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Strengthen friendly relations between Myanmar and Vietnam, enhance regi-
onal and bilateral cooperation

The Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam have similar
historical backgrounds. Heads of both countries exchanged visits and the
two countries have maintained good and cordial relations.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe paid visits to the Socialist Republic
of Vietnam in 1995, 1998 and 2003. Similarly, the Prime Minister and the President

At the invitation of Acting Prime Min-
ister of the Union of Myanmar and Secre-
tary-1 of the State Peace and Development
Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, a goodwill dele-
gation led by Vietnamese Prime Minister
Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem arrived on a friendly visit to
Myanmar on 14 August.

Chairman of the State Peace and De-
velopment Council Senior General Than
Shwe received the goodwill delegation led
by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-
1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime
Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung discussed mutual interests and bilateral cooperation
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At the briefing hall, Chairman of the leading
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tary of Taninthayi Division PDCU Tha Win reported
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U Zaw Zaw Moe of Phoe La Min Co and
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work done.

Four NLD members of
Labutta and Salin Tsps quit

YANGON, 15 Aug — U Aung Naing, U Hla Hla and Daw San San Maw of Labutta Township
National League for Democracy in Ayeyawady Division and U Tin Win of Salin Township NLD in Magway Division resigned from the party of
their own accord on 2 August sending their resigna-
tion letters to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In the letters sent to Labutta and Salin Township Multi-party Democracy General Elec-
tion Subcommissions, they said that they lost interest in the acts of the party and they no longer wished to remain as NLD members. That was
why, they quit the party of their own volition, they said. — MNA

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We agree to add the given expression to the detailed basic principles as follows:

“The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.”

In our view, the expression “The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law” should be added to the said detailed basic principle.

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“The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.”

The para refers only to the term “body”. There may be occasions in which the legislative power and executive power are exercised by an organization or by a person. In this situation there may be a constitutional problem. They may be no reason for the occurrence of any disputes if the stipulations contained in the detailed basic principle are fully comprehensive.

In our view, the detailed basic principle should be amended as follows:

“In this Chapter and the Chapter on State Fundamental Principles, “The State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.”

In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the Union and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, the para (3) (c) (ii) states “have an advocate of a High Court of at least 20 years’ standing”.

In connection with the qualifications of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Region or State Chief Justice and judges of the High Court of the Region or State, the para 11 (c) (ii) states “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years”. The stipulation does not state the word “at least”. It should be stated “at least 15 years” to ensure a harmonious context and to prevent against occurrence of disputes in the future.

Hence, the expression “a person who has served as advocate for 15 years” of the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”. Mr Chairman,

The Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” that was adopted at the plenary session of the National Convention, includes the subpara (d) of the para 28 which states “flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”;

But subpara (a) of para 28 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “a political party shall: (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.” To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” should be used in drafting the Constitution.

Thus, we agree to use “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” instead of “genuine multiparty democracy” in para 28 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 16 September 1993 adopted the following State Fundamental Principles in connection with judiciary:

(a) the judicial power of the State is distributed among Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw (Supreme Court), Region Taya Hluttaw (Region High Court), State Taya Hluttaw (State High Court) and law courts of different levels including law courts of self-administered areas;

(b) in the Pyidaungsu is constituted one Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw is the supreme law court of State;

(c) Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw has powers to issue writs

But from paras 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “Supreme Court of the Union” to clearly express the difference between the term “Supreme Court of the Union” and the term “High Court” of the Region or State.

In our view, to have a uniformed context and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the term “Supreme Court of the Union” should be used.

We agree that the term Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “Supreme Court of the Union”. (See page 4)
Mr Chairman,

Subpara (g) of para 34, subpara (e) and (b) of para 22 which have connections between one another were included in adopting detailed basic principles for the formation of executive. The subpara (b) of para 22 states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (f) of para 28 states “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.”

The subpara (e) of para 31 states, “The Auditor-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.”

In the abovementioned detailed basic principles, the terms and usages in connection with Region or State are clear and easy to understand. They should be used in drafting the Constitution to ensure a contextual uniformity and to have a clear definition.

When the National Convention adopted the detailed basic principles for legislation, it adopted the following detailed basic principle in connection with the names of the two Hluttaws:

“(a) the Hluttaw “formed with Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population and Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall be known as Pyithu Hluttaw;

(b) the Hluttaw formed with Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers from regions and states and Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services shall be known as Amyotha Hluttaw.”

If the election of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives is based on population and township, the States will be able to elect 31 more representatives; and the States will be able to elect 31 less representatives.

The term “discipline-flourishing economy” should be added to the word “Union territories” for the usage to be more precise.

In our view, the abovementioned detailed basic principle should be amended as follows:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

(a) 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone

(b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the rates of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of Union territories”

We would like to suggest that the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (f) of para 28 should be substituted with the expression “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”.

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 29 March 1996, adopted detailed basic principles for the formation of executive. In the detailed basic principles, para 22 states as follows:

“(i) The Region or State Chief Minister shall be responsible to the President of the State

(ii) The Region or State Minister shall be responsible to the Region or State Chief Minister concerned and through the Chief Minister, to the President of the State.”

The subpara (f) of para (28) states, “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.”

The subpara (e) of para 31 states, “The Auditor-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.”

In our view, subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 should be amended as follows:

Subpara (f) of para 28: “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is

(ii) responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned

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Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 September 1994 adopted the detailed basic principle concerning the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw as follows:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

(a) Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of population

(b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in accord with the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of Union territories”
THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Thursday, 16 August, 2007

“The State” means a body or a person that exercises legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution

YANGON, 15 Aug—The following is the suggestion of Delegate Group of National Races on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.

