malaysia would provide real gains for both countries. It would enhance our bilateral relationship and complement negotiations underway with ASEAN as a whole,” Clark said.

Malaysia is New Zealand’s tenth largest trading partner with merchandise trade worth more than one billion NZ dollars (about 730 million US dollars). Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi is expected to be accompanied by senior Cabinet ministers and a delegation of business leaders.

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US accused of undermining Cuba’s pol credibility

HAVANA, 11 March — Cuba’s Parliament Adviser Jorge Lezcano on Wednesday accused the United States of trying to prevent the world from knowing Cuba’s political system in order to “undermine the political credibility of the island”. Addressing a gathering at the National Hotel in Havana, Lezcano said Washington attacks Cuba’s democratic and electoral process in a plan approved by US President George W. Bush last May in an attempt to isolate and destroy the Cuban revolution. The adviser said the plan seeks to change the current Cuban electoral system with the one of the United States, adding the present US Administration “intends to turn the electoral issue as part of the permanent hostility against Cuba”.

India prepares for talks on $4b gas pipeline

NEW DELHI, 11 March — The United States has reminded India about its concerns over Iran by the time India negotiated a contract to receive complaints or reports of violations of the anti-smoking regulations.

Mani Shankar Aiyar said New Delhi had “noted” Washington’s concerns and hoped that the US would resolve its concerns over Iran by the time India negotiated a deal with Teheran.

The US concerns were conveyed to him about a month ago by Washington’s Ambassador to New Delhi, David Mulford, Aiyar said.

“I think the United States is well aware of our energy security requirements,” Aiyar told reporters.

“So long as we are sensitive to each other I don’t imagine it would be an insuperable obstacle either to their concern or our being able to take the measures required for our energy security,” the diplomat-turned-politician said.

“We hope they can resolve their issues with Iran by the time we can resolve contractual issues.”

The Indian Express newspaper had reported on Thursday that Mulford had told Aiyar that Washington faced serious difficulties with Iran because of its nuclear programme and there appeared no immediate solution.

The newspaper said it was the first time the United States had formally conveyed its reservations about the long-running proposal to build the pipeline that will go through Pakistan.

US President George W. Bush accuses Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons and has called it part of an “axis of evil”. Teheran insists its nuclear programme is intended solely to generate electricity.

The newspaper said US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will likely reiterate her concerns over Iran to Indian and Pakistan leaders during her first tour of the region next week.

The ambitious pipeline project was stalled for years, mainly because of differences between India and Pakistan, and concern in New Delhi that its energy supplies could be held hostage to Islamabad if tensions rose.

Vietnam, Japan announce visa exemptions

HANOI, 12 March — Vietnam and Japan have announced visa exemptions for official and diplomatic passport holders from the two countries who stay for less than 50 days.

The protocols to this effect were exchanged between Vietnam’s Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien and his Japanese counterpart Nobutaka Machimura during the former’s March 6-10 visit to Japan. Vietnam’s newspaper Saigon Times reported on Friday.

The visa exemption will take effect on 1 May. Vietnam made a unilateral decision early last year to waive its visa requirements for Japanese tourists in a bid to attract more travellers from the Northeast Asian country.

During his trip to Japan, Nien paid a courtesy call on Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, and also met with the country’s Finance Minister and other Japanese parliamentarians.

The Japanese officials pledged to support Vietnam’s bid to join the World Trade Organisation. The two sides agreed to strengthen exchange of delegations from the two countries, especially in the fields of tourism and culture.

Japan was the third biggest tourism market of Vietnam, after China and the United States, last year with over 267,200 travelling to the Southeast Asian nation, posting year-on-year rise of 27.5 per cent, said Vietnam National Administration of Tourism.
The government is encouraging the UMFCCI (Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry) to organize the members to gain correct guidance on the right way of doing business. The government will provide assistance to those who follow laws and regulations. It is an important point to undertake the official duties for national interest in dealing with the countries of the world. In doing so, the UMFCCI is to guide its members.

Now is opportune time for the national entrepre- neurs to work in the interests of the country and their own, to enhance their reputation and to place emphasis on long-term interest. With new system and new ideas they are to do businesses that bring about interest in the long run. In doing so, the UMFCCI is to guide its members.

