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**Four political objectives**

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects progress of Monyin Dam Project, groundnut and tea plantations in Namtu, Tangyan

Lt-Gen Myint Swe meets athletes of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team

**Lt-Gen Myint Swe meeting with Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team at Yangon International Airport. — MNA**

YANGON, 21 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence met with athletes of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team who are going to take part in Singapore Army Half Marathon-2007 to be held on 26 August at Yangon International Airport and saw them off this morning.

In his meeting with the athletes at the lounge of the airport, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team is to take part in the marathon for the second time. Experienced athletes have been selected to dispatch to the marathon. The athletes are to be focused on achieving success in this tournament. The stamina is very important, he said, adding the athletes are to brush up trial performance to be accustomed to the weather. The athletes will get good experiences with the participation in international competitions. The athletes are to try their best to bring honour to the State, he said.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers saw off the 7-member of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team at Yangon International Airport. Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team led by Lt-Col Kyaw Win comprises Sgt Khin Maung Than, Sgt Myat Hsu Aung, Sgt Joseph, L/Cpl Soe Naing, Private Hsan Moe, Private San Myint and Private Kyi Min Soe. — MNA
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**Dams benefit arid areas**

The government has built dams, sluice gates, river water pumping projects and sunk tube wells across the country to fulfil the main requirement, water, for the agricultural sector.

As the government has built large, medium and small dams in arid areas of the country, farmers who relied on only rain water for cultivation in the past can now grow crops in their irrigated fields in those areas.

Due to construction of more dams and reservoirs in Pakokku District, Magway Division, for rice sufficiency and greening of the region, over 40,000 acres of irrigated fields were extended in the dry region.

Gwaygyo Dam in Yesagyo Township, Pakokku District, was inaugurated on 19 August. The dam is going to irrigate 400 acres of paddy in village-tracts in Yesagyo Township.

Due to scarcity of irrigation water in the region, local farmers had to grow mainly chillies, cotton, beans and pulses and corn instead of paddy. Local farmers, gaining benefits from Gwaygyo Dam, are going to grow crops including paddy all year round.

So far, altogether 202 dams including Gwaygyo Dam have been built across the country. As farmers have carried out more mixed-cropping and double-cropping they will be able to ensure local rice sufficiency, greening and socio-economic progress.

**Some brands of bottled water found unsafe**

**Yangon, 20 Aug** — Ministry of Health is taking measures for quality control of consumer products to ensure healthy and hygienic foods for the public. In doing so, authorities concerned have found that some brands of drinking water such as Shwe Sabei, Myoma, Crown and PH7 are inconsistent with micro-organic and chemical standards.

Bottled water can be produced only with the permission of the Ministry of Health and if not, action will be taken against violators according to law. — MNA

**Transport Minister inspects checking of containers at jetties**

**Yangon, 21 Aug** — Chairman of the Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freighting-handling and Operation at Full Capacity Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and members, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Authority, and Director-General U San Thaug of the Customs Department oversaw checking of containers with the use of x-ray machine, systematic storage of commodities at warehouses and at the Container Yard of No 3 Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty, here, yesterday.

The minister and party inspected unloading of 8,500 tons of iron rods from MV Huang Shan at Sale Jetty No 5. At Myamma Industrial Port on the Strand Road in Ahlon Township, the minister and party viewed tasks of the authority and gave necessary instructions.

At Asia World Jetty on Kwinkyaung Road in Ahlon Township, the minister oversaw checking of containers with the use of x-ray machine and unloading of containers from MV Kota Teraju, and left necessary instructions. — MNA

**Flood victims in Hinthada, Zalun Townships receive relief aids**

**Yangon, 21 Aug** — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt went to flood-hit areas in Hinthada and Zalun Townships yesterday and handed over relief aids to flood victims.

The minister met with members of social organizations and local people at Phaungseik Village in Hinthada Township. At the meeting, Minister Col Thein Nyunt handed over 20 bags of rice, clothes and water purification materials to flood victims in Hinthada Township.

Wellwishers also contributed 60 bags of rice and medicines to donation of relief aids to flood victims in Hinthada Township. After the meeting, the minister went to Zalun Township and attended a ceremony to do nationwide relief aids to flood victims in the township.

At the ceremony, the chairman of Zalun Township Peace and Development Council reported on condition of the flood in the township and the secretary of Zalun Township USDA on participation of the association in providing assistance to the victims.

