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

Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Senior General Than Shwe visits ancient pagodas in Bagan-NyaungU

YANGON, 20 Dec — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and other members and officials, visited ancient pagodas in Bagan-NyaungU yesterday morning.

First, the Senior General and party visited Shwezigon Pagoda at 10:30 am and paid homage to the Kakkuuson Buddha Image. Next they offered ‘soon’, fruits, flowers and lights to the pagoda. Senior General Than Shwe made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda through members of the pagoda board of trustees and paid obeisance to the pagoda. Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party went to Ananda Pagoda where they paid homage to the Buddha images and viewed ancient art and handicrafts. The Senior General next made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda and signed the visitors’ book.

Senior General Than Shwe also visited Lawkananda Swedawshin Pagoda and paid homage to the Jana Mudra Buddha Image, made cash donations to the funds the pagoda and signed the visitors’ book.

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Strive for harmonious development of the Union

Now is the time when the national peoples of Myanmar are building their own nation in unity, relying on their own strength. As the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in concert for the emergence of a modern and developed nation, tangible results have been achieved. Transport, education, health, economic and social infrastructure has improved and we owe it to the correct leadership, consistent guidance and far-sightedness of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the systematic implementation of plans and projects at different levels in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State and concerted efforts of departmental personnel.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, during his tour of Kachin State, inspected development work being carried out there. And in his meeting with departmental personnel at the meeting hall of the Northern Command on 14 December, Senior General Than Shwe stressed that the plan for 24 special development regions was being implemented for strategic development of the entire Union.

The government is implementing the three plans — the border areas development plan, the plan for 24 special development regions and the five rural development tasks — for all-round development of the entire nation. As a result, various regions of the Union have begun enjoying rapid development. It all is due to the correct leadership of the Head of State and active participation of departmental personnel, local people and social organizations with full Union Spirit.

Coordination meetings between the central-level officials and those at the regional level, the officials at the central level realizing the true regional situation and the regional-level officials knowing the policies of the State thoroughly are the practices of democracy and, because of these practices, considerable success has been achieved in various fields.

We believe that concerted efforts and democratic practices of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw will bear the fruits of development for the entire national people of the Union to enjoy.

Minister for Foreign Affairs back from Dhaka

YANGON, 20 Dec — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here this evening after taking part in the Eighth Ministerial Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) held from 18 to 19 December 2005 in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

While in Dhaka, the Minister for Foreign Affairs held talks with Minister for Foreign Affairs of PRB Mr M Moshed Khan on international issues and bilateral issues of mutual interest.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador of PRB to Myanmar Mr Mohammed Khairu Zaman.

U Win Mra, Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Soe Myint, Director-General of Energy Planning Department of the Ministry of Energy, U Win Zeyar Tun, Assistant Director of Minister’s Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Daw Malar Than Htaik, Head of Branch-1, Economic Division, IOED also arrived back together with the Minister.

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Minister inspects ironworks, mineral extraction in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 20 Dec — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 17 December went to No 1 Ironworks in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, and inspected production of machinery parts.

Afterwards, he proceeded to Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise in Sagaing and urged officials to make efforts for increasing production of salt and to create job opportunities for local residents.

In the afternoon, the minister arrived at mineral extraction projects in Salingyi Township and inspected the copper ore extraction and other mineral deposits.

On 18 December, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint went to the hospital in the copper extraction project and comforted patients receiving free medical treatment at the hospital.

Commander inspects sanitation works in city

They also inspected sanitation works at Khamaplain Creek at the corner of Pyithaya Road and Mogauing Road in Yankin Township, along U Chit Maung Road in Bahan Township, paving of road in forest zone in Kandawgyi Natural Park and construction of Popa Taungkalat Tower.

The commander gave instructions on durability of roads, maintenance of machines and paving of roads in accord with the standard set.

Minister U Nyan Win on his return from Dhaka, Bangladesh — MNA

Myanmar delegation returns home from China

YANGON, 20 Dec — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein arrived back here yesterday evening by air after attending the sixth ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization held in the People’s Republic of China.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, departmental heads and officials of the Ministry of Commerce.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect extended digging of the drain along U Chit Maung Road in Tamway Township. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein is welcomed back at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

* 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
Chavez sees "new page" after Bolivia election

BOGOTA (Colombia), 19 Dec — President Alvaro Uribe said on Sunday that the outcome of Bolivia’s election was a "new page" for regional cooperation, free of interference by the United States.

"We should celebrate this new page," Uribe said after meeting with his Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez.

"The new page that is being written is one of respect and dialogue, of cooperation and peace," he said.

Uribe added that the goal is to strengthen bilateral cooperation and to begin a new chapter of the Latin American integration movement.

Chavez, who has met with Uribe several times and has been a vocal advocate of regional cooperation, said he was pleased with the new page.

"This is the beginning of a new chapter," he said.

Uribe said that the new page is an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with neighboring countries and to support the development of Bolivia.

