Clarifications on four chapters presented to Plenary Session of National Convention

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairman and officials of subcommittees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Labu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady

Clarifications of NCCWC Chairman on detailed basic principles for four chapters to be published

YANGON, 2 Aug—Clarifications of the National Convention Convening Work Committee on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions” to be included in the State Constitution will be published in this paper.—MNA

Members of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC and delegates to National Convention seen at Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
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**Friday, 3 August, 2007**

**Strive to boost per acre yield of paddy to meet target**

It has been targeted that Myanmar is to cultivate 20 million acres of paddy — 17 million acres of monsoon paddy and three million acres of summer paddy — in anticipation of producing 1,500 million baskets of paddy.

So, the State is taking measures to provide enough irrigation water by building more and more dams, reservoirs and river-water pumping stations.

The Ayeyawady Division is praiseworthy to be called the granary of the State because of its thriving paddy plantations. In the past, 400 acres of paddy plantations each were established at the gateway and exit of all 26 townships of the division. But the acreage has now reached 1,000-acre plantations. In the previous year, the Ayeyawady Division produced 74 baskets of paddy per acre and now it is trying to produce 78 baskets. Being able to yield 100 baskets of paddy per acre depends on systematic cultivation, choice of quality paddy strains, proportional mixture of chemical fertilizers and natural fertilizers and protection of the crop against pests.

All in all, responsible people from the agricultural field and farmers are urged to work hard to meet the targeted paddy production of the State so as to ensure the domestic sufficiency in rice and surplus for export.

**Religious Affairs Ministry offers Waso robes to monks**

NAI P’T TAW, 2 Aug — The 2nd Waso robes offering ceremony of the ministry of Religious Affairs was held at the ministry, here, this morning, attended by President Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kavirasa of Nay Pyi Taw and Pyinmanma Maha Withutayama Monastery and members of the Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wife Daw Aye Aye Tun, departmental heads and staff.

First, Members of the Sangha led by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavirasa consecrated the Buddha Image. The congregation received the Five Precepts form the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha received the puritas.

Next, the minister and wife offered Waso robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha. Later, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha donated K 3 million and K 1 million each by Ministry of Religious Affairs and Ministry of Technological University (Monywa) through of officials concerned.

The minister presented sports gear to the students of Technological University (Monywa) and University of Computer Studies (Monywa) through offices concerned. At Monywa USDA office, the minister presented cash assistance to two medical students of Phaungpyin Township who are studying at University of Medicine in Magway and also met with division/district/township USGAs. — MNA

**Commander, Minister visit construction of Buddha Image in Monywa**

NAI P’T TAW, 2 Aug — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Aye and Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung assisted in the construction of Bodhi Tahtaung Laykyunsekkyaw Standing Buddha Image on 31 July. They also donated provisions to Sayadaws of Bodhi Tahtaung Monastery during the visit to the Buddha Image.

During the tour of Monywa, the commander and the minister attended the presentation of Union Solidarity Development Association membership applications at Technological University (Monywa) and University of Computer Studies (Monywa). The acting principal of the technology university presented 1083 membership applications to the secretary of Monywa Division USDA. Afterwards, the acting principal accepted K 3 million donated by Sagaing Division PDC, K 1 million each by Minister for Sports and Yadana Aung Co Ltd to be spent on installation of water purification machine.

**Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye Tun donate Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA**

**Maintenance course for machinery opens**

YANGON, 1 Aug — Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association opened the maintenance course No 8 for machinery of saw mills at the association in Dagon Myothit (North) Township today.

Chairman U Sein Lwin of the association delivered a speech. General Manager U Tin Soe of Myanmar Timber Enterprise explained basic techniques for maintenance of machinery for saw mills.

A total of 30 trainees are attending the 6-week course and the arrangements are made to hold further courses. — MNA

**Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia**

YANGON, 2 Aug — A four-member delegation of Myanmar Hockey Federation left here for Malaysia by air this morning to participate in Technical Official Course to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 3 to 6 August.

The delegation led by the vice-President of the federation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by the officials of the Myanmar Hockey Federation.

The delegation will hold talks with the officials of the Women’s Hockey Sub-committee of Malaysia, Thailand and India to promote hockey here. — MNA

**NLD committing destructive acts after receiving instructions from big countries through embassies**

YANGON, 2 Aug — National League for Democracy (Central) is attempting to push the nation to a life of servitude and to become a minion of the imperialists without serving the interests of the nation and the people.

The acts of the party have proved that the party relies too much on big countries by contacting with their embassies in Yangon. Now, the party is committing destructive acts after receiving the instructions of the big countries through embassies. Hence, the public is keeping watch on their contacts.

Officials of the US Embassy visited the NLD Headquarters on West Shwegondine Road 11 times in April, 21 times in May and 18 times in June. Likewise, the US Embassy officials visited the NLD (Headquarters) 11 times in July. The Embassy officials met with CEC members of the party and sent letters and parcels to them. — MNA

**US Embassy officials visited NLD Headquarters 11 times in July**
US officials say Iraq role to last years, cost more

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug—President George W Bush’s nominee to be top military adviser said on Tuesday the United States would be in Iraq for “years not months” and a Pentagon official said the war was costing even more than expected.

Navy Admiral Michael Mullen, picked as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, warned US lawmakers unhappy with the conflict against seeking a rapid pullout from Iraq, saying it could turn the country into a “caldron”. While prudence dictated planning for an eventual pullout, Mullen said that under one scenario it could take three to four years just to halve the 160,000 US troops now in Iraq.

Many Democrats want to pull out combat troops by April. “I do think we will be there for years, not months.” Mullen told the Senate Armed Services Committee at his confirmation hearing. “But I don’t see it (Iraq) as a permanent — you know, on a permanent base at this point.”

Mullen, 60, now chief of naval operations, was nominated last month after the Bush Administration decided against seeking a second two-year term in the job for Marine General Peter Pace. Defence Secretary Robert Gates concluded Pace’s role in the unpopular Iraq war would have led to contentious hearings to reconfirm him. Mullen appeared headed for approval.