The private sector and the cooperative sector are contributing 90 per cent towards the nation’s GDP. And the private sector is also contributing more than 91 per cent to the trade sector. As the State-run organizations have quit the trading of such agricultural produce as rice, cotton, sugarcane and rubber, the turnover of the private sector is on the increase. Overall, the private sector is playing an important role in GDP, production, and trade sectors. Before 1988, there were no national entrepreneurs, but now there have been a lot of national entrepreneurs, farmers, industrialists, traders, hoteliers, banking entrepreneurs, and construction entrepreneurs thanks to the new systems and the State’s economic policies.

It is time to make greater investment in the production of goods for the long-term interests of the nation. With the greater success achieved in production of goods in the agricultural, meat and fish, industrial and forestry sectors, the nation will be able to enjoy greater development of the trade sector alongside boosting production of raw materials, value-added finished goods and the exporting of new items. The government has allowed the national entrepre- neurs to export the crops and kitchen crops that are produced in the newly-reclaimed farmland. Moreover, rubber and corn are allowed to be exported on a wider scale, and the export of rubber is on the increase this year.

The Prime Minister called for extended reallocation of land for export of more agricultural produce, efforts to develop agro-based industry for extended export of finished goods, and new items, measures for gaining firm foothold in new markets such as seeking better ways to export rubber, pepper, fruits and greens, extended cultivation of beans and pulses that are in good demand, production of value-added items, penetrating other international markets, extended production and export of value-added finished forest products, and marine products, boosting production of exportable goods through innovative measures.

Operation plays an important role in private sector according to Ha Noi Plan of Action, Bali Concord and Vientiane Action Programme approved by Heads of State.

The Bali Concord II laid down the objectives of further cooperation with dialogue partners to widen economic cooperation through the ASEAN Economic Community. According to ASEAN Vision 2020, it was agreed that equal economic development would be brought about in ASEAN region through free transport of goods, the flow of investment and the flow of capital.

According to the strategy of the Vientiane Action Programme (2004-2010), efforts are being made for emergence of single market in priority sector in 2010 and increase of competitive power of small and medium enterprise including investments.

He dealt with measures to be taken by UMFCCI in Mekong subregion economic cooperation programme, the first summit meeting of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and the People’s Republic of China was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The members of the association signed the statement of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). The meeting reflects economic cooperation on trade and investment among Mekong Subregional countries.

As Myanmar is a member of ASEAN, GMS, ACMECS and BIMSTEC, implementation of agreements in principle and Plan of Action, private sector has become important. He spoke of the need to apply the opportunities for the benefits of the region and the country in economic cooperation and to undertake the tasks for national interest in dealing with nations of the world.

Now is opportune time for the national entrepreneurs to work in the interests of the country and their own, to enhance their reputation and to place emphasis on long-term interest. With new system and new ideas they are to do businesses profitable in the long run. In doing so, the UMFCCI is to guide its members, he added.

It is necessary to take into consideration the important role of entrepreneurs and the future of the State and the people. It is the urgent duty for UMFCCI to organize the members to gain correct thoughts in doing their business in accord with laws and rules, he said.

It is an important point to undertake the official export and import enterprises in accord with the rules and regulations. The government would provide assistance to those who follow laws.

Reliance on imported goods must be reduced and import-substitute enterprises are to be established and efforts are to be made for increase of export volume so that the gap of import-export ratio will become narrow and monetary system of the country will be stable.

The Prime Minister urged the UMFCCI to cooperate with 44 branches in states and divisions and townships, to extend agriculture, to boost production and export in cooperation with traders and the people, to increase the number of new export items, to seek new markets, to produce value-added products and import-substitute items and to cooperate with international organizations.
Private sector contributing...

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He said the government has laid down national economic plans and is making efforts for realization of the objectives of the third five-year plan. By doing so, the government has gained better foundations on reduction of budget deficit and inflation and increase of export volume and annual economic growth rate. Moreover, practice of abiding by laws, rules and regulations and system of procedures is making progress since trading is carried out in a proper way.