Chavez added that the new page is a sign of hope for the region.

"We are happy to see this new page," he said.

The meeting between the two leaders was part of a series of diplomatic efforts to improve relations between the two countries.

Chavez and Uribe have had a long history of conflict, with the Venezuelan leader accusing the Colombian government of supporting the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a guerrilla group that has been fighting against the government for decades.

The new page is seen as a positive development for the region and a step towards greater cooperation between the two countries.

Uribe said that he is willing to negotiate with the FARC and that he hopes to see a cessation of hostilities soon.

Chavez added that he believes that the new page will lead to a new era of peace and cooperation in the region.

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In this regard, I would like to cite a paragraph from the book “Global Village” by Chit Naing (Psychology) that says today globalization has both constructive and destructive effects on any nations and peoples, all vying each other for superiority.

He said we Myanmar people with intellectual power therefore should know strengths and weaknesses of globalization and expand the horizon of our knowledge, intellectual power and farsightedness.

Today’s education is information technology. World countries have given the top priority to IT development in their education systems. The conventional education system has been left behind in the 20th Century. So, the 21st Century education or IT education has created a lifelong learning society.

Accordingly, Myanmar playing a leading role among the Theravada Buddhist countries should not be content with the conventional method in the learning of Pariyatti, but should apply IT in Pariyatti education with speed.

The State Pariyatti Sasana Universities (Yangon) and (Mandalay) established by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee are international level religious universities being run under the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana.

Special course on Theravada Buddhism for foreigners

In response to the requests of those from foreign countries to the Myanmar government through respective governments to study Pariyatti literature, a special course is conducted for such persons (monks and novices).

In the first year, the students have to learn Myanmar and Pali languages in the first half, and Vinaya, Pali, Myanmar literature, Myanmar culture (in English), and Sasana chronicle in the second half. After completion of the first year, the students are conferred a certificate of observer, and after completion of the second year, Diploma certificate, and after completion of the third and fourth years, Diploma of Buddhism (Advanced Course).

Up to 2004 academic year, 11 Russian monks and novices, eight Chinese monks, four Korean monks and novices, 12 Laotian monks, two Bangladeshi monks, one Japanese monk, and eight Sri Lankan monks have joined the universities. Among them, 23 persons have got Diploma certificate and 12 persons, Diploma of Buddhism (Advanced Course).

Without doubt, the Buddha Sasana will spread around the world through such foreign monks and novices, and Myanmar members of the Buddhist Order who have completed respective courses in the universities, and other persons well-versed in Buddhism. In conclusion of the part one of my article, I would like to present the exhortation of Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.

“Onus is put on the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee to make unremitting efforts for sustainable progress of the State Pariyatti Sasana Universities under the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. So, I would like to exhort the members to observe various situations of the universities and give sermons from time to time but not to ignore them for the sake of promotion, propagation and purification of the Sasana.”
Transport sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of transport in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Improved rail services for both passengers and freight

Transportation plays an important role in national development. Transport charges for passengers or goods by train are very reasonable after water transport. It can save time, and a large number of passengers and goods can be transported very conveniently.

As the nation’s population has been increasing year after year, the role of trains becomes vital in transporting passengers and goods. Therefore, the Tatmadaw government formed the Ministry of Rail Transportation as a separate ministry in 1994 to promote the transportation sector.

Myanmar Railways is trying its best for the convenience of national people by extending running of passenger trains and at the same time more number of carriages are plying from one region to another for smooth flow of goods. The running of express trains, mail trains, passenger trains, circular trains, light rail bus and freight trains are also being extended.

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With the increase in the number of trains, the number of passengers has jumped up to over 43 million in 2005 from over 36 million in 1988. In 1988, the transported amount of goods/mile stood at 197 million but in 2005, the number has reached up to 396 million goods/mile. The service provided by Myanmar Railways has contributed much towards national development and the development of socio-economic life of national people.

The table bears witness to the efforts made by the Tatmadaw government for the convenience of passengers and smooth flow of goods.

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Basic Sea Prawn Breeding Course opened

YANGON, 20 Dec—A ceremony to open Basic Sea Prawn Breeding Course No 1 jointly sponsored by the Fisheries Department, the Myanmar Fisheries Federation and the Myanmar Prawn Breeding Entrepreneurs Association was held at the Thiri Annawa Hall of MFF on Bayinnaung Road in Insein Township this morning with an address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Vice-Chairman of MFF U Han Tun and Chairman of MPBEA U Hla Maung Shwe explained the purpose of the course.

The two-week course is being attended by 50 trainees from the companies concerned.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein speaks Basic Sea Prawn Breeding Course No 1.
The reports, documents and records published by the Pyithu Hluttaw or under its authority shall be privileged

YANGON, 20 Dec — The following is the presenta-
tion on clarification made by National Convention
Convening Work Committee Chairman on detailed
basic principles for legislation of Pyithu Hluttaw and
Amyotha Hluttaw to be included in the judicial sector
in formulating State Constitution by Member of the
National Convention Assembly, Supreme Court Judge Dr Tin Aung Aye at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held on 14 December.