In testimony to the House Budget Committee, Deputy Defence Secretary Gordon England said next year’s war tab would exceed the administration’s existing request for 141.7 billion US dollars. That’s on top of over 600 billion US dollars in war checks already written for Iraq and Afghanistan, with 70 per cent for Iraq.

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UK soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 1 Aug—British Defence Ministry announced on Monday that a British Royal Marines was killed in southern Afghanistan on Sunday.

The Defence Ministry had informed the death to the next of kin and further details would be issued after a 24-hour period, a spokesman of the ministry said.

It is the fourth member of the British Armed Forces had been killed in the region in the past week, and brings the number of British military fatalities in Afghanistan since operations began in 2001 to 68.

The Britain is among the largest contributors to the NATO mission in Afghanistan, with 7,100 troops based in Helmand Province in the south of the country.

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Mississippi bridge collapse: 20 feared dead

MINNEAPOLIS, 2 Aug — As many as 29 people are feared dead after an eight-lane bridge collapsed into the Mississippi River at rush hour.

 Authorities in Minneapolis, Minnesota, said that nine bodies had been already discovered and several people are still missing.

Around 50 cars and lorries were thrown into the river, injuring dozens, after the road collapsed on Wednesday evening. Many were crushed by falling shards of concrete.

A school bus carrying about 60 children had a narrow escape, remaining intact despite the destruction around it. All those on board were saved, although 10 had to be taken to hospital.

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Iran rules out higher level talks with US

TEHERAN, 1 Aug—Iran on Monday ruled out the need to hold higher level talks with the United States on Iraq’s security, the official IRNA news agency reported. “Upgrading the talks’ level between Iran and the US over Iraq is not necessary,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said at the weekly Press conference. He also strongly rejected rumours that Iran had proposed to the US to raise the level of Teheran-Washington talks, saying that “such proposal has been made by Iran”.

Hosseini’s remarks seemed to contradict with Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, who said several days ago that Iran was ready to consider further talks with the United States over Iraq’s security at the level of Deputy Foreign Minister. “The issue can be considered if a formal request is received from the US side,” said Mottaki.

But US State Department spokesman Sean McCormack has said that “no request would be brought forward by Washington for higher-level talks between US and Iran”. US and Iranian ambassadors to Iraq met in Baghdad and held the second round of talks over Iraq on 24 July. During the meeting, the two sides decided to set up a joint subcommittee to “coordinate and lobby on the establishment of stability and security” there.

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Dozens poisoned by relief foodstuffs in western Iraq

RAMADI (Iraq), 1 Aug—Dozens of Iraqis were transferred to hospitals in the capital of Anbar Province after eating suspected toxic foodstuffs as part of relief efforts, a provincial police source said on Tuesday.

“Dozens of families in Ramadi, and five other nearby towns, were transferred to hospitals on Monday after apparently being poisoned by toxic foodstuffs,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The relief foodstuffs had been distributed by unknown groups of men to poor families earlier in the day in the violence-laden province, the source said.

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with the Constitution in a Region or a State or a Union territory or a Self-Administered Area, he shall, after coordinating with National Defence and Security Council, issue ordinance having the force of law to declare a state of emergency.”

2. In the matters concerning the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 1, the President shall have the power to:

(a) exercise the executive power of the Region or State or Self-Administered Area concerned. Moreover, he shall form a suitable organization and entrust the executive power to an organization concerned, or to a suitable person.

(b) In doing so, out of the legislative matters of the respective Regions and States and the Self-Administered Areas, the President shall have the power to exercise the legislative power concerning the executive affairs. But the legislative power shall not be entrusted to any organization or any person.

3.(a) When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an ordinance having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency.

(b) If not all the members of the National Defence and Security Council can attend the meeting in which the President consults with the National Defence and Security Council, the President shall prescribe in the martial law order the administrative powers and functions concerning community peace and the rule of law entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the powers and functions himself or empower them to a suitable military officer.”

5. The President when issues an ordinance having the force of law and declares a state of emergency shall:

(a) specify the area covered by the ordinance and the duration.

(b) if necessary, restrict or revoke one or more provisions of the fundamental rights of the citizens residing in the area affected by a state of emergency declaration.”

6. The President from the date of the promulgation shall perform the measures taken in accord with the paragraphs 1 and 2 and the measures taken in accord with the paragraphs 3 and 4: (a) to the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session within 60 days for approval.

(b) shall cause to convene the special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days.”

7.(a) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session approves the submission of the President concerning the matters prescribed in the paragraph 6, the ordinance having the force of law shall be still in force till the fixed time and date.

(b) In addition to the approval, if the period of the ordinance is extended, the ordinance having the force of law shall be still in force till the extended time and date.

(c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.”

8. When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency that may cause disintegration of the nation, or a disintegration of national solidarity and loss of national sovereignty, due to take over of sovereign State power or attempts by wrongful forcible means such as insurgency or violence, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council shall proclaim an ordinance and shall declare a state of emergency. The proclamation shall stipulate that the area that the ordinance is in force is the entire nation and that its duration is one year from the date it is proclaimed.”

9.(a) In declaring a state of emergency under paragraph 8, the President shall declare the transfer of legislative, executive and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to enable the latter to take necessary measures in order to restore the nation to normal situation. It shall be deemed that all the Hluttaws and leading bodies beginning from the date of declaration shall suspend all their legislative functions. It shall be also deemed that when the term of the respective Hluttaws ended they are automatically dissolved.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution, all the members of the organizations and members of the leading bodies of the Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zones, except the President and Vice-President, assigned with the approval of the Hluttaws in accord with the Constitution are terminated from their duties beginning from the date the State power is transferred to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”

10. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services who has been transferred the State power shall have the power to exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the legislative power by himself or shall form an organization with his own participation to exercise the legislative power. He shall empower a suitable organization or a suitable person to exercise the executive and judicial powers.”

11. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services during the declaration of a state of emergency shall restrict or terminate a provision or more than one provision of the fundamental rights of citizens, as necessary.”

12. The President shall:

(a) proclaim a state of emergency according to the paragraphs 8 and 9 and shall submit the matter concerning the transfer of State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in session, and shall convene an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it is not in session to submit the matter.

(b) normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him. Concerning the matter, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw emergency session shall be called.”

13. The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services concerning the completion of the duties assigned to him, annul the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 on the date of his submission after convening the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not ended yet, or on the date he receives it from the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended.”

14. The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 13, revoke the suspension of legislative functions of all the Hluttaws and leading bodies if the term of the Hluttaw has not ended yet. The President shall assign duties to the new Constitutional executive and judicial bodies in accord with the Constitution. The bodies shall discharge duties only for the remaining period of the term of the Hluttaw.

15. Even though the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has ended the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall remain in their positions till the new President, the new Vice-Presidents, the new Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the new Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw have been elected in accord with the Constitution.”

16. The National Defence and Security Council shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services presents a reasonable submission to extend the period as the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him.”

17. In connection with the matter of transferring the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of (See page 5)
During the time a state of emergency has been declared, the National Defence and Security Council shall exercise the legislative power by itself. The National Defence and Security Council shall empower a suitable organization or a suitable person to exercise the executive and judicial powers at Union, Region, State, Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zone levels.

The National Defence and Security Council shall form the constitutional administrative bodies at different levels, leading bodies of Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones and Union Election Commission with suitable persons whose qualifications meet the stipulations contained in the Constitution.

The National Defence and Security Council and the President are empowered with the same power in accord with the Constitution and assign duties to them.

The National Defence and Security Council shall exercise the State power in the name of the President.

The above-mentioned paras state that due to the separation of the State power, the suggestion amounts to permitting the respective local administrative bodies to present the matter. In our view, the point will become more profound if the suggested expression is made as with the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, the Minister of Defence and the respective local administrative body submits that there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an ordinance having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency.”

As regards the para (1), the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons also presented a similar suggestion. It will be more inclusive as the suggestion concerning the para (1) allows the respective local administrative bodies to present the matter. In our view, the point will become more profound if the suggested expression is added to it as “If the President learns that the respective local administrative body submits that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an ordinance having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency.”
Detailed basic principles that should be ... and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services to enable the latter to take necessary measures in order to restore the nation to normal situation. Other detailed basic principles also state the duties of the President in a state of emergency. But there is no explanation concerning the persons who will discharge those duties on behalf of the President, if the President cannot discharge those duties as he is on a state visit to other nations, or on health grounds or other reasons. In our view, there should be a detailed basic principle concerning the person who will discharge the duties on behalf of the President in such matters.

Mr Chairman,

The representives included in the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect of the political parties presented the opinion of their own respective parties. Mr Thant Maung Aung, member-elect Dr Hnin Htun of Thantlaw Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) said, “When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people or if the respective local administrative body submits that there is sufficient reason to arouse such state of emergency in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an order having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency.

As regards the suggestion, we have already explained the means, if the post for the President becomes vacant, to fill it and assign duties to the new President in adopting the detailed basic principles the chapter “Head of State”.

The Delegate Group of National Races gave the following suggestion:

The para 12 (b) says “The President shall: (b) normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him.”

In our view the expression “at the end of the term of Hluttaw” should be added to the para 16 as follows:

“The National Defence and Security Council shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defense Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him.”

We assume that the above para concerns the extension of period during the term of Hluttaw. The para 16 states “The National Defence and Security Council shall have the power to exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services who has been transferred the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.”

We would like to suggest the Work Committee Chairman to present the matter concerning the person who will discharge the duties on behalf of the President in such matters.”

Concerning the suggestions, I would like to say that the detailed basic principles (1) and (2) of the chapter are the first stage of the functions. In the stage, the President is empowered with only administrative power of the respective Regions and States or respective self-administered areas. The points also explain that the President shall have the power to exercise the legislative and judiciary powers concerning the executive affairs and that the legislative power shall not be entrusted to any organization or any person.

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons in presenting suggestion said, “Para 9 (a) states the expression “the president shall declare the transfer of legislative, executive and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services”. The para 10 also states “The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services who has been transferred the State power shall have the power to exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers.” The para 12 (a), the para 13 and the para 17 use the expression “State sovereign power” to be in conformity with the said paras. In our assumption, the para 9 should use the expression “State power” instead of “legislative, executive and judicial powers of the State”. The para 12 (b) states “The President shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him.”

We assume that if the suggestion is added to point, it will become more inclusive and will state the timetable for carrying out the mentioned task more precisely. The suggestion should be taken into serious consideration as it is in conformity with the adopted detailed basic principles. The Work Committee discussed the matter with the members of the panel of chairmen whether to adopt it as a detailed basic principle or not. The members of the panel of chairmen also discussed the matter with delegates. The opinions of the Delegate Groups were sent to the Work Committee in writing. All the Delegate Groups have suggested stating the para 16 as follows:

“16. The National Defence and Security Council, at the end of the term of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him.”

Mr Chairman,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel in presenting a suggestion said:

“According to the para 4 (b), the President empowers the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to declare the state of emergency in addition to executive powers. According to the subparagraphs (a) and (b) of the para 2, the executive power and the legislative power concerning the executive functions are vested in the President, but not the judicial power. In empowering the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to declare the state of emergency in the para 4, it can be assumed that the President seems to empower the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services with the power that is not entrusted in him in accord with the para 2.

Hence, we would like to suggest (c) saying “The President shall exercise the judicial power of the Region or State or Self-Administered Area concerned for community peace and the rule of law. Moreover, he shall form a suitable organization and entrust the judicial power to an organization concerned, or to a suitable person” to the para 2 as subpara (c).