The private sector, on its part, is to strive together with the government as the latter is taking on reduction of budget deficit and inflation and in-crease of export volume and annual economic growth rate. Moreover, practice of abiding by laws, rules and regulations and system of procedures is making progress since trading is carried out in a proper way. The private sector on its part is to strive together with the government as the latter is taking systematic measures for development of trade.

Only when the government, departments, merchants and entrepreneurs make integrated and well-coordinated efforts will there emerge prestigious trade and organizations and entrepreneurs.

Systematic steps are to be taken for the emergence of trade system and entrepreneurs of international level. Progress has been made in the economic sector as efforts were made for boosting production, development of trade, reducing inflation, ensuring trade surplus and enhancement of trade volume.

At such a time like this, efforts are to be made in a correct way for ensuring economic take-off, boosting the momentum of economic development and ensuring an enduring development.

Likewise, it is necessary for businessmen to take part in the process of transition to democracy with the sense of duty. It is also necessary to keep a watchful eye to internal destructive elements and some superpowers attempting to disturb political stability and economic growth and to hold sway over and isolate the country from the international community.

The UMFCII and its partner organizations are responsible to lead their respective subordinates to the correct path.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister said private entrepreneurs and merchants are to earn their living in accordance with law, to always cultivate the noble nationalist spirit in them, and to work hard in concert with mutual understanding, sympathy, endurance and unity for further progress of the Federation.

Next, the meeting went into recess. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted the guests and diplomats.

Later, the Prime Minister and party viewed Myanmar export-standard commodities, for instance, foodstuff, traditional medicines, electrical appliances, refrigerators, TV sets and accessories, stationery, transformers, traditional constumes, home decoration materials, cosmetics, traditional handicraft and paints.

Before the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party also viewed auto parts manufactured by industrial zones.— MNA

UMFCCI holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 12 March — The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held its 14th annual general meeting at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindamma Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

Patron of the Federation Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave a speech.

General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing sought approval from the members on the CEC annual re-port, financial statement and amendment of the rules and regulations of the Federation.

Acting Director-General U Myo Oo of Director-ate of Trade read out the functions and duties of the new Central Executive Committee members and ECs.

Later, President of the Federation U Win Myint gave concluding remarks.— MNA

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Blood donated to Children’s Hospital

YANGON, 12 March— As a gesture of honouring the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day (2005), the Yangon West District Union Solidarity and Development Association donated blood, submitted applications for permanent blood donor membership, and carried out sanitation tasks at Yangon Children’s Hospital in Dagon Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Committee Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, USDA CEC Member Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, CEC Member Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, USDA members, local authorities, officials and blood donors.

The commander delivered a speech, calling for speedy implementa-

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin visits USDA members donating blood in Yangon Children’s Hospital. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein addresses the 14th Annual General Meeting of UMFCII. — MNA

Secretary-1 addresses Annual... (See page 16) participate in successfully convening the National Convention in cooperation with the national people.

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The plans are under way to implement Thaukyekhat and Bawgali hydel power projects in Bago Division and Namcho hydel power project in Mandalay Division.

After inspecting tasks of Shwekyin hydel power project, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to Shwekyin.

At Myawady Hall of the local battalion, the Senior General and party met with Tatmadawmen and families of the regiments and units in Shwekyin Station.

At the meeting, General Thura Shwe Mann explained the purpose of the inspection tour of members of the State Peace and Development Council, senior military officers and the ministers led by the Senior General to Shwegyin, progress of political, economic and social sectors of the State and strengthening of organizational tasks inside and outside regiments and units.

After giving guidance on building a strong and efficient Tatmadaw and living in oneness with the people the Senior General cordially greeted Tatmadawmen and their families.

In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe and members met with township departmental personnel, members of USDA and social organizations and local people at the same venue. Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Hte Myint reported on area of the township, population, land utilization, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy exceeding the target, local food sufficiency, growing of cold season and perennial crops, development of education and health sectors and increase of per capita income in the region.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko briefed the Senior General on efforts being made for putting between 50,000 acres and over 100,000 acres under rubber plantations within three years in Bago Division beginning 2005-06, arrangements for extending over 30,000 acres of rubber in Shwegyin Township and tasks of establishing rubber nursery.