I would like to explain the procedures to be carried out when there arise a case to arrest a member of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw.

Sub-Article (A) of Article (59) of the 1974 Constitu-
tion said that if need should arise to arrest any member of the Pyithu Hluttaw while it is in session, reliable evidence in support of such need shall be promptly be submitted to the Speaker of the Hluttaw. No such arrest shall be made without the prior approval of the Panel of Chairmen. And Sub-Article (B) said that if need should arise to arrest any member of the Pyithu Hluttaw belonging to any organs of the Pyithu Hluttaw, while such organ is in session, reliable evidence in support of such need shall be promptly be submitted before the Council of State. No such arrest shall be made without the prior approval of the Council of State. And Sub-Article (C) said that if any member of the Pyithu Hluttaw is arrested while the Pyithu Hluttaw or any organ of the Council of State to which he belongs is not in session, the arrest and reliable evidence in support thereof shall be submitted to the Council of State as soon as possible.

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sion or invitation of the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, reliable evidence are to be submitted to the Speaker. And such a member or person shall not be arrested without the prior approval of the Speaker. Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have access to such privilege.
The reports, documents and records published... (from page 6)

(2) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw who continues to perform his duties in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution shall convene first regular sessions for the next terms of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

3. (a) (1) Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall take oaths before the Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw at the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw. (b) The members of the Pyithu Hluttaw, who have not taken oaths, shall take oaths before the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw at the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw they first attend.

(b) Members of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall take oaths before the Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw at the first regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

(b) The members of the Amyotha Hluttaw, who have not taken oaths, shall take oaths before the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw at the session of the Amyotha Hluttaw they first attend.

4. (a) The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall convene regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw at least once a year. The interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months.

(b) The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall convene regular session of the Amyotha Hluttaw at least once a year. The interval between two regular sessions shall not exceed 12 months.

5. (a) The following matters are carried out at the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw: (1) Recording the address delivered by the President. (2) Reading out and recording the messages sent by the President and the messages permitted by the Speaker. (3) Submitting, discussing and making decision on a bill. (4) Discussing and deciding the matters permitted by the Speaker of National Hluttaw. (5) Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions.

(7) Raising questions and giving replies. (8) Implementing the matters permitted by the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw.

(b) The following matters are carried out at the sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw. (1) Recording the address delivered by the President. (2) Reading out and recording the messages sent by the President and the messages permitted by the Speaker. (3) Submitting, discussing and making decision on a bill. (4) Discussing and deciding the matters permitted by the Speaker of National Hluttaw. (5) Submitting proposals, holding discussions and making decisions.

6. (a) (1) The first day session of the Pyithu Hluttaw is valid if more than half the number of members who have the right to attend the Pyithu Hluttaw session, are present. If a session is not valid it shall be adjourned. (2) The sessions that are adjourned under sub-para (1) due to invalidity and the valid sessions that are extended are valid if at least one-third of the Pyithu Hluttaw members are present. (b) (1) The first day session of the Amyotha Hluttaw is valid if more than half the number of members who have the right to attend the Amyotha Hluttaw session, are present. If the session is not valid it shall be adjourned. (2) The sessions that are adjourned under sub-para (1) due to invalidity and the valid sessions that are extended are valid if at least one-third of the Amyotha Hluttaw members are present.

7. (a) (1) Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting. (2) The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Deputy Speaker discharging duties as the Speaker at the Pyithu Hluttaw shall not vote in the first instance in the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw, but shall have and exercise a casting vote in the matters of an equality of votes. (b) Save as otherwise provided by this Constitution, a matter that should be decided through voting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.

8. (a) (1) The Pyithu Hluttaw may declare the seat of a member vacant in accord with the rules prescribed if he is absent, without asking the Pyithu Hluttaw for leave, from a session for 15 days successively. Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the session is prorogued or is adjourned. (2) The Pyithu Hluttaw shall take action against a member in accord with the rules prescribed if the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw informed the Pyithu Hluttaw that the member is absent from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session for a period of 15 consecutive days without permission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. (b) The Amyotha Hluttaw may declare the seat of a member vacant in accord with the rules prescribed if he is absent, without asking the Amyotha Hluttaw for leave, from a session for 15 days successively. Provided that in computing the said period of 15 days no account shall be taken of any period during which the session is prorogued or is adjourned. (2) The Amyotha Hluttaw shall take action against a member in accord with the rules prescribed if the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw informed the Amyotha Hluttaw that the member is absent from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session for a period of 15 consecutive days without permission of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
Delegates group of State Service personnel holds meeting

YANGON, 20 Dec — Delegates group of the State Service personnel held its meeting this morning at Nyaungghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

U Arnt Maung of the Religious Affairs Department presided over the meeting together with Deputy Director-General of the Traditional Medicine Department Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin. Deputy Director U Htay Win of the work group-9 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies.