Concerning the suggestions, I would like to say that the detailed basic principles (1) and (2) of the chapter are the first stage of the functions. In the stage, the President is empowered with only administrative power of the respective Regions and States or respective self-administered areas. The points also explain that the President shall have the power to exercise the legislative and judiciary powers concerning the executive affairs and that the legislative power shall not be entrusted to any organization or any person.”
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The members of the panel of chairmen also discussed the suggestions with delegates. The opinions of the Delegate Groups were sent to the Work Committee in writing. All the Delegate Groups had insisted stating the para 12 (b) and para (13) as follows:

12(b). “The President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet assumed the duties assigned to him. Concerning the matter, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw emergency session shall be called.”

13. “The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services concerning the completion of the duties assigned to him revoke the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council, on the date of his submission after convening the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not ended yet, or on the date he receives it from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended.”

Apart from all the points explained by the Work Committee Chairman, we would like to suggest adding the following new point to the chapter:

“The President shall submit the matter concerning the extension of period for the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to exercise the power he has empowered to the latter and revocation of the ordinance empowering the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to exercise the State power to the first session of the new Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has ended.”

The meaning of the suggestion in connection with the advice to use the word “State sovereign power” is similar to that of the wordings of the clarifications of the Work Committee Chairman. No amendment is required as the term the legislative power, the executive power and the judicial power that are the three organs of State power is used to have a broader and deeper meaning.

As regards the suggestion which states the President’s submission of the matters concerning extension of period, during which power is entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief and the revocation of the ordinance to the new Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, I will explain that the after end of the term of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the NDSC will carry out the tasks that cover the provisions of state of emergency. When the nation returns to normal situation and the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended, the NDSC will hold a general election in accord with the para 20.

The suggestion to add the expression “after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council” to para 12 (b) is appropriate. The detailed basic principle concerned will be more inclusive if this expression is added to it.

Likewise, suggestion to add the expression “after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council” to para 13 is appropriate and meaningful. If the addition is made at the end of the expression “revoke the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9”, and stated as “revoke the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council”, the detailed basic principle will cover the functions before and after the end of the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The above-mentioned facts are worthy of serious consideration as they are in accord with the adopted fundamental principles. The Work Committee discussed the suggestions with members of the panel of chairmen whether or not to adopt them as detailed basic principles.

(b) the President shall issue martial law order if necessary. In doing so, the President shall prescribe in the martial law order the administrative powers and functions and judicial powers and functions concerning community peace and the rule of law entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the powers and functions himself or empower them to a suitable military officer.”

4. In connection with the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 3, (a) local administrative bodies and members, and civil bodies and members shall be empowered to act to effectively carry out their functions in accord with the existing laws in order to swiftly restore the situation of an area where a state of emergency has been declared.

(b) the President shall issue martial law order if necessary. In doing so, the President shall prescribe in the martial law order the administrative powers and functions and judicial powers and functions concerning community peace and the rule of law entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the powers and functions himself or empower them to a suitable military officer.”

In accord with the great majority of the delegates, the following detailed basic principles for the chapter “Provisions on State of Emergence” have been adopted.

4. In connection with the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 3, (a) local administrative bodies and members, and civil bodies and members shall be empowered to act to effectively carry out their functions in accord with the existing laws in order to swiftly restore the situation of an area where a state of emergency has been declared.

(b) the President shall issue martial law order if necessary. In doing so, the President shall prescribe in the martial law order the administrative powers and functions and judicial powers and functions concerning community peace and the rule of law entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the powers and functions himself or empower them to a suitable military officer.”

In accord with the great majority of the delegates, the following detailed basic principles for the chapter “Provisions on State of Emergence” have been adopted.

1. If the President learns that or if the respective local administrative body submits that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution in a Region or a State or a Union territory or a Self-Administered Area, he shall, after coordinating with National Defence and Security Council, issue order having the force of law to declare a state of emergency.

2. In matters concerning the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 1, the President shall have the power to:

(a) exercise the executive power of the Region or State or Self-Administered Area concerned. Moreover, he shall form a suitable body and entrust the executive power to an organization concerned, or to a suitable person.

(b) In doing so, out of the legislative matters of the respective Regions and States and the Self-Administered Areas, the President shall have the power to exercise the legislative power concerning the executive affairs. But the legislative power shall not be entrusted to any body or any person.”

3. (a) When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people or if the respective local administrative body submits that there is sufficient reason to arise such a state of emergency in a Region or a State or a Self-Administered Area or in any part of them, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council may issue an order having the force of the law to declare a state of emergency.”

(b) If not all the members of the National Defence and Security Council can attend the
6. The President from the date of the promulgation of the ordinance is in force is the entire nation and the proclamation shall stipulate that the area that is covered by the ordinance and shall declare a state of emergency. The President, may after coordinating with the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, the Minister of Defence and the Home Affairs Minister, declare a state of emergency in time. The declaration shall be submitted to the National Defence and Security Council for approval.

4. In connection with the declaration of a state of emergency in accord with the paragraph 3, (a) local administrative bodies and members, and civil services and members shall take the assistance of the Tatmadaw to be able to effectively carry out their functions in accord with the existing laws in order to swiftly restore the situation of an area where a state of emergency has been declared.

(b) the President shall issue martial law order if necessary. In doing so, the President shall prescribe in the martial law order the administrative powers and functions and judicial powers and functions concerning community peace and the rule of law entrusted to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the powers and functions himself or empower them to a suitable military officer."

5. The President when issues an ordinance having the force of law and declares a state of emergency shall: (a) specify the area covered by the ordinance and the duration.

(b) if necessary, restrict or revoke one or more provisions of the fundamental rights of the citizens residing in the area affected by a state of emergency declaration.

6. The President from the date of the promulgation shall present the measures taken in accord with the paragraphs 3 and 4: (a) to the nearest Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session within 60 days for approval.

(b) shall call to convene a special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has not any schedule to hold a session within 60 days.

7. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session approves the submission of the President concerning the matters prescribed in the paragraph 6, the ordinance having the force of law shall be still in force till the extended date and time.