Esteemed Mr Chairman and members and delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 6 August 2007, the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee explained the matter concerning the amendment, addition and repeal of the adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles as necessary.

Based on our experiences and knowledge, we of the Delegate Group of National Races held discussions on the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification candidly.

As it is the final session, we after holding serious discussions based on Union Spirit will support the Work Committee Chairman’s clarifications. We will also present separate suggestions.

Esteemed Mr Chairman and members and delegates,

Now, the National Convention has successfully adopted the chapter-wise fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that are to be included in formulating the Constitution. The National Convention delegates have unanimously adopted the said fundamental principles and detailed basic principles taking time in holding discussions on them from various angles. Hence, they are the principles that should be actually based in writing the Constitution. We need to make amendment, the repeal, the transfer and the addition and omission of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles as necessary after assessing them to be in accord with the time and situation, for the adopted fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be in proper contextual order, to define the adopted objectives and detailed basic principles more clearly and to draft the Constitution more precisely and clearly.

Mr Chairman,

The State will carry out the legislative and executive functions in accord with the fundamental principles. In doing so, the State will implement the functions in accord with the nation’s prevailing situation and time. The running of the legislative and administrative machinery may face disturbances and obstacles if a lawsuit is filed against the State while taking advantage of its failure to implement the task in accord with said principles as time and situation is not ripe yet. In our view, it is necessary to adopt a detailed basic principle that will protect the State.

In our view, the expression “The application of these principles in legislation and administration shall be the care of the State but shall not be enforceable in any court or law” should be added to the detailed basic principle “The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.”

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held on 12 December 2005 laid down detailed basic principles on designation of the status of Yangon, a Union territory, prescribed in para 35 and the detailed basic principles on administration of Capital Yangon, prescribed in para 36.

With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw.

We would like to suggest that sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 says, “With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”. The para 35 (c) (iii) states “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years” to ensure a harmonious context of the legislative and executive powers according to this Constitution.

Hence, the detailed basic principle 11 (c) (ii) “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years” should be amended as “a person who has served as advocate for at least 15 years”. Mr Chairman,

The Chapter “State Fundamental Principles include the subpara (d) of the para 2 which states “flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system”; the para 3 which states, “the State practises genuine multiparty democracy system” and para 28 which states “the State shall ensure a system of political parties for flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system.”

But subpara (a) of para 2 of the adopted detailed basic principles for the chapter “Political Parties” states “political party shall: (a) accept and practice discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.” When we study the said detailed basic principle we will find the following...

The term “discipline-flourishing …

(See page 6)

Mr Chairman,

Soon, the National Convention will be concluded successfully. The Constitution will truly come into force in accord with the seven-point Road Map. The Tatmadaw government will transfer the State power to a civilian government in accord with the Constitution. The Tatmadaw government has been training the delegates proper ways and means to hold sessions, to make presentations and to hold discussions at the National Convention, while it is carrying out the immense national task.

At the National Convention, eight groups of delegates discussed, laid down and adopted the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles.

The matter concerning the amendment, addition and repeal of the said principles was presented to the eight groups of delegates. The task has been accomplished smoothly.

I wish public representatives of the respective Hluttaws that will emerge in the future accept the occasional changes and systematically make amendments, additions and repeals as necessary in view of the national interest and national cause."—MNA
“The State” means a body or a person …

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usage “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy”. The usage emphasizes in all seriousness that the democracy Myanmar will practic in the future is a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system. To be able to ensure a contextual uniformity, the term “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” should be used.

Thus, we agree to use “discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy” instead of genuine multiparty democracy in para 2 subpara (d), para 3 and para 28 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Mr Chairman,

Para 1 to 9 of the Formation of Judiciary and paras 1, 2 and 8 of Sharing of the Judicial Power, use the term “Supreme Court of the Union”. In this regard, the term Pyidaungsu Taya Hluttaw in the subparas (a), (b) and (c) of para 9 of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” should be substituted with the term “Supreme Court of the Union”.

Mr Chairman,

As the subpara (b) para 22 states “The President of the State may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”, he may or may not exercise relaxation on age limit. To be able to express the essence and aims of the given detailed basic principle and to prevent constitutional disputes in the future, it should be used “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”. We support that the expression “may exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit” of the subpara (h) para 22 should be substituted with the expression “shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”.

Mr Chairman,

The plenary session of the National Convention held adopted detailed basic principles for the formation of executive. In the detailed basic principles, “The subpara (f) of para 28 states, “The Advocate-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President of the Region or State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.” The subpara (e) of para 31 states, “The Auditor-General of the Region or State is responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region of State concerned, to the Pyidaungsu Auditor-General and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.”

To have a clearer meaning and usage, the subpara (f) para 28 and subpara (e) para 31 should be amended as follows:

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(i) responsible to the President through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned
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Mr Chairman,

As regards the formation of Pyithu Hluttaw, to be able to allow a large number of national races representative to take part in the Pyithu Hluttaw, the designation of Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies should be based on township as well as population.

More townships will have to be formed as necessary to be in conformity with the task of implementing projects such as security, management, education, health projects. Thus the nation is achieving more agriculture and industrial development than now.

When the number of townships goes over 330, a newly formed township should be joined with one of the townships adjacent to it to designate a Pyithu Hluttaw constituency.

We are in support of making the following addition to ensure an enduring detailed basic principle concerning the formation of the Pyithu Hluttaw:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 440 Hluttaw representatives as follows:

(a) Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population from constituencies designated in accord with the law after combining a newly formed township with one of the suitable townships adjacent to it if the total number of townships exceeds 330

(b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.”