Afterwards, Minister Col Thein Nyunt handed over 50 bags of rice, clothes and water purification materials to flood victims through reports of flood victims through reports of flood victims.

**Commerce journal in circulation**

**Yangon, 21 Aug** — Volume 7, No 24 of the Commerce Journal comes out today. The journal has covered Myanmar-Vietnam economic forum, installation of a large TV at Myaynigon to screen commercials, local news on trading and farming.

It also covers articles of Maung Susan, U Han Tun, Aung Thin, Maung Maung Yi (Economics), Kyi Khin, Maung Pasogyan and Dr Htain Lin and list of prices of import and export goods, consumer goods in Yangon. — MNA

**Minister Col Thein Nyunt meeting with executives and members of Hinthada district and township Union Solidarity and Development Association in Hinthada.** — PBANRDA
Border violence extends into Texas, Arizona

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—Citizens and immigrants are victimized in Texas and Arizona as drug cartels extend their violence into the two US states, it was reported on Sunday.

“Violent crime along the US-Mexico border, which has long plagued the people who cross the border, is increasingly spilling northward into the cities of the American Southwest,” the Los Angeles Times said.

Cases of violent crimes cited by the paper included the unsolved case of 13 border crossers who were kidnapping and executed in the desert, and the deaths in Dallas of nearly two dozen high school students in the last two years from overdoses of a two-dollar-a-hit Mexican drug called “cheese heroin.”

The crime surge, most acute in Texas and Arizona, is fuelled by a gritty drug war in Mexico that includes hostages being held in stash houses, daylight gun battles claiming innocent lives, and teenage hit men for the Mexican cartels, the paper said.

“Shipments of narcotics and vans carrying illegal workers on US highways are being hijacked by rival cartels fighting over the lucrative smuggling routes,” said the paper.

The paper claimed that drug cartels also set national forests on fire in a bid to divert police.

In Southern California, Border Patrol agents routinely encounter smugglers driving immigrant-laden cars who try to escape by driving the wrong way on busy freeways, said the paper, adding that stash houses packed with dozens of illegal immigrants have been discovered in Los Angeles.

For decades neither the United States nor Mexico has managed to halt the immigrants and narcotics pushing north, according to paper.

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BAGHDAD, 20 Aug—The governor of the Shiite southern Iraqi province of al-Muthana was killed in a roadside bombing that targeted his convoy on Monday, officials in the province said.

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COLOMBO, 20 Aug—The 8th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP) opened Sunday in Sri Lanka capital Colombo with the attendance of 2,500 delegates from over 70 countries and regions mostly in Asia and the Pacific.

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The 15 points the Work Committee has explained should be transferred to relevant chapters

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Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said, “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”.

He said, “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 the State is the President of the Union.
2. 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. Citizenship, naturalization and revocation of citizenship shall be prescribed by the law.
4. Every citizen is under a duty to uphold Non-Discrimination of the Union; Non-discrimination of national solidarity; and Perpetuation of sovereignty.
5. Every citizen is under a duty to abide by the provisions of the Constitution.
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.
15. The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative Hlutaws in enacting laws and interpreting provisions of the State Constitution and of other laws”. (See page 5)

With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region...

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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”.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four papers presented the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, the representatives of the NUP and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization presented the papers same as those of the respective parties.

Independent Representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Shan State (North) said, “With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay 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”. The 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”. The principles transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions” 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”. The principles transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions” 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”.”

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said, “After designating Capital Nay Pyi Taw as a Union territory and revoking the designation of Yangon and Cocoygun Township as Union territories, it is appropriate to amend the said detailed basic principle as “With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.”

Esteemed delegates,

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said, “The principles transferred to the Chapter “The Head of State” 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”. The principles transferred to the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” 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”. The principles transferred to the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” 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”.”

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The 15 points the Work Committee has …

I 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, he said.

Esteemed delegates,

The National Unity Party said, “Of the 15 Chapter headings to be included in formulating the Constitution, some of the detailed basic principles of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” were transferred to the respective chapters. It is appropriate that among the detailed basic principles of the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”, the two fundamental principles that have been transferred to the Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens”, and the two fundamental principles, transferred to the Chapter “General Provisions” totalling 15 will no longer be stated in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”.