(b) In addition to the approval, if the period of the ordinance is extended, the ordinance having the force of law shall be still in force till the extended date and time.

(c) The ordinance shall cease to have effect from the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

8. When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency that may cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and loss of national sovereignty, due to take over of sovereign State power or attempts by wrongful forcible means such as insurgency or violence, the President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council, shall, declare to annul the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9.

9. (a) In declaring a state of emergency under paragraph 8, the President shall declare the transfer of legislative, executive and judicial powers to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to enable the latter to take necessary measures in order to restore the nation to normal situation. It shall be deemed that all the Hluttaws and leading bodies beginning from the date of declaration shall terminate all their legislative functions. It shall be also deemed that when the term of the respective Hluttaws ended they are automatically dissolved.

(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Constitution, all the members of the bodies and members of the leading bodies of the Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zones, except from the President and Vice-President, assigned with the approval of the Hluttaw in accord with the Constitution are terminated from their duties beginning from the date the State power is transferred to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.

10. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services who has been transferred the State power shall have the power to exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall exercise the legislative power by himself or shall form a body with his own participation to exercise the legislative power. He shall empower a suitable body or a suitable person to exercise the executive and judicial powers.

11. The Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services during the declaration of a state of emergency shall restrict or terminate a provision or more than one provision of the fundamental rights of citizens, as necessary.

12. (a) The President shall proclaim a state of emergency according to the paragraphs 8 and 9 and shall submit the matter concerning the transfer of State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is in session, and shall convene an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it is not in session to submit the matter.

(b) The President after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council shall normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms. Then, the President, may after coordinating with the National Defence and Security Council, extend the period as the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services presents a submission giving reasonable fact to him to extend the period if the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duties assigned to him. Concerning the matter, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw emergency session shall be called.

13. “The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services concerning the completion of the duties assigned to him annul the order empowering the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 9 after consulting with the National Defence and Security Council, on the date of his submission after convening the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not ended yet, or on the date he receives it from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is ended.”

14. The President shall, after receiving the report of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the paragraph 13, revoke the suspending of the functions of all the Hluttaws and leading bodies if the term of the Hluttaw has not ended yet. The President shall assign duties to the new Constitutional executive and judicial bodies in accord with the Constitution.

The bodies shall discharge duties only for the remaining period of the term of the Hluttaw.”

15. Even though the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has ended the President, the Vice-President, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall remain in their positions till the new President, the new Vice-President, the new Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the new Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw have been elected in accord with the Constitution.

16. The National Defence and Security Council, at the end of the term of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, normally extend the period to six months at a time for two terms if the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services presents a reasonable submission to extend the period in accord with the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services has not yet accomplished his duty assigned to him.

17. In connection with the matter of transferring the State power, the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services by the President after declaring a state of emergency, the National Defence and Security Council shall, after receiving the report on the completion of the functions of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, declare to annul the order empowering the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to exercise State sovereign power in accord with the paragraphs 11 and 12.

18. The National Defence and Security Council shall: (a) exercise the legislative power, executive power and judicial power before the Hluttaws are formed in accord with the Constitution.

(b) have the right to exercise the State sovereign power till the time a new President has been elected and Union level organizations formed in accord with the provisions contained in the Constitution. In so doing, the National Defence and Security Council shall exercise the legislative power by itself. The National Defence and Security Council shall empower a suitable body or a suitable person to exercise the executive and judicial powers.

19. The National Defence and Security Council shall form the constitutional administrative bodies at different levels, leading bodies of Self-Administered Division and Self-Administered Zones, and Union level organizations formed according to the Constitution.

20. The National Defence and Security Council shall hold a general election in accord with the provisions of the Constitution within a period of six months beginning from the date the State power is transferred to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. The order is annulled in accord with the paragraph 17.

21. The bodies formed according to the paragraph 19 shall continue to carry out their functions till legislative, executive and judicial bodies have been formed according to the Constitution after the general election.

22. The National Defence and Security Council shall exercise the State power in the name of the President.

23. During the time a state of emergency has been declared, the measures taken officially by a local administrative body or its member or a civil service or its member or a military body or its member, formed in order to take measures to restore security, stability, community peace and the rule of law soon on behalf of the President or during the period the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services is exercising the State power or during the period the National Defence and Security Council is exercising the State power, shall be legitimate. No legal action shall be taken against them for those legitimate measures.
Clarifications on four chapters presented to Plenary Session of National Convention
(from page 1)

Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Tanintharyi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of Workers from Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Mon, Rakhae, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Tanintharyi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Mandalay City Development Committee, the State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Luu Maung and members, chairmen of the respective subcommittees and members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers, delegates of state service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At the plenary session, National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the meeting and Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Kyaw Hsan acted as MC. The MC declared the start of the meeting and thanked the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe for laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter “Amendment of the Constitution”, out of chapters “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions” and “General Provisions” to be included in the State Constitution to the plenary session of the National Convention.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung presented clarification of Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapters “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, to be included in the State Constitution. The plenary session took a break at 9.45 am. When the plenary session resumed at 10.00 am, U Thaung Nyunt, Secretary of NCCWC Work Committee, continued to present the clarification of Chairman of the NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter “Transitory Provisions” to be included in the State Constitution.

Afterwards, members of the NCCWC Deputy Group, Arakan Army (AA), Hmein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Maung Maung People’s Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chauyechi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Nai Saik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace.

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Personnel urged to strive …

Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Authority also reported on efforts being made by MPA for improvement of the ports, the brief history of Yangon Port, duties and functions of Myanmar Port Authority, organizational set-up of MPA, development of jetties of Yangon Port and container yards after 1988, installation of modern waterway signal lights for ensuring safely driving of vessels, capabilities of the port service, efforts made for prompt handling of freight, dredging of silt in Yangon River and future tasks for development of the port.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that he met with the officials to fulfil the requirements of the tasks for ensuring prompt and regular freight-handling and operation of ports at full capacity. As freight-handling tasks were carried out slowly in the past, ocean-going liners waited for the entrance at the mouth of sea to berth at Yangon Port. Therefore, the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operation in Full Capacity was formed and the duties were assigned to it. Now, ocean-going liners can berth at the port without waiting for the entrance and carry out loading and unloading. As a result, more and more foreign exchange can be earned.