Mr Chairman,

As regards the formation of Amyotha Hluttaw of the legislation, the subpara (a) states “equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone”. The word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” for the usage to be more precise.

We agree that detailed basic principle concerned should be amended as follows:

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(a) 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone.

(b) 56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories.

(c) In forming the Amyotha Hluttaw in accord with the subpara (a) and (b), the words “the respective Union territories” mean Union territories designated by this Constitution and Union territories proclaimed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after enacting laws concerning the matter to elect Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are inclusive in the state or division or the region or state they are included in.”

Mr Chairman,

Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central governments are based in Nay Pyi Taw. So, the capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw.

The designation of Yangon as a Union territory under the direct administration of the President should be revoked. And the municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory placed under the direct administration of the President.

Moreover, the detailed basic principle “Coconutgum Township which has a special situation is designated as Union territory and placed under direct administration of the President of the Union” should be revoked as it is no longer required.

In our opinion, the following detailed basic principle should be adopted:

“(a) Nay Pyi Taw, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as Union territory placed under direct administration of the President of the Union.

(b) If need arises to designate areas that have special situation in connection with national defence, security, administration and economy etc, as Union territories they may be so designated as Union territories after enacting laws.”

Mr Chairman,

As Yangon is no longer the Capital, the term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in the detailed basic principles for the sharing of capital Union territory, the term “Capital Yangon” prescribed in para 35 and the detailed basic principles on designation of the status of the Chairman and members of Yangon Council prescribed in para 36 of the detailed basic principles adopted at the plenary session held from 28 to 30 March 1996, should be replaced with the term “Nay Pyi Taw”, and the term “Chairman of Yangon Council” prescribed in sub-para (c) of 16 of detailed basic principles for Formation of Financial Commission with the term “Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council”.

Mr Chairman,

The National Convention laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of judicial power. In this regard, sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 says, “With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocoygun Township.”

Thus, designating Capital Nay Pyi Taw a Union territory and revoking the designation of Yangon and Cocoygun Township as Union territories, it will need to amend the detailed basic principle, as appropriate.

We support that sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 “With regard to the judicial matter, Yangon Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Yangon City and Cocoygun Township” should be amended as “With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.

Mr Chairman,

When basic principles were laid down for the chapter “State Fundamental Principles” of the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution, an exception was prescribed under the 104 basic principles as follows:

“After laying down the principles to serve as base for formulating state fundamental principles, it will be carried on as follows:

- of those basic principles relevant ones are to be taken as basic in discussing basic principles in respective chapters,
- of those basic principles, those that should be mentioned in the preamble of the State Constitution should be mentioned also in that preamble,
- principles concerning the State are to be mentioned separately in the chapter heading “The State”,
- likewise, principles concerning respective chapters are to be transferred to respective chapters, when discussions are held for those respective chapters,
- principles concerning the chapter “State fundamental principle” are to be retained in the chapter on State fundamental principles.”

When detailed basic principles were laid down according to the chapter headings, the principles relevant to respective chapters were transferred as detailed basic principles. It is assumed that of the detailed basic principles transferred to respective chapters, some principles should continue to be prescribed in the Chapter ‘State Fundamental Principles’ and some not.

I would also like to present the basic principles that are no longer prescribed because they do not need to be prescribed as detailed basic principles. They are:

The principles transferred to the Chapter “The Head of State”

1. The Head of State is the President of the Union. (See page 7)
“The President of the State shall exercise relaxation of stipulation on age limit”

U Than Shwe of Delegate Group of Peasants.

YANGON, 15 Aug.—The following is the suggestions of Delegate Group of Peasants on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.

Esteemed chairman and members of the panel of chairmen, the chairman and members of the National Convention Convening Commission, the chairman and members of the Management Committee, and delegates,

I extend my warmest greetings to you, and may you be all blessed with physical and mental well-being.

I am National Convention delegate U Than Shwe from Bago Division of the Delegate Group of Peasants.

On behalf of the Delegate Group of Peasants, I would like to present our group’s proposal paper regarding the

Work Committee chairman’s explanation about the basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added or repealed among the basic principles and detailed basic principles that the National Convention has adopted.

Mr Chairman,

In 1988, our country’s 1974 constitution no longer worked at all, so the Tatmadaw had to take over the State’s duties. Since then, it has been working hard day in, day out in various sectors to fulfil the people’s wish of transforming the nation into a discipline-flourishing genuine democratic one, while upholding Our Three Main National Causes, namely: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty. It is necessary measures for stability of the State, community peace, and prevalence

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15. The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hluttawas in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws.

We consider that these detailed basic principles have been transferred to respective chapters, and they no longer need to be mentioned in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Therefore, they are not prescribed.

Mr Chairman,

In the plenary session of the National Convention adopted detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”. In this regard, para 5 says, “The existing laws are still in force until they are revoked or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and unless they are in contrary to the constitution”. We agree that the detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power no longer needs to be prescribed, and it will be revoked.

Mr Chairman,

In drafting the State Constitution in accordance with the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, necessary amendments should be made to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles.

So we agree to the clarification which said, “I would like to seek the approval of the NC to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution.”

Mr Chairman,

This is the final session of the National Convention. The Delegate Group of National Races studied all the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles in addition to the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman.

Based on our study, we are going to present a separate suggestion concerning the impeachment or the act of laying blame.