Next, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha reported on successful implementation of short-term plans for national development and efforts made with added momentum for development of Bago Division and that of national economy.

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Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that he was in Shwegyin region to inspect regional development and implementation of Shwegyin Hydel Power project that will contribute to regional and national development as he has not been there for a long time.

He added that although the region is only over 100 miles from Yangon it took a long time to reach Yangon due to poor transport in the past.

The government renovated and upgraded Nyaunglaybin-Madauk road and built Sittoung river crossing Shwegyin Bridge for development of the region. With better transport marketing in the region is making progress, he stressed.

In addition to better transport, the government has been taking systematic steps for development of education and health sectors of the region. As a result, the Shwegyin Township People’s Hospital was upgraded from 16-bed hospital to 100-bed facility. The completion of Shwegyin Hydel Power Plant will also led to development of cottage industry, he disclosed.

Shwegyin region is a strategic region on the eastern bank of Sittoung River. If the region develops its contiguous rural regions will develop too. Having discussed the matter with officers, other ranks and families at Tanai Station, similarly, a private company donated 100 longyis each for men and women to the Chairman of the Pembroke of the Tanai BEHS.
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(a) the Supreme Court
(b) the High Court
(c) the District Court
(d) the Sub-Division Court

Concerning the constitutional disputes, between the Union Government and region or state governments, the Supreme Court of the Union shall also have the appellate jurisdiction to decide on any provisions of this Constitution or any provisions of other laws.

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In writing the State Constitution, one of the detailed basic principles laid down for ‘the State Structure’ states that “the State is delineated and constituted with seven regions, seven states and Union territories”. Among the detailed basic principles already laid down are “Yangon City, which is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under the direct administration of the President of the State”; and “Cocogyun Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under the direct administration of the President of the State”. According to these detailed basic principles, Yangon City and Cocogyun Township, which have been designated as Union territories, do not belong to any region or state, and they will emerge as separate areas placed under the direct administration of the President of the State.

The point of the designation of Union territories is to enable the President of the State to directly handle the administrative affairs of areas that have special situation in connection with national defence, security, administration, economy and so on. Designated areas (laws) will carry out the matter of legislation concerning these areas. Likewise, as to judicial matters, the courts situated in these Union territories will be placed under a designated high court. According to the detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention, the Union territory will have district courts and township courts. In view of the judicial matter, the Yangon Region High Court should be designated to be the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township.

The National Convention has laid down a detailed basic principle that if the need arises to designate as Union territory the areas with special situation as to national defence, security, administration, economy, etc., they may be so designated as Union territories placed under the direct administration of the President of the State after enacting laws if need be. If an area located in any region or any state is designated to be a Union territory according to the Constitution, it is appropriate to designate the region or state high court concerned to be the high court of the courts situated in the Union territory.

In connection with the judicial matters in Union territories, it is therefore necessary to discuss and suggest as to whether or not detailed basic principles should be laid down as follows:

(a) With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocogyun Township.
(b) In case any area located in regions or states is designated to be a Union territory, the region or state high court concerned with regard to the judicial matter is the high court of the courts situated in the said Union territory.

I will now present the study on delegation of power to issue writs to the Supreme Court of the Union. The basic principle “The Supreme Court of the Union has powers to issue writs” has already been laid down.

If citizens face loss of rights the Constitution has granted, they will be allowed to submit the matter to the Chief Justice for issuance of writs. But in a region where state of emergency is declared, submission for issuance of writs should be suspended.

The study of the Work Committee shows that the 1947 Constitution of Myanmar and the constitutions of some nations suspend the submission of the issuance of writs during the state of emergency. Hence, a detailed basic principle “the submission for issuance of writs should be suspended in the areas where the state of emergency has been declared” should be laid down.

The delegates will have to discuss and suggest whether or not the following detailed basic principles should be laid down:

(a) The Supreme Court of the Union has the power to issue the following writs:
   1. Writ of habeas corpus
   2. Writ of mandamus
   3. Writ of prohibition
   4. Writ of quo warranto
   5. Writ of certiorari
(b) The submission for issuance of writs shall be suspended in the areas where the state of emergency is declared.