He continued to say that if silt in Yangon River can be dredged deeper, the liners with deep draught will use the waterway of the river. Hence, more income can be earned. He stressed the need to strive for ensuring prompt freight handling at Yangon Port and Yangon Airport free from corruption. He added that it is necessary to maintain the roads, sanitation and beautifying facilities at the port and its environs.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Kyaw Win and Secretary of the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operation in Full Capacity Maj-Gen Win Myint and members, Commander of No 77 Light Infantry Division Brig-Gen Win Myint, Director-General U San Thaung of the Customs Department, General Manager U Cho Than Maung of Myanmar Port Authority, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe and officials. At 3.30 pm, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected clearance of commodities and inspection tasks at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty. Director-General U San Thaung and officials of the Customs Department conducted them round the jetty.

At Sule Jetty, they also viewed loading and unloading tasks by car. They proceeded to Asia World Port in Ahlon and inspected clearance of commodities and inspection task. After viewing tasks at the port, Lt-Gen Myint Swe left there. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivers an address at a ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2007. — MNA

Commander attends ceremony in commemoration of World Breastfeeding Week 2007

Nav Pyi Taw, 2 Aug — A ceremony to mark the World Breastfeeding Week 2007 was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this afternoon, with an address by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin. It was also attended by Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of the commander, Chairman U Khin Maung Zaw of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council, Dr Aye Ko Ko of District Health Department, the chairman of the Township PDCs, heads of departments, members of the social organizations and guests.

Next, Dr Daw Thazin Nyunt gave educative talks on breastfeeding.

Later, the commander presented four wheelchairs donated by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to the handicapped.


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Daw Khin Khin Win delivers an address at a ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2007. — MNA

contest to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2007 held

Yangon, 2 Aug — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association organized an acting contest to mark the “World Breastfeeding Week 2007” at the meeting hall of the MMCWA Building in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

It was attended by President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye and CEC members, responsible persons of Yangon Division MCWSCs and contestants.

First, MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win delivered an opening address.

Next, teams representing MCWSCs of four districts in Yangon took part in the contest under the motto “Breastfeeding: The 1st Hour—Save ONE million babies!”. — MNA

An, Thandwe Airports under inspections

Yangon, 2 Aug — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, accompanied by officials concerned went on an inspection tour of An Airport on 30 July.

Upon arrival, they looked into progress in building the airport and the minister gave instructions on timely completion of the earth work for safety, construction of fences at the airport and measures for building aviation control tower as soon as possible.

Meeting on conservation and greening of Inlay Lake sanctuary organized

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Aug — The meeting on conservation of Inlay Lake sanctuary and greening its 20 miles radius was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

It was also attended by the directors-general, the Rector, the deputy directors-general and officials of the Ministry of Forestry and other related ministries.

Next, the minister gave concluding remarks. — MNA

O2 shampoo chooses lucky draw winners

Yangon, 2 Aug — Europe & Asia Commercial Co Ltd held a lucky draw programme of O2 Anti Dandruff Shampoo at Traders Hotel on 28 July.

At the lucky draw program, the mediamen and guests picked the winners. The prizes are a lucky draw winner O2 Shampoo receives gift from an official. — MNA
Relief aids presented to flood victims in Shwegu Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Aug — A ceremony to provide relief aids to families of flood-hit wards and villages in Shwegu Township was held at Shwegu Township Peace and Development Council on 31 July morning.


The commander presented 150 bags of rice, medicines and clothes donated by Northern Command Headquarters and Kachin State PDC, the minister six relief items each for flood-hit households, Kachin State Red Cross Society clothes worth K 875,000, shop-keepers of Thiri Yadana Market of Shwegu 10 bags of rice, 125 viss of potato and 150 viss of onion, Bhamo Township PDC 15 bags of rice and 15 viss of edible oil, Shwegu Township Development Affairs Committee 10 bags of rice, five bags of potato and five bags of onion, Bhamo District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Women’s Affairs Organization, Shwegu Township USDA, Township Police Force and MCWA food-stuff.

The donation for the flood victims totalled cash and kind worth K 8,985,800. The Chairman of the Township PDC and flood victims accepted the relief aids.

Next, the commander and the minister inspected issuing of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to locals in Shwegu Township. — MNA

Minister receives guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Aug — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Chairman of Kungbaw Mining Ltd Mr Yang Xiaojing and party at the minister’s office here today.

— Also present at the call were Director-General U Win Tint of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department, Managing Director U Saw Lwin of No 1 Mining Enterprise, Director U Tun Tun of No 3 Mining Enterprise and Director U Zaw Win of Mining Department. — MNA

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      From an embryo to a fetus
      "Nowhere could I roam"
      I was thrown into a strange world soon
      Silhouettes of all shapes
      Clad mostly in long drapes
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Sanjay Dutt, 48, was cleared of conspiracy in the new newspaper **Claims Day**.

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**

**Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems**

**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF REAGENTS FOR THE WATER QUALITY TESTS**

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The suppliers are invited to forward sealed tenders for the above mentioned commodities addressed to the Director General, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, No.400, Lower Pazundaung Road, Yangon on or before (21-8-2007). Tender forms will be available at the above address from (6.8.2007) on.

For further details of tender or to purchase copies of tender documents, please contact Deputy Director, Procurement Division by phone or in person during office hours.

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- 43 arrested in anti-gang crackdown in Los Angeles

**LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—**

Law enforcement personnel of local and federal authorities fanned out across a southern Los Angeles town Tuesday as part of a gang crackdown, arresting 43 people suspected of drug dealing and other criminal activity, authorities said.