Out of 109 delegates to the work group meeting, 107 participated in the meeting. At the meeting, U Kyaw Thant of the Ministry of Construction reported on the group’s proposal for detailed basic principles to be laid down for legislation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to be included in judicial sector in drafting the State Constitution.

Delegates to the National Convention U Ko Ko Gyi, Adviser of the President’s Office and Prof Dr Aung Myint Oo of Myanmar Sar Department, Meiktila University gave a supplementary report.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks by U Arnt Maung. — MNA
Senior General Than Shwe inspects Myakan Lake Greening project...

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung said that the Tuyn hill range, the watershed area of the lake, includes Swedaw, Thetsoe, Thagya, Paikhlan and Kanyigon hills. The area of the watershed is 2,760 acres. Various kinds of natural species grow in the area. A total of 1,300 acres of trees have been planted in the area. Moreover, the Dry Zone Greening Department has planted over 390,000 saplings of various species in the watershed area, and the Forest Department 120,000 saplings. The FD in cooperation with international organizations has cultivated over 988,000 saplings on 4,200 acres of land in the area. Deputy Minister for A&I U Ohn Myint also reported to the Senior General on the irrigation project.

In his guidance, the Senior General pointed out the need to find means to store water in the lake, reduce silting in the lake, regenerate forest in the area.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and an official explained the producing of bio-diesel from jatropha curcas with the help of sample plants and records. The Senior General observed a test driving of a power-tiller with the bio-diesel. He then inspected the bio-diesel-run power-tillers at work, and the greening project. He also gave guidance to officials.

Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech ...

Similarly, a bill sent with the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw to be under discussion at the Amyotha Hluttaw, the latter has the right to make a decision that the bill meets with approval or not, or to show its approval attached with some amendments to the bill if necessary.

The Amyotha Hluttaw, after making a decision on the bill, has to return the bill alongside its decision, to the Pyithu Hluttaw.

I made a suggestion in my clarification in the Chapter of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that a bill submitted to the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw first, meets with the approval of both Hluttaws, it shall be presumed to be the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. If the bill sent with the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw meets with the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw, or the bill sent with the approval of the Amyotha Hluttaw meets with the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the bill would be the one that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves.

If the Amyotha Hluttaw returns a bill, sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw, with some amendments, to the latter, it would need to hold discussions on the amendments at the Pyithu Hluttaw to decide whether they are acceptable or not. Similarly, if the Pyithu Hluttaw returns a bill, sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw to the Pyithu Hluttaw, with some amendments, to the latter, it would need to hold discussions on the amendments at the Amyotha Hluttaw to decide whether they are acceptable or not. In the process, if the Pyithu Hluttaw decides to accept the amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw, or the Amyotha Hluttaw decides to accept the amendments of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the bill will be the one the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall approve. So, there shall be a rule that respective Hluttaws shall forward the bills to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw so that tasks can be carried out sector-wise to enact a law under the signature of the President of the State.

Sometimes, both Hluttaws can approve a bill, but sometimes, they do not reach an agreement. It needs to adopt a rule that if the two Hluttaws do not reach a consensus, they shall seek the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. In the process, the Hluttaw that discusses the bill first shall be responsible to the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Regarding the right, in sending a bill approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw or a bill approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw to the Pyithu Hluttaw, of the Hluttaw that receives the bill, discussions are to be held, and proposals to be submitted so as to decide the point that the detailed basic principle:

Pyithu Hluttaw
(a) After receiving a bill sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw can make a decision that it agrees or disagrees, or agrees with amendments. The Pyithu Hluttaw shall return the bill together with its decision to the Amyotha Hluttaw.
(b) When the Amyotha Hluttaw returns the bill, sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw, with amendments, the Pyithu Hluttaw shall forward the bill to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it accepts the amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw.
(c) The Pyithu Hluttaw shall seek the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it disagrees with the Amyotha Hluttaw in dealing with the bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw
(a) After receiving a bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Amyotha Hluttaw can make a decision that it agrees or disagrees, or agrees with amendments. The Amyotha Hluttaw shall return the bill together with its decision to the Pyithu Hluttaw.
(b) When the Pyithu Hluttaw returns the bill, sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw to the Pyithu Hluttaw, with amendments, the Amyotha Hluttaw shall forward the bill to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it accepts the amendments of the Pyithu Hluttaw.
(c) The Amyotha Hluttaw shall seek the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it disagrees with the Pyithu Hluttaw in dealing with the bill sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw to the Amyotha Hluttaw.

In my clarification in the legislative functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, I suggested a detailed basic principle be adopted that the Union level organs formed under the Constitution have the power to submit bills to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; that they shall also submit the matters prescribed in the Constitution, that are to be carried out in line with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s decision and approval, to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; that in such matters, members representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the power to submit reports and hold discussions at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw; and that such members representing a Union level body, while attending the sessions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the permission of the Speaker, shall have the right to make clarification and hold discussions on the bills of respective bodies.

Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution would have the right to clarify and discuss the matters related to the bills of respective bodies at the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw too. Generally, before bills submitted to a body or other matters are under discussion at Hluttaws, respective committees and commissions scrutinize the bills and matters. So, with the permission of respective committees and commissions or the heads, such members shall have the power to hold discussions on their bills and matters at the committees formed in the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, at the commissions occasionally formed in the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, and at subcommittees along with the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The right of holding discussions in the session of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw represents the right of submission of a bill, deciding on matters on the bill, making further clarification if necessary in response to the discussions of Hluttaw members, clarifying a matter submitted by respective bodies to the Hluttaw or a matter concerning respective bodies, and replying to the queries on the matter related to respective bodies raised by Hluttaw members.
Members of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech...

So, regarding the right of members representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution to hold discussions at the sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw, and the meetings of Hluttaw committee or commission, and the meetings of both Hluttaw, discussions are to be held and proposals to be submitted to decide the point that the detailed basic principle:

Pyithu Hluttaw

Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—

(a) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw, with the permission of the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

(b) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committees of the Pyithu Hluttaw with the permission of the heads of these committees, commission and bodies.

Amyotha Hluttaw

Members of a Union level body formed under the Constitution shall have the right—

(a) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw, with the permission of the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

(b) to explain and discuss the bills and other matters of their bodies while attending sessions of the committees of the Amyotha Hluttaw with the permission of the heads of these committees, commission and bodies.

So, regarding the right to attack physically in enjoying the privileges.

The Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have the right—

(a) to supervise sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

(b) to invite the President of the Union if he informs his desire to deliver a speech at a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

(c) to invite members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution to a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw necessary for a matter under way at a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw.

(d) to discharge other duties and functions prescribed under the Constitution or a law.

Amyotha Hluttaw

The Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the right—

(a) to supervise sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

(b) to invite the President of the Union if he informs his desire to deliver a speech at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

(c) to invite members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution to a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw necessary for a matter under way at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

(d) to discharge other duties & functions prescribed under Constitution or a law.

So, regarding the right to attack physically in enjoying the privileges.

A detailed basic principle has been adopted in the legislative formation that the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw have the right to invite members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution to a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the committees of the Pyithu Hluttaw, and to the Pyithu Hluttaw members, the citizens belonging to such commissions or committees shall have the freedom of speech and vote in meetings of the commissions and committees held in the commissions.

Regarding the privileges of the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, members and persons representing a body formed under the Constitution shall have the freedom of speech and vote in meetings of the commissions and committees.

(b) to invite the President of the Union if he informs his desire to deliver a speech at a session of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

(c) Action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Pyithu Hluttaw.

(e) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paras (a) and (b) in accordance with the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges.

Amyotha Hluttaw

(a) Members of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech and vote in the Amyotha Hluttaw and the committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the Pyithu Hluttaw. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Pyithu Hluttaw.

(b) Members or persons representing a Union level body formed under the Constitution who are permitted to attend or invited to a session of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw shall have the freedom of speech in the Pyithu Hluttaw or the committees of the Pyithu Hluttaw, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the amyotha Hluttaw. No action shall be taken against such persons for their speeches, except under the law of Pyithu Hluttaw.

(c) Action shall be taken against those members stated in sub-paras (a) and (b) in accordance with the existing laws if they make physical assault in enjoying the privileges.

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Even if there are vacant seats, the Pyithu Hluttaw...
**INVITATION TO TENDER**
(TENDER NO. 23(T) MPE/ HSD (14/2005-2006)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of High Speed Diesel Oil (18,000±10%) Metric Tons (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
2. Tender closing Date: (5-1-2006) at (12:00) noon.

3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hours commencing (21-12-2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.

4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director,
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV BANG PA KAEW VOY NO (138)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG PA KAEW VOY NO (138) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.12.2005 and cargo will be discharged in the premises of M.L.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Israeli PM Sharon hospitalized, lost consciousness**

**JERUSALEM, 19 Dec—** Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was rushed to hospital after briefly losing consciousness on Sunday, medics said.

They said that his condition was not life-threatening but gave no further details. Israeli television said that he had suffered a minor stroke and that he was being taken on an air-ambulance.

“His lost consciousness on the way to hospital and then regained it,” said one medic.

Sharon, 77, has led the most dramatic turnaround in Israeli politics for decades after withdrawing settlers from the Gaza Strip and then breaking with his rightist Likud Party and saying he wanted to pursue peacemaking with the Palestinians.

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**Iran seizes nearly 230 tons of drugs in nine months**

**TEHRAN, 19 Dec—** Iran’s anti-drug police have seized nearly 230 tons of drugs throughout the country during the past nine months, the official IRNA news agency reported on Saturday.