Subpara (a) para 19 of General Provisions states as follows:

(a) A member of the Constitutional Tribunal can be blamed or impeached under any of the following reasons:

(1) treason;

(2) violation of any of the provisions of the Constitution;

(3) misbehaviour;

(4) incapability of discharging duties prescribed in the State Constitution for a member of the Constitutional Tribunal;

(5) being unable to perform the duties assigned to him efficiently;

There are similar detailed basic principles to impeach the Chairman of the Union Election Commission or one of the members in accord with the abovementioned five points.

Only the first to fourth detailed principles are stipulated for the impeachment of the President, or the Vice-President, a Union Minister, the Attorney-General of the Union, the Auditor-General of the Union, Region or State Chief Minister or any of the ministers, the Chief Justice of the Union or any of the judges of the Supreme Court or a Chief Justice in any of the judges of the Region or State High Court State.

To have a contextual uniformity and to prevent occurrence of disputes in the future, the detailed basic principles concerning the impeachment should always be five points for every matter.

It can be assumed that the expression “being unable to perform the duties assigned to him efficiently” is so general that there is no specification of the person concerned or the duty. It will be more appropriate if the said expression should be substituted with the expression “being unable to effectively perform the duties assigned to him in accord with the law”.

In our view, the point 5 “being unable to perform effectively the duties assigned to him in accord with the law” should be added to the four detailed basic principles concerning the impeachment. Concerning the impeachment of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal or Chairman of the Union Election Commission or one of the members, the expression of the point 5 “being unable to perform the duties assigned to him efficiently” should be substituted with the expression “being unable to effectively perform the duties assigned to him in accord with the law”.

Mr Chairman,

As regards the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman, the Delegate Group of National Races have supported the 14 amendments, two revocations, one decision and transfers and

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1. The President of the Union shall be elected by the presidential electoral college. The principles transferred to the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”—

3. All persons who have either one of the following requirements are citizens of the Union of Myanmar. All persons born of parents both of whom are nationals of the Union of Myanmar. Persons who are vested with citizenship according to existing laws on the date this Constitution comes into force.

5. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo national solidarity; and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

6. Every citizen is under a duty to undergo military training in accord with the provisions of the law and to serve in the armed forces to defend the State.

7. The above right shall not include any economic, financial, political or other secular activities that may be associated with religious practice.

8. The freedom so guaranteed shall not prohibit the State from enacting laws for the purpose of social welfare and reform.

9. The State recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the State.

10. The State also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as religions existing in the Union on the date of the coming into force of the State Constitution.

11. The State shall render assistance and protect as far as it can the religions it recognizes.

12. The abuse of religion for political purposes is forbidden. And any act which is intended or is likely to promote feelings of hatred, enmity or discord between racial or religious communities or sects is contrary to the State Constitution. A law may be adopted to punish such actions.

13. The State shall help national businessmen have access to technologies, investments, machinery, and raw materials.

The principles transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions”—

14. Myanmar language is the official language.
Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem arrive in Yangon

YANGON, 15 Aug — The Vietnamese delegation led by visiting Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem arrived here by special flight at 9:15 am today.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, staff of Vietnamese Embassy and officials.

The Vietnamese delegation together with Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and wife Daw Khin Swe Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung and officials visited Shwedagon Pagoda. They were welcomed at the pagoda by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and officials and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. The visiting prime minister signed in the visitors’ book.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem and party offered flowers, water, lights and joss-sticks to the pagoda.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko accepted cash donation presented by the Vietnamese Prime Minister and wife and presented a picture of Shwedagon Pagoda to them.

After that, the Vietnamese delegation paid homage to the Jade Buddha Image at south-west corner of the pagoda and visited the religious buildings.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and wife pay homage to Buddha Image at Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

Vietnamese Prime Minister attends Myanmar-Vietnam Business Forum

YANGON, 15 Aug — Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam attended the Myanmar-Vietnam Business Forum held at Sedona Hotel here today and delivered a keynote address at the forum.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Pham Gia Khiem, delegation members and Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung also participated in the forum. Also attended at the forum from Myanmar side were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein, Director-General of the Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Myint, vice-presidents and executives of the federation, President of Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) Dr Vu Tien Loc and members, businessmen of the two sides also participated in the forum.

First, Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung delivered a keynote address on mutual cooperation in business sector between the two countries. President of UMFCCI U Win Myint presented souvenir to Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. Afterwards, U Win Myint and President of VCCI Dr Vu Tien Loc exchanged souvenirs and the forum concluded.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed matters related to mutual cooperation in business sector, bilateral trade and investment sector. — MNA
Vietnamese Prime Minister and Madame conclude visit

YANGON, 15 Aug — Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem and party left Yangon at 12 noon today by special aircraft.

At the lounge of Yangon International Airport, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presented documentary VCD on Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win and the Vietnamese Prime Minister and Madame exchanged gifts.

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Madame Tran Thanh Kiem, wife of Vietnamese Prime Minister, visits Myanmar Gems Emporium

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug — Madame Tran Thanh Kiem, wife of Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, and party together with Daw Khin Hsan Myint, wife of Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Daw Htwe Yi, wife of Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem, wife of Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Tran Van Tung, visited Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

The Vietnamese guests were welcomed by Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, MGE Curator U Tun Latt and officials and the guests visited the emporium. — MNA

Insurgents’ mine blast destroys two towers of power grid

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of law and order. In 1993, it launched the National Convention with representatives of people from all walks of life to lay down fundamental principles to draft a State Constitution necessary for guaranteeing the sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers and turning out a discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system.

While the National Convention is in session, the National Convention Convening Commission, the Work Committee, the Management Committee and National Convention delegates have worked hard together and held discussions variously taking time to adopt the basic principles and detailed basic principles. As a result, they have adopted unanimously the 104 fundamental principles and basic principles for 15 chapters.