Although police executed search warrants across Los Angeles County, most of their attention was focused on the “ghost town” of Wilmington, according to LAPD spokesman Lee Sands.—MNA/Xinhua

**Ethiopia, DPRK agree to boost agri cooperation**

ADDIS ABABA, 1 Aug—Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said Monday the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Ethiopia should strengthen cooperation in agriculture and irrigation development sectors.

During talks with King Yong Nam, president of DPRK’s consultative body of the Supreme People’s Assembly, Meles said the two countries should bring their relations to a higher level.

The Ethiopian Prime Minister expressed readiness of his government to enhance cooperation with the DPRK in various sectors.

Kim for his part said Ethiopia plays a key role in building peace, security and stability in the Horn of Africa.— MNA/Xinhua

**Bollywood star set for sentencing in Mumbai blasts**

MUMBAI, 1 Aug—One of India’s top film stars, convicted of acquiring illegal weapons from gangsters linked with the country’s worst bombings, will appear in court on Tuesday for likely sentencing.

Sanjay Dutt, 48, was cleared of conspiracy in the serial blasts in India’s financial capital in 1993 that killed 257 people, but found guilty of unauthorised possession of an AK-56 rifle and a pistol.

Dutt’s punishment carries a maximum sentence of 10 years and fines, but he could appeal. “I’m mentally prepared for any sentence, but please pray for me.” Dutt told the Times of India newspaper last week.—MNA/Reuters
Los Angeles museum to return
40 antiquities to Italy

The two sides reached an agreement on the antiquities, but did not decide on the fate of “the Statue of a Victorious Youth,” also known as the Getty Bronze, which Italian officials say was illegally removed from an Italian fishing village. Italian Culture Minister Francesco Rutelli, and J Paul Getty Museum director Michael Brand announced in a joint statement that they would wait to discuss the fate of the Greek bronze, believed to date from around 300 BC, until “the outcome of ongoing legal proceedings, which are now underway in Pesaro, Italy.” Most of the disputed works will be returned over the next few months, according to the statement.
Iraqi heroes fly to Amman after celebrations in Dubai

DUBAI, 2 Aug — Asian Cup champions Iraq flew out of Dubai on Wednesday morning for Amman after “a show of Arab unity” in the city which hosted a special party to honour their heroes.

The Iraqi team, who defied odds to beat Saudi Arabia in the final, were awarded a cash prize of 20 million riyal (5.2 million US dollars) by UAE vice-president and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum.

“It’s a big honour to celebrate the team’s victory in the UAE,” Hussein Saeed, chairman of Iraqi Football Federation, said at the reception where more than 5,000 welcomed the team.

“Despite the suffering of our people and the poor preparations, we fought hard in all matches. What kept us going was our resolve to bring joy to our people,” Iraqi captain Younis Mahmoud was quoted as saying in local media.

Iraqi midfielder Haitham Kazim said: “This could well be the start of a trend with world leaders beginning to think more about restoring peace in Iraq.”

“I was moved with happiness by the enthusiasm of a people to have a normal and peaceful life,” the Pontiff said Wednesday the event would help pave the way to an end of bloodshed.

“Just as many times I have cried with the Iraqis, in this circumstance I rejoice with them,” the Pontiff said at the end of his weekly general audience.

“Twas experience of shared delight shows the desire of a people to have a normal and peaceful life.”

The Iraqi national team that won the Asian Cup on Sunday includes Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

“I was moved with happiness by the enthusiasm that seized the people, drawing them into the streets to celebrate,” the Pontiff said.

“I hope the event can contribute to creating in Iraq, with the support of everyone, a future of authentic peace, in freedom and mutual respect.”

MNA/Reuters

Suazo double fires Inter to 3-2 win over Man United

MANCHESTER (England), 2 Aug — Manchester United failed to impress as Italian champions Inter Milan won 3-2 at Old Trafford in a pre-season friendly on Wednesday.

United manager Alex Ferguson left summer signings Nani, Anderson and Owen Hargreaves on the sidelines as his team laboured.

Inter recorded the first victory of their pre-season tour to England with two goals from striker David Suazo and another from Swede Zlatan Ibrahimovic — all in the first half.

Wayne Rooney, by far United’s most dangerous player, had opened the scoring in the first half with Adriano heading into his own net to gift the Premier League champions a second.

MNA/Reuters

Mayer crushes Patience to reach Sopot quarterfinals

SOPOT (Poland), 2 Aug — Seventh-seed Florian Mayer of Germany reached the quarterfinals of the Polish Open at Sopot with a 6-1, 6-1 demolition of Frenchman Olivier Patience on Wednesday.

“It was one of my best matches in career but still my long-term goal is to improve my play on a hard courts,” Mayer, beaten finalist for the last two years on the clay in Sopot, told reporters.

The German next plays Jose Acasuso, champion in 2002, after the Argentine beat his compatriot Sergio Roitman 6-4, 6-4.

Russian Igor Andreev and Frenchman Gilles Simon also advanced to the last eight.

MNA/Reuters

Salzburg on song, Besiktas have work to do

MILAN, 2 Aug — A hat-trick from Rene Aufhauser inspired FC Salzburg to a 3-0 win at Latvia’s Ventspils in the first leg of the Champions League second qualifying round on Wednesday.

The Austrian champions, coached by former Italian boss Giovanni Trapattoni and bankrolled by energy-drink mogul Dietrich Mateschitz, should have little trouble wrapping up the tie in next week’s second leg.

A brace from livewire Burkina Faso striker Ysouf Kone and a penalty from former Tottenham Hotspur striker Steffen Iversen also gave Norwegian title holders Rosenborg a healthy 3-1 away victory at Kazakhstan’s FC Astana.

Dinamo Zagreb beat Slovenian side Domzale 2-1 away but 1991 European Cup winners Red Star Belgrade have more work to do if they are to reach August’s third round, which will include big guns such as Liverpool and Lazio.