Now I will present the Work Committee’s study on the delegation of judicial power to the region or state high courts.

Concerning the State Structure, the basic principle “the existing seven divisions are designated seven regions and the existing seven states are designated seven states. Those seven regions and seven states are of equal status and authority” has already been laid down.

According to the basic principle, a total of 14 high courts will be set up in the Union of Myanmar. As all the 14 high courts are of equal status, the equal judicial powers should be vested in them. Now, I will discuss the types of judicial powers that should be delegated to the region and state high courts.

Supreme Courts of most of the nations have the exclusive original jurisdiction. The 1947 Constitution of Myanmar also stipulates the exclusive original jurisdiction of the High Court.

Thus, the region or state high courts should be vested with the exclusive original jurisdiction.
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Swiss balloon accident blamed on human error

GENEVA, 11 March — Investigators blamed human error for a hot-air balloon accident at the Swiss Transport Museum last July that left an Indian tourist dead, according to a report published here on Thursday.

The report by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) found that the tethered balloon, known as the Hiffer, was carrying too many passengers when it made an ascent in dangerous weather conditions.

“The accident is attributable to the fact that on the occasion of an ascent in conditions with excessively high wind speeds and in an overloaded condition, the gondola... was damaged by a winch cable in such a way that a passenger fell to Earth, suffering fatal injuries,” stated the AAIB report.

In its findings, the agency criticized the balloon crew for carrying out two extra trips — including the fatal one — in “critical weather conditions.”

It noted that a wind warning from Meteoswiss, a national weather service, had arrived by fax at the Hiffer’s operation centre, but had not been brought to the attention of the balloon pilots.

“Total” to double oil production in Venezuela

PARIS, 11 March — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced here on Wednesday that the French oil giant Total will double its oil production in Venezuela to 400,000 barrels a day from 200,000 barrels.

Chavez made the announcement after meeting with French President Jacques Chirac. He said Total will invest several billion US dollars to double its production and has been authorized to operate off Venezuela’s Atlantic shore, where there are large gas reserves.

However, Venezuela will not cut US companies’ oil production in it as it wants to increase the total oil production, Chavez said.

Chavez arrived in Paris on Wednesday for a 24-hour working visit. Before holding talks with Chirac, Chavez had met with Total chief executive Thierry Desmarest.

“Total” produce MRI scans similar to use of antidepressants

WASHINGTON, 12 March — High-speed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans produce effects in rats similar to the use of antidepressants, confirming observations made in human patients, US researchers reported on Thursday.

The finding suggests that electromagnetic fields can affect brain biology, the team at McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School reported.

“We found that when we administered the magnetic stimulation to the rats, we saw an antidepressant-like effect, the same effect as seen after administration of standard antidepressant drugs,” said William Carlezon, director of McLean’s Behavioural Genetics Laboratory.

Writing in the journal Biological Psychiatry, Carlezon and colleagues said they tested the rats after another team at the hospital reported a new type of magnetic resonance imaging, called echo planar magnetic resonance spectroscopic imaging (EP-MRSI), had improved the mood of people in the depressed phase of bipolar disorder.

The new study was designed “to see if we could demonstrate in an animal model what the clinicians thought they were seeing in humans,” Carlezon said.

When repeatedly stressed, rats develop helpless behaviour, which may be their version of despair, the researchers said. But in the experiment, the rats that had been exposed to EP-MRSI showed less helplessness during the stress tests.

“They behaved as if they had received an antidepressant,” said Dr. Bruce Cohen, psychiatrist in chief at McLean.

“It’s a non-drug way to change the firing of nerve cells,” Cohen said. “That’s why the implications of this work have the potential to be so profound.”

While this may offer a new way to treat depression, it also suggests that at least some forms of MRI are more invasive than previously thought, the researchers said.

“Renewed caution is warranted when high-speed MRI is used to diagnose or study disorders involving the brain,” the researchers wrote.
Researchers say Plavix helps reduce heart attacks

WASHINGTON, 11 March — Adding Plavix to the standard anti-clotting medication for heart attack patients can help keep arteries open and reduce deaths, researchers said on Wednesday.