The Work Committee took steps for enabling the representatives of the delegations helping to study with the convenience the constituencies of many other countries, to compile collectively proposal papers based on the historical background of Myanmar, and to give advice and make suggestions as to whether the basic principles and detailed basic principles should be adopted or not. The representatives from various regions compiled their independent proposal papers through the experiences and knowledge they have gained, and the experiences of other countries. National Convention delegates are pleased and proud of the achievement that the National Convention has adopted some of their separate suggestions as basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution.

Mr Chairman,

Now, I would like to make some suggestions about the adopted basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, repealed or added so that they are consistent with the current changes, there is contextual uniformity in them, the initial objectives and the adopted detailed basic principles become more clear and comprehensible, and the State Constitution can be drafted more precisely and specifically. My presentation is to contribute towards the drive to help the whole process meet the systematic programmes of check, re-check and counter check.

Mr Chairman,

The State will have to carry out legislative and executive duties in accordance with the adopted 104 State fundamental principles. If there is a lawsuit filed against the government taking advantage of the fact that the time is not ripe yet, there will be disruption to the government taking advantage of the fact that the time is not ripe yet, there will be disruption to the government. Hence, the points:

“(a) Not more than 330 Hluttaw representatives elected on the basis of township as well as on the basis of population from constituencies designated in accord with the law after combining a newly formed township with one of the suitable townships adjacent to it if the total number of townships exceeds 330,

(b) Not more than 110 Tatmadaw member Hluttaw representatives nominated in accord with law by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

The word “the respective” should be added to the word “Union territories” for the usage to be more precise. Hence, the points:

“Pyithu Hluttaw shall be formed with a maximum of 224 Hluttaw representatives, as follows:

(a) 168 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives elected in equal numbers of 12 from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories, and including one representative from each self-administered division or self-administered zone

(b) 56 Tatmadaw member Amyotha Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accord with law at the rate of four representatives from each region or state inclusive of the respective Union territories designated by this Constitution and Union territories proclaimed by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after enacting laws concerning the matter to elect Amyotha Hluttaw representatives are inclusive in the state or division or the region or Union territories they are included in,” should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mr Chairman,

Internationally, the city where the office of the central government is based is designated as the capital of the State. And in some countries, the capitals are placed under direct administration of the President or the central government. Now, the government of the Union of Myanmar and the offices of the central governments are based in Nay Pyi Taw. The capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw. The municipal area of Nay Pyi Taw, which has become the Capital of the State, should be designated as a Union territory placed under the direct administration of the President. Therefore, regarding the designation of Union territories, the points:

5. Designation of Union territories,

(a) Nay Pyi Taw, that is the Capital of the Union, is designated as a Union territory placed under

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concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention.

Present on the occasion were members of the National Convention Convening Commission, members of the National Convention Convening Work Committee, members of the National Convention Convening Management Committee, chairmen and officials of sub-committees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union of National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahbu National Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kogak Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent represen-
tatives, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of peasants from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of workers from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan (South), Shan (North) and Shan (East) States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State Service Personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President’s Office, the Pyuthu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General’s Office, the Auditor-General’s 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 and the State service personnel of the respective ministries, other invited delegates, delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (East) Special Region-5, Kayin State Special Region-1, Kayin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNNDP) (Dragon Group), Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Hkawakaw (Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nyaw), Kayinni National Buddhist Organization (DKBA) and Haungthaway Special Region Group who have returned to the legal fold, Nyeinchanlay Myothit Group from Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyayae (MTA), Manpan People’s Militia Group, Mon Peace Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon (Breakaway) Na Seik Chan Group that had exchanged arms for peace. At 7.30 am, before the plenary session of the National Convention, members of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC, 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 service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidawgsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates. At the plenary session, U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of Political Parties presided over the meeting together with U Myo Than (Maung Hla Shin) of NCC Work Committee, U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Kan Nyunt of Delegate Group of Peasants, U Kyaw Win Tun of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr Maung Maung Wint of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, U Tin Kha (See page 15).

Meeting Chairman and members of Panel of Chairmen at Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

Mr Chairman,

There will soon be the State Constitution necessary for ensuring peace and development of the motherland and building a discipline-flourishing multiparty democratic nation. In order to complete the drafting of the State Constitution, the State has spent a lot of funds and time, while the delegates have worked and exerted goodwill, sacrificing their economic, health and social affairs to an extent. We believe the State Constitution that has cost such huge investments will be complete with magnificent characteristics such as essence, durability, harmony with the modern time, and serving public interests.

Mr Chairman,

Many constitutions are no longer in force because:
(a) the provisions that deserved amendments could not be amended in time,
(b) appropriate laws could not be promulgated with the passage of time,
(c) there was failure to take an action correctly and immediately to remedy the grievances of the people.

Therefore, the organ or persons that will exercise the legislative, executive and judicial powers that will come into force under the forthcoming State Constitution should keep in mind these notable points.

In the new State that will emerge under the State Constitution we have drafted in harmony, the authorities at all levels will have to honour the State Constitution. And I assume that we delegates will have to protect it.

Our ultimate goal is to turn out a good government to be elected by the people through discipline-flourishing democracy in accordance with the State Constitution that will soon be completed by the National Convention, and that can create a prosperous future of the State, and guarantee the interests of the electorate, and the rights of each citizen. We hope the best in this regard.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to remind again that we have to make sure that each citizen can enjoy all the fundamental rights of citizens for long existence of the State Constitution till our posterity.