Union Pa-O National Organization said that of the basic principles and detailed basic principles, the Work Committee chairman explained eight points for addition, five points for amendment, one point for repeal, and one point for transfer totalling 15 points; and that these 15 points should be transferred to relevant chapters.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “We support the transferring of two of some points prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” from the 15 Chapters to be included in the State Constitution to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said that of the basic principles the Work Committee chairman had been transferring to relevant chapters, it supported the transferring of points Nos 1 from 1 to 2 to Chapter “The Head of State”, from 3 to 13 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and 14 and 15 to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Lahu National Development Party said that it was in support of the two points transferred to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 points to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two points to Chapter “General Provisions” which were contained in para 14 of the Work Committee chairman’s presentation.

Union Kayin League said that it supported the transferring of two of some points prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” from the 15 Chapters, to be included in the State Constitution to Chapter “The Head of State”, 11 to Chapter “Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens” and two to Chapter “General Provisions”.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party said that it was in support of the Work Committee chairman’s explanation about amendment, addition, repeal and transfer of some basic principles and detailed basic principles.

Wa National Development Party said that the 15 points the Work Committee had explained should be transferred to relevant chapters.

Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-Elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties discussed the stances of the representative of the National Unity Party, and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization. Respective representatives held similar discussions.

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Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races said that the 15 points the Work Committee explained were already transferred to relevant chapters, so they should no longer be prescribed in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”. Therefore, they should not be prescribed any longer.

Esteemed delegates, The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia said that the 15 detailed basic principles the Work Committee explained were already transferred to relevant chapters. Thus, they considered that they should no longer be prescribed in Chapter “State Fundamental Principles”, and supported the fact that they were not prescribed any longer.

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said that 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. It was appropriate that the points were transferred to relevant chapters.

So, the explanation that these points were no longer stated in the Chapter “State Fundamental Principles” was appropriate.

Esteemed delegates,

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Delegate groups and many delegates expressed their support of amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some basic principles and detailed basic principles explained by Work Committee Chairman

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Esteemed delegates,

At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee chairman said, “If the National Convention approves and adopts the detailed basic principles I have presented, it will successfully complete the adopting of basic principles and detailed basic principles of the 15 chapters to be included in the State Constitution. When the National Convention completes successfully, it will need to implement the second step and third step of the State’s seven-step Road Map “After the successful holding of the National Convention, step by step implementation of the process necessary for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system” and “Drafting of a new constitution in accordance with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention”.

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 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”.

Esteemed delegates,

Regarding the explanation, National Unity Party said, “It is appropriate that 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”.

Union Pa-O National Organization said, “I would say that we are in support of the fact that the 15 points should be added, amended, repealed or revoked among the basic principles and detailed basic principles (See page 7).”

Para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative...

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Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “We are also in support of the fact that the plenary session of the National Convention held on 3 March 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for the sharing of legislative power. In this regard, para 15, sub-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”. The plenary session of the National Convention held on 2 August 2007 said that in adopting detailed basic principles for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”, the same expression in sub-para 5 is the same as that prescribed in Article 226, Clause 1, for the Chapter “Transitory Provisions”: We think it is appropriate that detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 no longer needs to be prescribed, and it is to be revoked”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization expressed its support of the fact that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Lahu National Development Party said that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power was no longer needed, and it should be revoked.

Kayin National League supported the proposal that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party expressed its support for amendment, addition and repeal of some of the detailed basic principles the Work Committee chairman has explained.

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Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races said, “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”. Therefore, detailed basic principle para 15, sub-para 5 in the sharing of legislative power no longer needs to be prescribed, and it should be revoked”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants suggested that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said that sub-para 5 of para 15 of the sharing of legislative power the Work Committee explained should be revoked.
Delegate groups and many delegates expressed...

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the Work Committee has explained. And we would like to suggest that the tasks to draft the State Constitution should be assigned to the present Work Committee.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “The National Convention has successfully completed the drafting of basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution. It is also found capable of implementing the steps one after another for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system. So, we express our support for seeking the approval of the National Convention 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”.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization suggested to seek the approval of the National Convention 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 in drafting the State Constitution.

Kajin National League expressed its support of the drafting of the State Constitution making 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.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party suggested that the National Convention approve of making 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.

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Esteemed delegates,

Of the four proposal papers presented by the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, the political parties from the Delegate Group of Political Parties discussed the stances of the representative of the National Unity Party, and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization. Respective representatives held similar discussions.

Independent Representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htawn of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Wyangwan Township Constituency in Shan State (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) from the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect said, “we would say we find appropriate the Work Committee chairman’s proposal to seek the approval of the National Convention to draft as necessary the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC”.