Researchers attending an American College of Cardiology meeting held in Orlando, Florida, said the new strategy is the first big advance in heart attack care in more than a decade.

Two large-scale international studies tested the safety and effect of Plavix in treating major heart attacks. They showed Plavix can help prevent the reclosing of the artery and a consequent second heart attack, which occurs in about one-fourth of heart attack patients given medications to dissolve the clot that completely or almost fully blocks the coronary artery.

About one third of heart attacks are caused by such blockages of a coronary artery. Plavix, whose chemical name is clopidogrel, has been sold by Sanofi-Aventis and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co, which funded the studies.

One study in North America and Europe involved about 3,500 men and women who were treated within 12 hours of reaching the hospital with severe heart attacks caused by complete blockages of a coronary artery. All patients received standard anti-clotting medications including clot-busting drugs, and Aspirin and Heparin to prevent new clots. About half also took daily doses of Plavix, while the others got a placebo.

Angiograms within about a week after the drug treatment showed 21.7 per cent of the placebo group still had clogged arteries, died or suffered a second heart attack, compared with only 15 per cent in the Plavix group.

This means that Plavix plus standard medications reduced the risk of death or a second heart attack by 36 per cent, said lead researcher Marc Sabatine, of the Brigham and Womans's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

In the other study, which involved about 46,000 patients in China, the risk was 9 per cent lower in the Plavix group than the placebo group.

“The treatment was very effective and very safe,” commented Zhengming Chen of the University of Oxford in England, who led the Chinese study.

HKSAR government sets up Public Affairs Forum

HONG KONG, 11 March — The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government announced on Thursday the establishment of the Public Affairs Forum, a consultative forum to advise the government on major public issues in Hong Kong.

The Public Affairs Forum Web Site was launched at the same time, according to a government Press release.

“This is an initiative flowing from the 2004 Policy Address of the Chief Executive,” a Home Affairs Bureau spokesman said.

“The setting up of the Public Affairs Forum shows that the government attaches great importance to the middle class, appreciates their values and beliefs, as well as their aspirations to participate in public affairs,” the spokesman said.

Members of the Forum are mainly salaried employees from the business, professional and academic fields who have attained tertiary education level or obtained professional qualifications. They regard themselves as members of the middle class, and the community in general regard them as such.

“The Public Affairs Forum has adopted a new mode of operation through a dedicated web site which provides a platform for exchange of views among Forum members.

Such an arrangement allows Forum members maximum flexibility in carrying out discussions.

Scientists identify gene responsible for eye damage

LOS ANGELES, 11 March — Three independent studies have identified a gene involved in a form of eye damage that is the leading cause of blindness in the elderly, US scientists reported on Thursday.

These findings, appearing in the latest issue of the Science journal, may lead to better treatments.

Macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in Americans over the age of 50, is a very complex disease. By age 75, an estimated 30 per cent of Americans have some manifestation of AMD.

In patients with AMD, the central region of the retina deteriorates, leading to loss of central vision. No therapy has proven to be broadly effective. But three research teams scanned the genomes of individuals with and without AMD in search of patterns that could be linked to the disorder.

Robert Klein and colleagues at Rockefeller University and Yale University examined more than 100,000 sequence variants, known as single nucleotide polymorphisms or “SNPs,” across the entire genome and were able to identify a specific variant in the CFH gene that was strongly tied to AMD.

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Australia seeking to join Asian Football Confederation

CANNES, 12 March—Australia have asked world soccer's governing body FIFA for permission to move to a new continent and to use a new qualifying system for the World Cup.

Frank Lowy, chairman of the Football Federation of Australia (FFA), released a statement in Sydney on Friday confirming talks were underway for his country to join the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) because of the AFC's success in attracting more nations.

"For some time now the FFA has had an objective to join AFC," Lowy said. "Our current affiliation leaves Australia in an anomalous situation in a football sense.

FFA chief executive John O'Neill said the push to join Asia was part of a long-term strategy to improve the commercial and competitive nature of soccer in Australia.