Serbia winger Ognjen Koroman netted with a swivelling shot from 25 metres after side-stepping a defender to grab the only goal as Red Star beat Estonia’s Levadia Tallinn 1-0 at home.

Besiktas also stuttered to a 1-0 win over Moldova’s Sheriff in Istanbul while Slavia Prague were held to a goalless draw over the border at Slovakia’s Zilina, who beat Luxembourg’s Dudelange 7-5 on aggregate in July’s first round.

Seven other first leg ties were played on Tuesday with the return legs all taking place next week.

MNA/Reuters

Thailand to host Asian Hopman Cup

BANGKOK, 2 Aug — Thailand has been selected to host the Asian Hopman Cup in November, with the winners assured of a place in next year’s Hopman Cup in Perth.

Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Uzbekistan and the hosts have been invited to contest the event in the first leg of the Champions League second qualifying round on Wednesday.

The Austrian champions, coached by former Italy boss Giovanni Trapattoni and bankrolled by energy-drink mogul Dietrich Mateschitz, should have little trouble wrapping up the tie in next week’s second leg.

A brace from livewire Burkina Faso striker Ysouf Kone and a penalty from former Tottenham Hotspur striker Steffen Iversen also gave Norwegian title holders Rosenborg a healthy 3-1 away victory at Kazakhstan’s FC Astana.

Dinamo Zagreb beat Slovenian side Domzale 2-1 away but 1991 European Cup winners Red Star Belgrade have more work to do if they are to reach August’s third round, which will include big guns such as Liverpool and Lazio.

Serbia winger Ognjen Koroman netted with a swivelling shot from 25 metres after side-stepping a defender to grab the only goal as Red Star beat Estonia’s Levadia Tallinn 1-0 at home.

Besiktas also stuttered to a 1-0 win over Moldova’s Sheriff in Istanbul while Slavia Prague were held to a goalless draw over the border at Slovakia’s Zilina, who beat Luxembourg’s Dudelange 7-5 on aggregate in July’s first round.

Seven other first leg ties were played on Tuesday with the return legs all taking place next week.

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Pope says Iraq soccer triumph lifts peace hopes

VATICAN CITY, 2 Aug — Pope Benedict said Iraq’s celebration of its Asian Cup soccer victory was a sign of a people yearning for peace, and expressed hope on Wednesday the event would help pave the way to an end of bloodshed.

“Just as many times I have cried with the Iraqis, in this circumstance I rejoice with them,” the Pontiff said at the end of his weekly general audience.

“This experience of shared delight shows the desire of a people to have a normal and peaceful life.”

The Iraqi national team that won the Asian Cup on Sunday includes Shiites, Sunnis and Kurds.

“I was moved with happiness by the enthusiasm that seized the people, drawing them into the streets to celebrate,” the Pontiff said.

“I hope the event can contribute to creating in Iraq, with the support of everyone, a future of authentic peace, in freedom and mutual respect.”

MNA/Reuters
German Minister criticizes US arms to Middle East

BERLIN, 2 Aug — Germany’s Foreign Minister has criticized US plans to funnel more than 43 billion US dollars in military aid to Middle East allies, saying only diplomacy would solve the problems of the troubled region.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the most senior German politician and first Cabinet-level member to question the aid package for Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, said Washington announced it on Monday.

“A military buildup is hardly the best solution to the unstable situation in the Middle East,” Steinmeier told the Thursday edition of German daily Handelsblatt. His comments echo those of other German officials in recent days, including Ruprecht Polenz, head of the parliamentary foreign affairs committee and a senior member of Chancellor Angela Merkel’s conservative party.

Steinmeier, a member of the centre-left Social Democrats who rule in coalition with Merkel, has also been sharply critical of US plans to deploy parts of a missile shield in Central Europe.

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Thursday, 2 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Kayah State and Mandaly Division. However, widespread rainfall was reported in Chin, Kayah, and Kayin States, fairly widespread in lower Sagon and Bago divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 3-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in lower Sagon and Bago divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-8-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-8-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Earthquake report

(Issued at 01:00 hour MST today)
A strong earthquake of intensity (7.2) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside of Myanmar about (5360) miles Southeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (22) hrs (05) min (40) sec on 3-8-2007.
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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends ceremony to mark completion of ploughing and transplanting skills contest in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — A ceremony to mark completion of ploughing in conjunction with the transplanting skills contest for 2007-2008 in Ayeyawady Division was held in Zayetkwin Village, Kyaunggon Township in Pathein District on 1 August, with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and he presented first prize to Pathein District team.

First, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech on the occasion, saying that three basic factors—

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Detailed basic principles that should be adopted for Chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency” clarified

YANGON, 2 Aug — The following is the clarification on the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in the chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency” to be included in drawing the State constitution at the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaungshuwin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.

The Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee presented the detailed basic principles that should be adopted for the chapter “Provisions on State of Emergency” at the Plenary Session of the National Convention held on 31 October 2006.

The Delegate Groups — the Delegate Group of National Races, the Delegate Group of Peasants, the Delegate Group of Workers, the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel, the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons, the Delegate Group of Political Parties — National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party — and Delegate Group of Representatives-elect — the representatives-elect of the political parties and the three-member group including Dr Hmu Htan and the six-member group including U Tin Win — held discussions and made suggestions on the Work Committee chairman’s clarifications and laid down the following detailed basic principles:

1. If the President learns that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence views transplanting contest in Kyaunggon Township.— MNA

Personnel urged to strive for ensuring prompt freight handling at Yangon Port and Yangon Airport free from corruption

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence met officials of the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operation in Full Capacity and Myanma Port Authority at the MPA (Head Office) on Pansodan Street this afternoon.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operation in Full Capacity Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe reported on formation of the committee and its duties and functions, assignments of combined inspection teams at jetties, list of ocean-going liners that berthed at jetties from January 1998 to June 2007, year-wise inspection of container list at the container yards, collection of charges for security of containers, allotment of charges of container security, yearly collection of fines and sales of goods through auction — (See page 10)