The haul included 3,899 kilos of heroin, 5,720 kilos of morphine, 165,757 kilos of opium, 48,893 kilos of hashish and 3,754 kilos of other drugs, IRNA quoted police sources as saying.

The figure showed a 4-per-cent increase compared with the same period in the previous year, the report said.

The police also rounded up 1,553 drug gangs, 88,617 drug smugglers and distributors, including 2,686 foreigners, during the same period, the report added.

Drug addiction and transportation have been serious social problems in Iran, a country sitting in the crossroads linking drug producing Afghanistan and Pakistan and markets in the Gulf states, Central Asia and Western Europe.

According to official statistics, there are at least 2 million drug addicts in Iran. The country accounts for 80 per cent of the opium and 90 per cent of the morphine intercepted worldwide, according to the International Narcotics Control Board.

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**Two killed, 14 others injured in taxi accident in S Africa**

**JOHANNESBURG, 19 Dec—** Two people were killed and 14 others injured when the taxi they were travelling in overturned on the R61 between Beaufort West and Aberdeen in South African Eastern Cape Province on Sunday morning.

Eastern Cape traffic spokesman Tshepo Machaya said: “They were travelling from Cape Town to Eastern Cape. We believe that at about 6 am, the driver fell asleep behind the wheel. He then lost control of the vehicle.”

Machaya said fourteen other people were injured. They were taken to several hospitals in the province, according to a South African Press Association report.

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**China’s domestic market demand to surpass $2t this year**

**BEIJING, 19 Dec—** China’s domestic market developed stably this year with the total demand expected to surpass two trillion US dollars, said Yu Guangzhu, Vice-Minister of Commerce.

The total retail sales volume of consumer goods has exceeded 5.7 trillion yuan (712 billion US dollars) while the gross sales of basic production materials exceeded 11.4 trillion yuan so far this year.

He said China now imported products of 600 billion US dollars each year and imports are expected to reach one trillion US dollars in the next few years.

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**Nicaraguan police seize 700 kilos of cocaine**

**MANAGUA, 19 Dec—** Nicaragua’s National Anti-Narcotic Police (PN) seized 700 kilos of cocaine and arrested three drug traffickers in the Pacific port city of Corinthis, the country’s police spokesman said on Sunday.

The spokesman said the police have arrested three people who appear to be Nicaraguan citizens in a drug-carrying red jeep, but failed to catch two others who were seen loading bags of cocaine.

The police also tried to catch a fleeing blue truck there, which was carrying 16 sacks of cocaine and several drug traffickers. The police failed in the chase and stopped in Chinandega, 132 kilo-

metros west of Managua.

Clarence Silva, head of the PN, said the drug had been brought into Nicaragua by sea, and was apparently to be transported into neighbouring Honduras.

He said that in the United States, the drug’s eventual destination, each kilo of cocaine could be sold for 17,000 to 23,000 US dollars. In Nicaragua, the same drug is worth around 5,000 to 5,500 dollars.

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**Japan’s Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi takes a ride in the eight-wheeled electric car ‘Eliica’ at the premier’s official residence in Tokyo on 19 Dec, 2005. — INTERNET**
Fox urges US not to forget immigrant roots

MEXICO CITY, 19 Dec— Angered by a bill in the US Congress aimed at cracking down on undocumented workers, Mexican President Vicente Fox urged Americans on Sunday not to forget that many of their ancestors emigrated to the United States.

The legislation, which foresees building a high-tech fence on parts of the US-Mexican border to stop illegal immigrants, neared passage in the US House of Representatives last week.

The legislation, which has divided Republicans, would also make it harder for US employers to hire illegal aliens and make it a felony to live in the United States illegally.

“Of course, it’s very bad news, which does not speak well for our country,” Fox said in a speech to relatives of immigrants, arriving from all over the world and who have constructed that great nation. “That’s why they can’t deny who they are,” Fox said.

Mexican workers in the United States sent home a record 20 billion US dollars to relatives and friends this year.

Progress already made in Hong Kong WTO conference

HONG KONG, 19 Dec— The ongoing Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference has made progress in issues concerning LDCs (least developed countries) and cotton trade, said WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell here Saturday.

The official told Xinhua that currently negotiators have made commitment to provide a duty- and quota-free market access for almost all products from the 50 least developed countries in the world.

The spokesman also mentioned some progress in the NAMA (non-agricultural market access) issue, but said that “it is moving slowly” due to divergencies on the detailed coefficient in the formula used to calculate the tariff cuts.

Currently, the negotiations are still going on, and Rockwell said it is still difficult for him to judge the outcomes of the conference.

WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy on Friday submitted a compromise text to ministers of all members concerning cutting the export subsidies of agricultural products.

Thai army builds tsunami memorial park in southern Thailand

THAILAND, 19 Dec— A tsunami memorial park was set up in Ban Namkhem Village of Phang Nga Province to commemorate last year’s disaster, which caused huge human losses and crippled tourism in part of the southern region.