"There is no doubt that if FFA is able to achieve membership of the AFC, it will go a long way towards transforming football in Australia," O'Neill said.

"As we move from a domestic competitive environment into an exciting, dynamic, regional one, this will contribute to the improved competitive position of the game at all levels, particularly national team and club."

Australia's long thoughts of joining Asia intensified after FIFA looked towards expanding the World Cup to 32 teams from 2006 and beyond.

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"We're looking at players from the domestic environment into the big national team," Fossati said.

"And we're asking the coach to confirm the national team squad.

"I think Diego's only problem is that he's not in the squad."

Forlan appears to have had a change of heart with Forlan enjoying a rich vein of form playing for Villarreal in Spain where he is Primera Liga top scorer with 16 goals.

Forlan headed in October he was temporarily quitting the Uruguay team because he was not being selected despite making the long-trans-Atlantic trips to South America to compete.

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The former England coach, 54, had previously said that he would not stay on when his contract runs out at the end of next season and the club has started the search for his replacement.

Forlan earned a 7.5 million pounds ($14.44 million US dollars) transfer to Manchester United in 2002 on the back of his scoring feats for Independiente in Argentina but he struggled to nail down a regular first team spot in England and moved to Villarreal last year for three million euros ($4 million US dollars).
The judges appointed in accordance with law are to be taken charge of the important judicial condition concerning the State or the public in writing to the session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw on an occasional basis. In the Union Supreme Court shall have the right to submit the important judicial condition concerning the State or the public in writing to the session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, or the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw on an occasional basis.

I will now set out the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in connection with the distribution of judicial power that shall be embodied in the writing of the Constitution on the basis of the studies I have prepared and submitted for your consideration.

1. (a) The Supreme Court of the Union shall have the exclusive original jurisdiction —
(1) in all matters arising under any treaty made by the Union
(2) the disputes, other than the constitutional disputes, between the Union Government and region or state governments,
(3) the disputes, other than the constitutional disputes, among the regions, among the states, between regions and states and between Union territories and regions or states
(4) other matters prescribed by any laws
(b) as the Supreme Court of the Union is the highest court of the State, it is also the final appellate court
(c) as the judgments passed by the Supreme Court of the Union are final and conclusive, no right of appeal shall be permitted
(d) The courts of the Union, subject to any provisions of this Constitution or any provisions of other laws, shall have the appellate jurisdiction to decide on the judgments passed by the region or state high courts. The Supreme Court of the Union shall also have the appellate jurisdiction to inspect and decide on, according to the law, the judgments passed by other courts.
(e) The Supreme Court of the Union shall have the jurisdiction of revision according to law.

2. (a) The Supreme Court of the Union has the power to issue the following writs:
(1) Writ of habeas corpus
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(b) the submission for issuance of writs shall be suspended in the areas where the state of emergency is declared.

3. “The courts of regions or states are vested with the following jurisdiction in accordance with law:
(a) adjudicating on original case
(b) adjudicating on appeal case
(c) adjudicating on revision case
(d) adjudicating on matters vested by any law

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(b) In case any area located in regions or states is designated to be a Union territory, the region or state high court concerned with regard to the judicial matter is the high court of the courts situated in the said Union territory.
(c) District Courts, self-administered division courts and self-administered area courts have the jurisdiction with regard to original criminal cases, original civil cases, or appeal cases and revision cases, or the matters vested by any law.

5. “Township courts have the jurisdiction with regard to original criminal cases, original civil cases, or the matters vested by any law.”
Private sector contributing more than 91 pc to trade sector

As State-run organizations quit trading rice, cotton, sugarcane, rubber, turnover of private sector is on the increase.

YANGON, 12 March — The 14th Annual General Meeting of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry took place at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindamha Road in Mayangon Township here this afternoon. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addressed the meeting.

YANGON, 12 March — The Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee held its Annual General Meeting (2/2005) at the MWVO Headquarters here this morning, with an address by Committee Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairmen of MWVO Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, committee members—ministers, senior military officials, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the plenary session of the National Convention, the first phase of the State’s seven-point Road Map, is now being held. So, it is important to complete the National Convention successfully. The Secretary-1 called on all the committee members to.

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