Indeed, the State Constitution is the basic law of all the laws. I believe it will also need to amend the laws, rules and regulations, as appropriate in accordance with the changes.

Mr Chairman,

We delegates have worked whatever role we are in to successfully complete the National Convention. The National Convention Convening Commission, the Work Committee, the Management Committee and respective subcommittees have provided all forms of necessary assistance for our convenience including stay, transport, meals, security and personal affairs. So, on behalf of all delegates, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the committees and responsible persons.

We delegates are very proud to have an opportunity to help set up a milestone that can bring a brighter future of the nation and the people. We are willing to carry out such public services more than ever.

Mr Chairman,

In drafting the State Constitution in accordance with the basic principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, necessary amendments should be made to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles.

In conclusion, I would like to present peasant representatives’ decision to seek the approval of the NC to make necessary amendments to the terms, dictation and word orders without having any adverse effects to the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC in drafting the State Constitution. — MNA

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(The text continues with discussions and debates related to the drafting of the State Constitution.)
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Syria seizes 57 kilos of narcotics destined for Saudi Arabia

DAMASCUS, 14 Aug—The Syrian authorities seized some 57 kilos of narcotics as two men were attempting to smuggle the stack into Saudi Arabia, the independent Syria-news website reported on Sunday.

Syrian security officials arrested the two men, who claimed that they were going to Saudi Arabia to perform pilgrimage, in the northern province of Hama after receiving a tip, the report said. The police found nine large containers with 336,000 pills in their vehicle, which were covered by fruits as camouflage, it added.—MNA/Xinhua

Beijing to reward citizens who report safety issues

BEIJING, 14 Aug—Beijing city authorities will reward citizens who report food safety concerns to officials, state media said on Monday, a day after a TV reporter was jailed for cooking up false food safety reports.

The regulation, which was being drafted by the Beijing legislature, would “let people play an active role to safeguard the city’s food table”, the Beijing Youth Daily said, citing a top city legislator.

In previous drafts, the city would only reward reporters of food safety issues when they provided “important clues, information or proof”, the newspaper added.

It did not give details of how citizens would be rewarded. The regulation would also increase penalties on officials who hold responsibility for food safety accidents, it said.

“The main government officials or managers would be warned, deposed or sacked if food safety accidents cause serious social impact happen frequently in their administrated districts, the newspaper said.

Despite repeated government assurances they are taking a responsible attitude towards food and drug safety, there has been little left up in the barrage of bad news.

MNA/Reuters
Brunei-Malaysia to expand ties

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Aug — The 11th annual consultation between Malaysia and Brunei is expected to expand bilateral ties in trade, investment, education, research, defence and agriculture, local media reported on Monday.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Brunei’s Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah will discuss issues of mutual interest, including further strengthening of relations through existing areas of co-operation in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei from Monday to Tuesday. Last year, bilateral trade between the two Asean countries was worth more than 441 million US dollars, an 11 per cent increase from the year before, the New Straits Times reported.

The annual summit, which the two countries take turns to host, was last held in Kuala Terengganu, capital city of Terengganu State, Malaysia. Aside from exchanging views on relations between the two countries, the annual consultation also provides a platform for both leaders to deliberate on regional and international issues of common interest.

As in previous years, a joint statement is expected to be issued at the end of the talks. At their last annual consultation, the two leaders had noted the progress made in various areas of co-operation, particularly in trade and investment, science and technology, aquaculture and agriculture.

UAE nat’l airline to increase flights for winter

ABU DHABI, 14 Aug — Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will increase its weekly flights by 27 per cent for the winter season, Emirates News Agency reported on Sunday.

The Abu Dhabi-based carrier will increase its weekly flights from 564 to 716 for the aviation industry’s winter season that starts on 28 October, the report said.

Most of the new flights are scheduled for destinations in the Gulf region, Europe and the Indian subcontinent.

The four-year-old carrier announced last week that its planes were on average 65 per cent full in the first six months of 2007, a figure often considered an industry benchmark for an airline’s break-even point.

Dinosaur mass grave discovered

ZURICH, (Switzerland) 14 Aug — An amateur paleontologist in Switzerland may have unearthed Europe’s largest dinosaur mass grave after he dug up the remains of two Plateosaurus.

The dinosaurs’ bones came to light during house-building in the village of Frick, near the German border.

“A hobby paleontologist looked at a construction site for a house and happened to discover the bones,” said Monica Ruembeli from the Frick dinosaur museum.

The finds show that an area known for Plateosaurus finds for decades may be much larger than originally thought.

“It could be that the area extends for 1.5 kilometres (0.9 miles) and in that case, you could certainly say it’s the biggest site in Europe,” said Martin Sander, a dinosaur paleontologist at the university of Bonn in Germany.

The Frick area contained the bones of one animal per 100 square meters, Sander said, so the entire area might contain bones of 100 more Plateosaurus.

The peaceful herbivore — measuring up to 10 meters from head to tail— roamed river deltas in large herds some 210 million years ago, according to some scientists, when most of Switzerland was covered with desert and its landscape may have looked much like the estuary of the Nile now.

Explosion derails Russian train, 27 injured

MALAYA VIISHERA (Russia), 14 Aug — An explosion derailed a Russian train travelling between Moscow and St Petersburg late on Monday, injuring dozens of passengers but killing no one, officials said.

Officials said the cause of the blast was unknown.

“As a result of an explosion at 21:38 pm (1738 GMT), several carriages of the passenger train No 166 from Moscow to St Petersburg were derailed,” Russian Railways said in a statement.

The statement said the explosion was caused by “outside action”, indicating that it may have been the result of foul play and not just a technical fault.