The memorial park, one of the venues where the upcoming “One year in Memory of Tsunami” ceremony would be held, was constructed by the Army in six months with a budget of 45 million baht (110, 000 US dollars).

The park consisting of a memorial wall, a recreation centre, a nursery for children orphaned in the tsunami as well as shops will serve as a memorial place for local people to mourn the dead and seek peace in mind following the struck of the December 26 tidal waves.

Nigeria grounds “Boeing 737s” after deadly air crashes

LAGOS, 19 Dec— Nigeria has grounded all Boeing 737-100, 200 and 200C series aircraft which dominate Africa’s most populous country’s aviation industry after two deadly air crashes in two months, a government directive said.

According to the directive made available on Sunday, the presidential task force on verification of airworthiness set up earlier this week by the Nigerian Government described the action as “precautionary measure”.

The task force explained that the US Federal Aviation Administration had identified “stress corrosion cracks... in the front spar of the centre section of the horizontal stabilizer on two Boeing 737-100 and 200 series aircraft” that could lead to the loss of control of the airplane.

“The repetitive inspection was therefore called up to address the identified unsafe condition,” the directive said. “In this regard, as a precautionary measure, all operators of Boeing models B737-100, 200 and 200C series airplanes registered or operating in Nigeria are required to immediately ground their airplanes.”

Over 80 per cent of aircraft operators in Nigeria use Boeing 737-200, according to Nigerian newspapers while statistics showed that a total of 16 planes were affected by the directive.

The directive came on the heels of last Saturday’s Sosoliso Airlines plane crash in the southern oil city of Port Harcourt which claimed 106 lives. Another deadly air crash involving a Bellview Airlines Boeing 737-200 occurred on 22 October in the outskirts of the commercial capital Lagos.

117 people on board died.

Roadside bomb kills two policemen in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 Dec— A roadside bomb went off in eastern Baghdad Sunday morning, killing two policemen, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

“A powerful blast was caused by an improvised explosive device at about 8:00a.m. (0500GMT) near the al-Mustansriyah University,” the source said on condition of anonymity.

Local tests show Indonesian boy died of bird flu

JAKARTA, 19 Dec— An eight-year-old Indonesian boy has died from the H5N1 strain of bird flu according to local tests, a Health Ministry official said on Monday.

Hariadi Wibisono, who heads a department charged with eradicating animal-borne diseases, said it was unclear if the boy had contact with infected chickens. He died last week in Jakarta.

The boy’s results had yet to be confirmed by a Hong Kong laboratory affiliated with the World Health Organization, Wibisono said.
Di Canio banned and fined for raised-arm salute

ROME, 20 Dec—Lazio’s Paolo Di Canio has been banned for one game and fined 10,000 euros (12,000 US dollars) for making a raised-arm salute in a match earlier this month, the Italian Football League’s disciplinary committee announced on Monday.

The 37-year-old striker, who made the fascist salute during the 2-1 Serie A defeat at Livorno on Dec. 11, will now miss Lazio’s trip to Lecce on Wednesday.

The gesture was attacked by politicians, players, and Jewish groups in Italy. Sepp Blatter, president of world soccer’s governing body FIFA, said players making fascist salutes should be banned from the game for life.

Even Lazio distanced themselves from Di Canio, saying the club rejected any “politicisation” of football.

Di Canio defended the gesture, saying it was not intended as a political statement and that he would continue to acknowledge his fans in whatever way he chooses.

The match in Livorno was as much a conflict of political views as a sporting event.

Livorno are known in Italy for the hard-left wing politics of their supporters while Lazio’s ultras have often aligned themselves with the far right.

The game was played in a poisoned atmosphere. The home supporters chanted anti-fascist songs while the visitors held up a swastika.

Di Canio also made the salute at the end of Lazio’s 3-1 win over city rivals AS Roma in January.

On that occasion he was fined 10,000 euros and escaped a ban.—MNA/Reuters

Blatter criticizes Chelsea over expensive imports

LONDON, 20 Dec—Sepp Blatter, president of world soccer’s ruling body FIFA, has criticised Chelsea for spending too much on foreign players.

“If a club can only have five foreigners among their starting 11, then they will have to build on their own youth system,” said Blatter in an interview with FIFA’s official 2006 World Cup countdown magazine.

“If Chelsea are forced to have five foreigners then Roman Abramovich could not go on buying the best players across the world for exorbitant fees.

“Chelsea is the example of what should not happen,” he said. Before last week’s FIFA Club World Championship in Japan, Blatter had reiterated his desire for clubs to field at least six homegrown players in order to limit the number of foreigners in their teams.

“The solution is that there should be a minimum,” Blatter told reporters. “FIFA’s idea is we should have at least six players eligible for the national team of the country in which they play.”