Independent Representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyakklat Township Constituency 2, U Thein Kyi of Taungduwingyi Township Constituency 1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency 2, U Myaw Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency 2, U Kyi Win of Mingladon Township Constituency 1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingladon Township Constituency 2 form the same group suggested to seek the approval of the National Convention in drafting as necessary the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of National Races suggested to seek the approval of the National Convention in drafting as necessary the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

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

Sub-para (a) para 19 of Chapter “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) inefficient discharge of duties;

There are similar detailed basic principles to impeach the Chairman of the Union Election Commission or one of the members in accord with the above-mentioned 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 or any of the judges of the Region or State High Court.

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 “inefficient discharge of duties” 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 “inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law”.

In our view, the point 5 “inefficient discharge of 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 “inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Peasants said that the National Convention should be vested with the power to draft the State Constitution without infringing the aims and essence of the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted according to the minutes of the NC.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers said, “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’. We also consider that some of 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. We unanimously agree to the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, “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”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentia said, “We members of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentia support the point that 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”.

Esteemed delegates,

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel made a suggestion that the National Convention approve to draft the State Constitution with 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.

Esteemed delegates,

I have presented a collection of the panel of alternate chairman’s findings of suggestions of the delegate groups and the delegate groups from the political parties on the Work Committee chairman’s explanation about the basic principles and detailed basic principles that should be amended, added or repealed. According to the proposal papers, it is found that the delegate groups and many delegates expressed support for amending, adding suitable words to, and repealing some basic principles and detailed basic principles as explained by the Work Committee chairman. Some delegates not only expressed their support but also made separate suggestions.

All the delegates and delegate groups suggested that the National Convention approve of drafting the State Constitution making 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 conclusion, I would say that the delegates and many delegates and all delegate groups held discussions in support of the explanation. So, the Work Committee will have to carry out follow-up plans as necessary.

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Seven delegate groups of National Convention organize group meetings

YANGON, 21 Aug — The Delegate Groups of Representatives-elect, National Races, Peasants, Workers, Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, State Service Personnel and Other Invited Persons held group meetings at the designated places of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

The Alternate Chairman U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami Division read the compilation of suggestions of the Delegate Group of Peasants read the proposal of the delegate group held at the National Convention.

The Alternate Chairman approved the proposal of the delegate group held at the National Convention.

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Chairman U Mya Aye of Yangon Division delivered an address at meeting of the Delegate Group of Peasants regarding the clarifications of the National Convention.

Chairman U Kyi Tint of Bago Division read the proposal of the Delegate Group of Workers concerning the clarification of the National Convention.

Chairman U Thein Oo Po Saw of Mro (or) Khami Division approved the proposal of the delegate group held at the National Convention.

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Seven delegate groups of National Convention...

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Next, the Alternate Chairman sought the approval of the delegates for the proposal to be submitted to the NCCWC and approved it.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel

Alternate Chairman Maj-Gen Win Than flanked by members of the Panel of Chairmen U Aung Maung and U Hla Tin presided over the meeting of the delegate group at the hall-7.

First, the Alternate Chairman delivered an address. Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin read the clarification of the NCCWC Chairman on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National Convention, and Dr Daw Swe Swe Aye read the proposal of the delegate group.

The delegates took part in the discussions on the proposal. The Alternate Chairman approved the proposal after seeking the consent of the delegates.

Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons

At the hall-8, the Other Invited Persons group meeting was presided over by Alternate Chairman Dr Manan Tu Ja together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Tun Aung Chein and U Paw Laik Kham.

The meeting was opened with an address delivered by the Alternate Chairman.

Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Tun Aung Chein read the clarification of the NCCWC Chairman on the amendments, the additions, and the repeals and the transfer out of the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles that had been adopted by the National Convention.

The Alternate Chairman sought the consent of the delegate on the proposal of the delegate group and approved it.

Alternate Chairman Dr Manan Tu Ja delivers an address at meeting of the delegate group of other invited persons. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects …

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on progress in construction of Monyin Dam Project near Monyin Village of Namtu Township presented by the commander and officials.