The derailment happened in Novgorod region, about 500 kilometres (310 miles) north of Moscow, near the village of Malaya Vishera. Viktor Beltsov, a spokesman for Russia’s Emergencies Ministry, said 27 people were admitted to hospital to have their injuries treated.

“Three are in a serious condition,” he said.

Russian news agencies reported that a total of 60 people were hurt, but most did not require hospital treatment.

“The driver said he heard a loud bang,” Alexander Pirkov, an adviser to Russian Railways chief Vladimir Yakunin, told the Vesti-24 television news channel.

Rescuers work at the site of a train derailment near the village of Malaya Vishera, about 500 km (310 miles) northwest of Moscow, on 14 Aug, 2007.

An improvised bomb laid on the tracks derailed the Russian express train, overturning carriages and injuring dozens of passengers, a railway official said on Tuesday. — INTERNET

Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (left) and Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah during their meeting at the Istana Nurul Iman palace in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei. — MNA/Xinhua

Explosion of a train near Malaya Vishera, about 500 km (310 miles) northwest of Moscow, on 14 Aug. 2007. — MNA/Reuters

This photo provided by NASA shows astronaut Barbara R Morgan on the aft flight deck of the space shuttle Endeavour while docked with the International Space Station on 12 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

Six players, one coach banned for soccer scuffle at Universiade

BANGKOK, 15 Aug — Six players and one coach received suspensions Tuesday for scuffles in and after the soccer match between Thailand and Mexico at the World University Games here.

The International University Sports Federation (FISU) announced the decision following the chaotic men’s quarterfinal on Monday, which ended with Thailand’s 1-0 win. For the three Mexican players who received red cards Monday, Daniel Rojas and Marco Valverde were banned for two games while Diego Lopez had one-game suspension.

Host Thailand’s Wisarut Pannasi and Umarin Yaodum each had a two-game ban. — MNA/Reuters

Cameroon claim 78 applicants for national team post

JOHANNESBURG, 15 Aug — After advertising for a new national coach on its Web site, the Cameroon Football Federation have posted the names of 78 candidates it says have applied for the job.

The list names applicants from 22 countries and could prove embarrassing for coaches already in charge of national teams or prominent clubs.

Hungarian-born Laszlo Csaba, current coach of Uganda, is named among the candidates less than a month before a vital African Nations Cup qualifier against Niger in Kampaala.

Eritrea’s Romanian coach Dorian Marian and the 69-year-old German Otto Pfister, who took Togo to the last World Cup finals in Germany, are also on the list.

Pfister is currently coach of Al Merreikh in Sudan. — MNA/Reuters

FIFA add prize money, extra team to World Club Cup

ZURICH, 15 Aug — FIFA have added a million dollars prize money and one extra place to this year’s World Club Cup in Japan, the world governing soccer body said on Tuesday. Japan was also awarded the 2008 competition with the bidding to host the 2009 event scheduled to start in November.

The organizing committee decided to increase the prize money by one million dollars for the 2007 event, putting a total of 16 million dollars up for grabs in Japan, FIFA said in a statement.

“The champion will take home 5 million, the runner-up will net 4 million, and 3rd place 2.5 million. Fourth place will get 2 million, the two fifth-placed teams will receive one million and seventh place will earn 500,000 US dollars.”

Seven teams instead of six will take part in the competition starting on 7 December.

In the three previous tournaments, known then as the World Club Championship, six continental club champions qualified, but from this year the champions of the host country will receive a spot and play the Oceania winners in the first match. — MNA/Reuters

Dinamo Bucharest hold Lazio to 1-1 draw in Rome

ROMA, 15 Aug — Lazio’s hopes of reaching the Champions League group stage suffered a setback on Tuesday when Dinamo Bucharest held them to a 1-1 draw in the Rome leg of their third qualifying round tie.

Ionel Danculescu climbed above the Serie A side’s defence and headed the visitors into the lead in the 22nd minute. Lazio surged forward and created a series of good chances, but Bogdan Lobont kept the Romanian title-holder’s sheet clean with some fine saves.

The former Fiorentina keeper denied Lazio again in the 38th minute when he pushed away a Tommaso Rocchi penalty, which was conceded for handball by Bogdan Lobont.

Massimo Mutarelli gave the home side a deserved equalizer eight minutes after the break when he headed home a Lorenzo De Silvestri cross. — MNA/Reuters

Spur striker Mido set for Middlesbrough move

LONDON, 15 Aug — Middlesbrough have agreed a fee for Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur to sign Egypt striker Mido, the club said on Tuesday.

“We’ve agreed a fee with Tottenham that’s enabled us to have Mido up to see us and he’s currently in the process of having his medical,” Middlesbrough said on their Web site (www.mfc.premiumpv.co.uk).

“Hopefully if everything goes well we’ll have some news in the next 36 hours.”

Mido, 24, had been set to join Birmingham City in the close season but a six million pounds (12 million US dollars) move fell through.

The African Young Player of the Year for 2002, Mido has played previously for Zamalek, Ghent, Ajax, Celta Vigo, Olympiakos Marseille and Roma in an itinerant career. — MNA/Reuters

Valencia in charge after 3-0 win at home to Elfsborg

VALENCIA, 15 Aug — Valencia moved to the brink of the Champions League group phase after they eased to a 3-0 victory at home to Swedish side Elfsborg in the first leg of their third qualifying round tie on Tuesday.

An early strike from midfielders Vicente and second half headers from David Silva and Fernando Morientes left the Primera Liga side in control before the return leg on 29 August.