European soccer’s governing body UEFA had foreign player quotas until 1995 when the Bosman ruling demolished restrictions on the number of overseas players clubs could have.—MNA/Reuters

Brazil named “team of year”

ZURICH, 20 Dec—Brazil were named team of the year by soccer’s governing body FIFA at its annual gala on Monday after the world champions finished 44 points clear of their nearest rivals in the rankings.

The Confederations Cup champions accrued 840 points in 2005, having started the year as world number one and recorded 10 wins, four draws and two defeats.

The Czech Republic were second, improving on their ranking in 2004 by two places, FIFA said in a statement.

Ghana won the race for the best minor title, beating Ethiopia and Togo.

In an eventful year, the African side qualified for the World Cup finals, to be held in Germany from June 9, for the first time.

Ghana are ranked 50 among the world’s teams at the end of the year, up from 77 at the end of 2004.

FIFA said 743 matches were played in 2005 by the 206 nations that compete around the world.

The Brazilian’s Barcelona team mate Samuel Eto’o of Cameroon finished in third place with 190 points. “I would like to say thank you to all my team mates and national team because without them all I would not be here,” Ronaldinho told the FIFA Gala, hosted at the lakeside opera house in sunny Zurich.

“I hope I can make people happy with what I do and I hope to be here again in a year’s time,” he said, before being whisked back to Barcelona.

The 25-year-old Ronaldinho also won the inaugural FIFPro World Player of the Year award, selected by his fellow players, in September. Ronaldinho enjoyed a hugely successful year, helping Barcelona win the Primera Liga title and featuring in Brazil’s Confederations Cup triumph in Germany.

“He will undoubtedly be one of the star turns at next year’s World Cup in Germany,” FIFA said in a statement. Runner-up Lampard was magnanimous in defeat.

“I am not disappointed,” he told reporters, calling his Brazilian opponent a deserved winner.

“For me he is the most exciting player and the player I enjoy watching the most in the world.”

Ronaldinho named “world player of the year”

ZURICH, 20 Dec—Brazili and Barcelona playmaker Ronaldinho picked up his second successive World Player of the Year award from soccer’s governing body FIFA on Monday.

Ronaldinho from Brazil holds the trophy of FIFA World Player of the Year.—INTERNET

He is the third Brazilian to win the world and European player awards in the same year after Ronaldo in 1997 and 1998, and Rivaldo in 1999.

Ronaldinho picked up 956 points to comfortably beat Chelsea’s English midfield star Frank Lampard (306) in the FIFA vote by national coaches and captains

Wolfsburg sack coach, release manager

FRANKFURT, 20 Dec—VfL Wolfsburg sacked coach Holger Fach and released manager Thomas Strunz on Monday, after an eight-match run without a win in the Bundesliga.

Fach replaced Erik Gerets as coach before the start of the current season. Former German midfielder Strunz had held the manager’s position since January 2005.

The campaign began well before the club slid to 13th place at the halfway stage of the season, with 18 points from 17 games, following a poor run.

The final straw was a 3-2 defeat by bottom club Kaiserslautern on Saturday, a performance described as “shameful” by the club’s Dutch defender Kevin Hofland.

The club announced in a statement on Monday that Fach had been relieved of his duties, while the departure of Strunz was by mutual consent.

Wolfsburg were surprise league leaders for much of the first half of last season and eventually finished ninth.—MNA/Reuters

Sao Paulo repel Liverpool to win world title

YOKOHAMA (JAPAN), 20 Dec—Brazil’s Sao Paulo survived a second-half siege to beat European champions Liverpool 1-0 and win FIFA’s Club World Championship on Sunday.

Midfielder Mineiro latched onto a clever ball from Aloisio to fire past goalkeeper Pepe Reina in the 27th minute, giving the South American champions their third world title. Liverpool dominated for large periods, had three goals disallowed and a late penalty appeal dismissed as they failed in their bid to become world champions for the first time.

“We knew one of the goals was a clear goal,” said Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez. “I was disappointed how the situation was controlled by the referee. I try to have a lot of respect but we deserved to win. We had 21 shots, 17 corners, we hit the crossbar twice and had three goals disallowed. We controlled most of the game.”

Mineiro’s strike snapped Liverpool’s club record of 11 successive clean sheets and was the first goal they had conceded in 1,082 minutes of play.

“It was my only chance and it was like winning the lottery,” said Sao Paulo’s hero. “I managed to keep calm and put it away without getting nervous.”

Liverpool almost struck back moments after the goal when Luis Garcia flicked a Xabi Alonso corner onto the crossbar. Rafael Benitez’s side should have been in front as early as the second minute when Spanish striker Fernando Morientes missed the target with a point-blank header.

Garcia came close with two more headers and Gerrard blasted wide in the 35th minute after good work from Harry Kewell on the left.—MNA/Reuters

NBA guard Tim Morris dunks during the second half of a college basketball game against Denver on 19 Dec, 2005 in Stanford, Calif. Stanford beat Denver 71-49.—INTERNET
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