The dam is an earth embankment type and it will be 100 feet high and 1,700 feet long. The construction of the dam started in 2006-07 and now the dam was completed by 40 per cent. On completion, the dam can generate 2.5 kilowatt for the region.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected thriving kitchen crops and physic nut plantations of North-East Command. They viewed physic nut, maize and paddy plantations along the road from Lashio to Tanyangan. In Tanyangan, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected 20 acres of groundnut plantation in Ponhaung Village and gave necessary instructions. While in Tanyangan Township, they viewed production process of the Tea Factory and tea plantations along the road from Lashio to Tanyangan. In

23th Gem and Jade Sales for 2007 commence

YANGON, 21 Aug.—Union of Myanmar Holdings Limited commenced its 23th Gem and Jade Sales for 2007 at Myanmar Gem Mart on Kaba Aye Pogoda Road this morning.

Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than of UMHL, members of the board of directors and officials visited the sales. A total of 315 gem lots and 112 jade lots will be sold under bargain and auction system. Gem merchants can study gem and jade lots to be displayed at the gem mart from 9 am to 5 pm till 23 August. Gem and jade lots will be sold on 24 and 25 August. A total of 577 local merchants and 144 foreign merchants will visit the gem mart.—MNA

Teak, logs and sawn timber to be sold through tender

YANGON, 21 Aug.—Myanmar Timber Enterprise of the Ministry of Forestry is selling teak logs and sawn timber to local and foreign markets through tender, sealed tender and auction. Myanmar Timber Enterprise will sell teak, logs and sawn timber through tender, sealed tender and auction on 24 and 27 August. Anyone can enlist at MTE (Headquarters) with registered fees and insurance premium not later than 24 August.

The sale will be held through sealed tender on 24 August and through tender on 27 August at MTE (Headquarters). Local entrepreneurs will deposit Euro 5,000 for insurance premium in the local market and Euro 15,000 in the foreign markets.

Sawn timber will be sold to the local markets through auction at Yimma Hall of MTE on 28 August. Anyone can deposit K 2 million for registered fees at Myanma Economic Bank (Kyimyindine) not later than 27 August.

Further information is available at MTE (Headquarters) (Ph-220658), Deputy General Manager (Enterprise) (Ph-222388 and 210654). — MNA
Minister for Education inspects universities, colleges, basic education schools

YANGON, 21 Aug — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met educational staff at No 1 Basic Education High School in Maubin this morning. The minister explained national education promotion matters and inspected the laboratories. At Maubin University, the minister met with faculty members and inspected the computer room, lecture halls and the fish hatching camp. Yesterday, the minister visited Yangon East University and National Management College and left necessary instructions. Afterwards, the minister inspected machinery of the mill and instructed officials to draw a plan for operating the machines and purchase of sugarcane.

Commander attends ceremony to mark School Health Week activities in Bago

YANGON, 21 Aug — The prize presentation for outstanding schools in the School Health Week activities in 2007-08 academic year in Bago Division took place at the city hall in Bago on 16 August.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko presented first, second and third prizes to outstanding basic education schools. The commander inspected school health activities at Bago BEHS No 3 and No 1.

School health activities we being carried out at basic education schools in Bago Division from 13 to 18 August. The commander inspected construction of Highway Bus Terminal (Kyunthaya) in Bago and gave necessary instructions.

At Bago Bridge Project, the commander instructed officials to implement the project in time and supervise worksite safety. Bago Bridge is under construction on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. It is 360 feet long and 72 feet wide flanked by six feet wide pedestrian ways. The bridge will withstand 60-ton loads.

Commander inspects use of paddy dryer

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended demonstration of paddy dryer at the Agricultural Educative Farm in Alyinlo Model Village of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinnmana yesterday.

General Secretary Dr Myo Aung Kyaw of Myanmar Paddy and Rice Merchants Association reported on advantages of the paddy dryer and General Manager U Hla Myo of Myanma Agriculture Service on paddy harvesting system.

At the tournament, Lewe Station team defeated Pyinnmana Station team 3:1. Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin awarded cash and shield to the winner team.

234 NLD members quit

YANGON, 21 Aug — A total of 234 members including U Paw, U Sein Kyaw, Daw Mar Mar Htay, U Myint Hlaing, U Tun Kyaw, U Myint Than, U Than Tun, U Nay Lin, U Kyaw Mo of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division, resigned from the party of their own accord by sending their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 11 August.

In the letter sent to Ayadaw Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said they quit the NLD of their own volition on the grounds that they were fed up with party’s activities and that it had been committing subversive acts in league with internal and external destructive elements.