Vicente put Valencia in front after just seven minutes, lashing home from close range after Elfsborg keeper Johan Wiland had blocked a fierce shot from striker David Villa. — MNA/Reuters

Alves poised to sign for Chelsea

MADRID, 15 Aug — Sevilla’s Brazilian wing-back Daniel Alves is poised to sign for Chelsea after being left out of the squad for the first leg of their Champions League third round qualifying tie against AEK Athens on Wednesday.

Spanish media reports that Chelsea’s chief executive Peter Kenyon met representatives from Sevilla in Madrid on Tuesday and that the two clubs had agreed a basic fee of 32 million euros (43.47 million US dollars) plus an extra 4 million depending on results for the 24-year-old international.

Last week, the dynamic left back asked Sevilla to listen to offers from big clubs, including Chelsea and Real Madrid, saying he felt it was time for him to move on.

He then told Sevilla coach Juande Ramos that he was not ready to play in Wednesday’s game against AEK. If he had played he would have been unable to play for another team in the Champions League this season. — MNA/Reuters

Recoba helps Inter past AC Milan in friendly

MILAN, 15 Aug — Alvaro Recoba curled in a sublime strike to give Inter a 1-0 win over AC Milan in the final of a friendly tournament on Tuesday which also involved Juventus. The Uruguayan playmaker, who had looked set to leave after being knocked down the pecking order of forwards, reminded Roberto Mancini of his worth with a 25-metre effort midway through the 45-minute match at the San Siro.

Champions Inter had earlier drawn 0-0 with newly-promoted Juventus in the first one-half match but won the subsequent penalty shootout after defender Domenico Criscito missed the first spot-kick.

AC Milan then beat a lacklustre Juve 1-0 thanks to Alberto Gilardino’s cool finish but lost their way in the final against a flowing Inter, who face AS Roma in Sunday’s Italian Super Cup. Milan play Juve again in the Berlusconi Trophy friendly on Friday with the Serie A season kicking off on 25 August.— MNA/Reuters

WASHINGTON Mystics’ Nakia Sanford, left, maneuvers around Connecticut Sun’s Erika De Souza of Brazil, during the fourth quarter of their WNBA basketball game, on 14 Aug, 2007, in Washington. Washington won 65-64.— INTERNET
National Convention ...
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of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and
Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-MC. The
MC declared the start of the meeting and the permission of the chair-
man as 1046 out of 1071 delegates were in attendance, accounting for
97.67 per cent. First, U Khin Maung Swe and U Sein Aung read the
suggestion of Delegate Group of Workers on matters con-
cerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the
fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by
National Convention.
(Thesuggestion will be published.)
Next, Daw Khin Mar Yi read out the suggestion of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intel-
geniousness on matters concerning the amendments, the additions and the repeals and the transfer out of the
fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by
National Convention.
The Plenary Session of National Convention went into recess
at 11.30 am.
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Model Cindy Crawford, right, poses with
Vanessa Hudgens, a cast member in 'High School Musical 2.' at the premiere of the Disney Channel movie in Anaheim, Calif., on
14 August, 2007. --- INTERNET

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Weather

The Weather Section of the National Convention continues at 9 am on 17
August (Friday) at the Pyidaungsu Hall.

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TV Myanmar
Thursday, 16 August
View on today
7:00 am
1. News / Slogan
2. To be healthy
3. Morning news
4. Nice and sweet song
5. Dance of national races
6. Radio Myanmar News
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am
5. Dance of national races
8:05 am
1. News / Slogan
2. TV Myanmar News
3. English for Everyday Use
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
3. English for Everyday Use
4:45 pm
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5:00 pm
8. Musical programme
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9. chopped rice
6:00 pm
All News
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WEATHER

Wednesday, 15 August, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly
cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, scattered in
Kayin State and lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread
in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with
isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy
amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (3.30) inches,
Shweegon (1.67) inches, Kyeikto (0.64) inches, Yangon
(Kaba-Aye) (1.66) inches and Hkamti (1.63) inches.
Maximum temperature on 15-8-2007 was 75°F.
Minimum temperature on 15-8-2007 was 75°F. Relative
humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-8-2007 was 93%.
Total sunshine hours on 14-8-2007 was (4.6) hours approx.
Rainfall on 15-8-2007 was (0.87) inch at Mandalay,
(1.66) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central
Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (90.51) inches
at Mandalay, (92.72) inches at Kaba-Aye and (91.03)
inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon
(Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (16:20) hours
MST on 14-8-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.
Forecast valid until evening of 16-8-2007: Rain or
thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Kachin and
States, fairly widespread in Chin, Mon and Kayin
States, Mandalay, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Bago,
Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated 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 Myanmar Coasts. 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 16-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of
certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas
for 16-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of
certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas
for 16-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of
certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 15-8-2007)
According to the (06:30 hr) MST observation today, the water level of Taungthaman Lake at 759 cm
is exceeded (9) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (750 cm) during the next (48) hrs commencing
noon today.

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**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

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**Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1**

Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife host dinner in honour of Vietnamese PM and Madame

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 Aug — Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win hosted a dinner in honour of the Vietnamese delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Madame Tran Thanh Kiem at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 7.30 pm yesterday.

Also present at the dinner were ministers, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, deputy ministers, (See page 9)

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**National Convention continues**

Suggestions on the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer presented

Yangon, 15 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today. Delegates of the respective Delegate Groups made suggestions on matters (See page 11)

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**Suggestions to be published**

Yangon, 15 Aug — The suggestions of Delegate Group of Workers, Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons on matters concerning the amendments, the additions, the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that have been adopted by National Convention will be published in the dailies. — MNA