One person loses right foot in insurgent-planted mine blast in Kyaukkyi

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Insurgent destructionists are undermining stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order. They are also committing destructive acts with the intention of killing and injuring innocent people using various ways and means.

Twenty-year-old Ma Win Win Khet, daughter of U Kyi Win of Nyaungpintha village of Kyaukkyi Township, lost her right foot and was wounded in left leg on her way back home after stepping on a mine planted by insurgents on 17 August.

Injured Ma Win Win Khet was rushed to Toungoo Township People’s Hospital and she was receiving medical treatment. Necessary assistance was provided to the mine victim. Officials and local people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents.
Anyone may create with positive attitude free and wide range of literary works in national interest

Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing meets

YANGON, 21 Aug — The Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing held the second coordination meeting at Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said that he would like to point out two points in the second coordination of the Central Supervisory Committee. The first point was to present accomplishments of the CSC to the committee members, and the second was to review the success, strong and weak points of the committee and to make greater efforts for gaining more success and remedying weak points.

The State Peace and Development Council formed the Central Supervisory Committee for Printers and Publishers Registration and Press Scrutiny and Publishing. The minister said that the Central Supervisory Committee set the aims in undertaking the tasks of press scrutiny for development of the literary world and to supervise tasks of the literary world in accord with the policies of the government and Myanmar cultural heritage.

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Minister visits wood-based factory, Saw Mill in Bago Division (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visited Wood-based Factory (Swa) of Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Bago Division (East) yesterday. During the visit, the minister called for practising thrift and avoiding bribery at the factory.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung went to Saw Mill No 20 (Thagara) and also inspected the process of the mill. — MNA

Eye specialists bring sights to patients in Kungyangon

YANGON, 21 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi today attended a ceremony to mark a successful completion of providing free treatment to eyes patients in Kungyangon Township.

A 36-member eye specialist team provide medical check ups to 6,963 eye patients and performed surgery for 449 patients from 18 to 21 August in Kungyangon Township.

At the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi accepted cash donations from well-wishers organized by the Energy Ministry and provided eye glasses, medicines and cash for the patients. — MNA
Minister meets service personnel in Yangon Div

YANGON, 21 August—Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe met with officials of departments under the Ministry of Immigration and Population at the meeting hall of Population and Population at the departments under the Ministry of Immigration and Population. — MNA

Minister inspects power supply tasks

NAV Pyi Taw, 20 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint today visited the office of Yangon North District power supply board in Insein Township and Ahlon Power Supply Station in Ahlon Township today.

On his visit to the office, the minister urged employees to carry out tasks of the ministry dutifully and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint went to Ahlon Power Supply Station and inspected a natural gas-powered turbine which has broken down. — MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Philippines

NAV Pyi Taw, 21 Aug—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha left here for the Philippines yesterday to participate in the 39th meeting of economic ministers of ASEAN and other related ASEAN plus three meetings.

The meetings will be held from 23 to 27 August in Manila, the Philippines. — MNA

Plane explodes at Japanese airport

TOKYO, 21 Aug—China Airlines plane was engulfed in flames yesterday after one of its engines exploded upon landing on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa. At least one person was injured.

None of the passengers was hurt, but two passengers of Chinese nationality, ages 7 and 57, were taken to hospital after becoming ill following the evacuation from the Boeing 737-800, which had flown from Taipei.

The left engine of Flight CI-120 belonging to the Taiwan airline caught fire at Naha airport, but all of its 157 passengers, including two infants, and eight crew members were able to evacuate the plane on emergency chutes, authorities said.

There were conflicting reports about injuries, with the Japanese side saying one of the plane’s crew was hurt, and Taiwan airline officials denying the statement.

A member of the ground crew was injured. Internet

According to the report of an official, Ahlon station which was equipped with three turbines has received over 10 millions cubic feet of natural gas and has generated 40MW despite the breakdown of a turbine.

After hearing reports, the minister urged officials concerned to work together with experts to repair the turbine. — MNA

Agitators taken into custody for undermining stability...

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European experts to probe Georgia missile drop

Tbilisi, 20 Aug—European military experts have arrived in Georgia to investigate the dropping of a missile that the former Soviet country has blamed on Russia, officials said on Saturday.

Russia denies any involvement in the incident. The missile landed on 6 August in a field about 65 kilometres (40 miles) from the Georgian capital Tbilisi. It did not explode.

Britain’s Ambassador to Georgia, Dennis Keefe, said a team of military experts from Britain, France, Poland and Estonia would investigate the incident. An Interior Ministry official said later that the delegation had already arrived in Tbilisi.

The incident has worsened relations between Tbilisi and Moscow which were already in crisis since Georgia began pulling out of Moscow’s orbit and seeking membership of NATO and the European Union.

Last week, eight defence analysts from the United States, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden said a plane flying from Russia had entered Georgian air space three times and had dropped a Russian-made missile on Georgia.

Food shortages loom in Nepal due to floods

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A smaller group of protesters scuffled briefly with police blocking their path as they marched down a road near the camp.

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Rookie delight for Snedeker in Greensboro

RALEIGH (North Carolina), 21 Aug — Rookie Brandt Snedeker, playing aggressively in sapping conditions, won his first PGA Tour title with a two-shot victory at the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro on Sunday.

The 26-year-old from Tennessee, five strokes off the pace at the start of the day, birdied four of the last six holes to hold off fellow American Tim Petrovic in a thrilling duel over the back nine.

Snedeker, who earned his PGA Tour card by finishing ninth on last year’s Nationwide Tour money list, fired a sparkling nine-under-par 63 — the best score of the week — for a 22-under 266 at Forest Oak Country Club. Petrovic, one ahead with five holes to play in the final event of the Tour’s regular season, bogeyed the last for a 67 to share second place with compatriots Jeff Overton (70) and Billy Mayfair (67). — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia beats Brunei in ASEAN U-17 football C’ship opener

PHNOM PENH, 21 Aug — Indonesia defeated Brunei 3-0 in the opening match of the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Under-17 football championship here on Sunday. At the very end of the first half of the match, Indonesia’s Sahlan Sokid opened scoring with a long-range shot. During the second half, Indonesia scored two more goals from Yericho Cristiantoko and Salim Ohereilla.

Exceptional the Philippines; all ASEAN countries sent teams to the tournament, which is aimed at helping ASEAN youth players gain experience, said Vice-President of the Football Federation of Cambodia (FFC) Kek Ravy. The first ASEAN U-17 Football Championship was held in 2005 in Thailand, with Myanmar being the winner, and the second in 2006 in Vietnam, with Vietnam the winner. — MNA/Xinhua

Sao Paulo’s winning run ends, Cruzeiro go second

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Aug — Brazilian championship titleholders and leaders Sao Paulo were held to a goalless draw at Goias on Sunday, ending a run of seven wins in a row.

Goias defender Fabio Bahia headed against the crossbar in the first half but Sao Paulo took control after the break, creating a flurry of chances which they were unable to convert. Sao Paulo, who have 41 points from 20 games, had their lead cut to six points by Cruzeiro, who beat Fluminense 4-2 with a hat-trick by striker Alessandro to go second.

Alessandro headed them level, then pounced on a defensive blunder to put the Foxes 3-2 ahead before Marcelo Moreno added a fourth with another header. — MNA/Reuters

Super Dan defends world title

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Aug — China’s Lin Dan defended his title at the world badminton championships beating Sony Dwi Kuncoro of Indonesia 21-11, 22-20 here on Sunday.

World number one Lin retained the title following a 50-minute duel.

Zhu Lin, China’s Olympic badminton hopeful, overcame Wang Chen of Hong Kong, 21-8, 21-12 in the women’s singles final to win her first world championship here on Sunday.

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London, 21 Aug — Senior military commanders have told Prime Minister Gordon Brown that Britain can achieve “nothing more” in south-east Iraq and 5,500 British troops still deployed there should be withdrawn without any delay, media reported here on Sunday.

Last month, Gordon Brown said after meeting American President George Bush at Camp David that the decision to hand over security in Basra Province — the last of the four held by the British — “will be made on the military advice of our commanders on the ground”.

“Whatever happens, we will make a full statement to Parliament when it returns (in October),” the PM had said.

Two British Generals told The Independent here on Sunday that the military advice given to Gordon Brown last week states: “We’ve done what we can in the south [of Iraq].”

In fact, commanders want to hand over Basra Palace — where 500 British troops are subjected to up to 60 rocket and mortar strikes a day — by the end of this month. Britain has already announced the withdrawal of 500 soldiers.

The Army is drawing up plans to “reposture” the 5,000 that will be left at Basra Airport, and aims to bring the bulk of them home in the next few months.

Before the invasion in 2003, officers were told that the Army’s war aims were to bring stability and democracy to Iraq and to the Middle East as a whole. Those ambitions have been drastically revised, the newspaper said. The priorities now are an orderly withdrawal, with the reputation and capability of the Army “reasonably intact”, and for Britain to remain a “credible ally”.

A senior British commander countered, “That’s to miss the point. It was never that kind of battle, in which we set out to defeat an enemy.” Other officers said the British force was never configured to “clear and hold” Basra in the way the Americans were seeking to do in Baghdad.

Further ahead, the US is concerned over the security of its vital supply line from Kuwait, with some American commanders saying that if the British withdrew, American troops would have to be sent south to replace them.

They are understood to believe it was never the role of occupation troops to intervene in a “hurf war” among factions from the same community, all of which have links to the government coalition in Baghdad.

Residents gather near a burnt vehicle at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad’s Sadr City on 20 Aug, 2007. At least five people were killed and 20 wounded when a parked car bomb exploded in the Shi’ite Sadr City district of northeastern Baghdad, police said. — Internet

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4:30 pm
3. Classical song
4:45 pm
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At the plenary session held on 6 August 2007, the Work Committee Chairman said, “The plenary session of the National Convention held on 12 December 2005 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 Cocogyun Township.”

“Therefore, I would like you to give advice and make suggestions to determine whether or not 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 Cocogyun 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”.

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Union Pa-O National Organization said, “When we study the Work Committee Chairman’s clarification, we found that the eight additions, the five amendments and one transfer altogether 15 are appropriate.”

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party said, “The sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 “With regard to the judicial matter, Mandalay Region High Court is the high court of the courts situated in Nay Pyi Taw”.

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Lahu Democratic Party said, “We agree to amend the sub-para 4 (a) of para 6 “With regard to the judicial matter in accord with the clarification made by the Work Committee Chairman.”

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**Nav Pyi Taw, 21 Aug—** The government is striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and proper evaluation of the market-oriented economic system desired by the entire people. The National Convention, the first and foremost important for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State, will be complete soon as it has been drawing fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. At a time when the NC is nearing completion with success, a constitution (draft) will be drawn and then a referendum held so as to successfully realize the seven-step Road Map.

Furthermore, all-round development tasks are being carried out in education, health, economic and transport sectors of the nation that are basic needs in building the peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At present, progress can be witnessed in these sectors.

Information was received in advance that with the ill-intention of grabbing power, internal and external destructive elements who do not wish to see the endeavours of the government are plotting to oust the government by resorting to three strategies — to disrupt the National Convention, to cause civil unrest similar to the ‘88’ disturbances and to commit various acts within the framework of law.

Taking advantage of the increase in fuel prices, internal and external destructive elements have provoked the people since 15 August to ensure their three strategies meet with success.

In an interview on Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) on 17 and 18 August, Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin of Myanmar Development Committee (MDC), which had already been abolished as it was formed illegally, said protests would be held across the country as from 22 August citing fuel price hike and provoked the people into unrest.

Similarly, so-called ‘88’ generation students Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Mya Aye, Arint Bwe Kyaw, Jimmy and Kyaw Kyaw Htway held talks at the house of Ko Ko Gyi inThingangyun Township from 6.30 am to 7.40 am on 19 August and they discussed cooperation of political groups to stage political movement and create confrontation with the government by so-called ‘88’ generation students, organizing university students to participate in the movement and cooperation of members of National League for Democracy (NLD), members of Students’ Union and ‘88’ generation old students.

Afterwards, they attended the 3rd memorial anniversary of late U Kyi Maung, former Vice-Chairman of the NLD, at his house on Shwetaungyay-1 Street in Bahan Township from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Afterwards, some people led by Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho, Jimmy, Htay Kywe, Mya Aye, Panneck Tun and Kyaw Kyaw Htway went on a protest walk from the house of U Kyi Maung to Tamway Market on Thamambyan Road in Tamway Township moving along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and through Shwegondine traffic lights citing an increase in fuel prices. They held the protest to undermine the stability and security of the State, to disrupt and hinder the process of the National Convention.

Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi and their group members on 19 August issued a declaration saying a mass movement would be launched in front of Yangon City Hall at 1 pm on 23 August. The declaration also urged the people to participate in the movement by wearing white shirts.

The agitation to cause civil unrest was aimed at undermining peace and security of the State and disrupting the ongoing National Convention. And it also amounted to breaking the law guarding against acts undermining the efforts to successfully carry out peaceful transfer of State power and facilitate the proceedings of the National Convention.