Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2007, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah, Yang di-Pertuan Agong XIII of Malaysia.—MNA

Prime Minister felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2007, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato’ Seri Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia.—MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein calls on Sri Lankan President

NAY PYI TAW, 30 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 and party, accompanied by Sri Lankan Minister of Culture Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and wife and Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr PAD Samarasekera and wife and officials, flew from Colombo to Kandy on 28 August morning.

They were welcomed by Central Province Chief Minister Tikiri Kobbekaduwa and Province Minister Sarath Ekanayake.

The Acting Prime Minister and wife cordially greeted them.

At 1.30 pm, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein called on Mr Mahinda Rajapakse at the Temple Trees of the Presidential Residence in Kandy.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Religious (See page 8)

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
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Friday, 31 August, 2007

**Strengthening bilateral goodwill relations through cooperation**

At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka the delegation led by Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein paid a goodwill visit to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 27 August.

During his visit Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka held talks on bilateral cooperation at the latter’s office in Colombo. The Memoranda of Understanding on cultural, study of literature and intelligence exchange cooperation were signed.

There have been relations on religion and culture between Myanmar and Sri Lanka for thousands of years and the two countries have maintained goodwill relations. Being friendly nations, the two countries have mutual understanding on regional and international issues and they create new opportunities on bilateral economic cooperation.

There are favourable conditions in trade, tourism, agriculture, forestry, religious and cultural sectors for cooperation.

The goodwill visit of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein will strengthen the existing bilateral goodwill relations and promote bilateral economic cooperation.

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**Foreign Minister felicitates Malaysian counterpart**

**Malaysian counterpart**

**NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31st August 2007, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato’ Seri Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.**

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**Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohtaung Dual tracks Railroad inspected**

**NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin, inspected construction of locomotives at Diesel Locomotive Shed in Ywahtaung of Sagaing Division on 25 August morning.**

The minister instructed officials to manufacture locomotives to meet the target and set standards, produce spare parts of locomotives and run more locomotives and carriages for smooth transportation. The minister inspected maintenance tasks at Sagaing Bridge.

At the Concrete Sleeper Factory in Myitnge, the minister heard reports on production process of bogie and renovation of carriages and wagons presented by General Manager U Khin Maw and attended to the needs.

At the Blacksmith Factory, the minister instructed officials to manufacture quality carriages in time. The minister and party inspected Myittingy Hospital for Railways Staff and presented gifts to patients. Yesterday morning, the minister viewed sales of tickets to passengers at Mandalay Railways Station and conversed with the passengers.

At Myohtaung Cargo Yard, the minister inspected the tasks and gave necessary instructions. On his inspection tour of factories, the minister fulfilled the requirements of the tasks.

The minister inspected construction of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohtaung dual tracks railroad and instructed officials to carry out construction of the railroad and bridges on schedule.

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**No interest in NLD’s acts**

**Two resign from NLD**

**YANGON, 30 Aug — Two members U Tin Maung and U Ba Shein of Mohnyin Township National League for Democracy of Kachin State resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 25 August.**

In their resignation letters sent to Mohnyin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they took no interest in the acts of NLD. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.
In connection with the term of the Auditor-General, it shall be called Pyidaungsu Auditor-General

YANGON, 30 Aug — The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention presented Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. The following is detailed basic principles regarding Union Auditor-General and Deputy Auditor-General, Formation of Union Civil Service Board, Region or State Government and Region or State General Administration Department of Formation of Executive in the chapter ‘Executive’ by Dr Ma Nan Tu Ja of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.

Union Auditor-General and Deputy Auditor-General

12. In connection with the term of the Auditor-General, it shall be called Pyidaungsu Auditor-General.

13. In connection with the appointment of and assignment of duties of Pyidaungsu Auditor-General, (a) with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the President of the State shall appoint a person, from among the Hluttaw representatives or persons who are not Hluttaw representatives, having the following qualifications, Pyidaungsu Auditor-General so as to audit State budget and report to the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw: (1) being a person who has completed the age of 45; (2) apart from the age limit, having qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives; (3) (aa) who has been for at least ten years an auditor of not lower than the region or the state level, or (bb) who has been for at least twenty years a Registered Accountant or a Certified Public Accountant, or (cc) who is assumed by the President to be a well-known accountant, statistician or economist of good reputation, (4) being a person who is loyal to the State and the citizens; (b) Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall not have the right to reject the person nominated by the President to be appointed Pyidaungsu Auditor-General unless it can prove clearly that he is not qualified for being Pyidaungsu Auditor-General; (c) the President of the State has the right to submit new nomination to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in place of a person who has not been approved to be appointed and assigned as Pyidaungsu Auditor-General, (d) Pyidaungsu Auditor-General is responsible to the President of the State.

14. In connection with impeachment of the Auditor-General of the Union, (a) the Auditor-General of the Union may be impeached for any of the following: (1) breach of allegiance to the State (2) violation of a provision of the Constitution (3) moral turpitude (4) default in qualifications of the Auditor-General of the Union (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law, (b) if it is desired to impeach the Auditor-General of the Union, it shall be proceeded in accord with the provisions for impeachment of the President or the Vice-President of the State; (c) if the Hluttaw conducting the inquiry decides and submits that the impeachment is true, it shall be reported to the President of the State by the okhaha of the Hluttaw concerned.

15. In connection with the appointment of the Deputy Auditor-General, (a) The President of the State shall at his own discretion appoint a person who possesses the following qualifications, from among Hluttaw representatives or non-Hluttaw representatives, as the Deputy Auditor-General to assist the Auditor-General of the Union: (1) person who has completed 40 years of age (2) person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, except for the age limit (3) (aa) person who has served at least ten years in an auditor’s post not lower than Region or State level, or (bb) person who has served as Registered Accountant or Certified Public Accountant for at least 15 years, or (cc) person whom the President of the State regards as one competent in statistics, or accounting or economics with high reputation. (4) person loyal to the State and the citizenry, (b) The Deputy Auditor-General shall be responsible to the Auditor-General, and through the Auditor-General to the President of the State.

16. In connection with the tenure of post, the right to resign from the post, the right to effect termination of duties, and the right to make appointments to fill vacant posts of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General etc, (a) The tenure of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State, (b) The Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General, in the event of wishing to resign on own volition for some reason before the end of the tenure, may submit to in writing to the President of the State and do so. (c) The President of the State may order the resignation of the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General, in the event of wishing to resign on own volition for some reason before the end of the tenure, may submit to in writing to the President of the State and do so. (d) In the event there comes about a vacancy in the post of the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General due to resignation, termination of duties, death or any other cause before the end of the tenure of post, the President of the State may appoint a new Auditor-General of the Union or Deputy Auditor-General in accord with the provisions on appointment of the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General as contained in the State Constitution. The tenure of the Auditor-General of the Union or Deputy Auditor-General shall be only for the remainder of the tenure of the President of the State, (e) In the event the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General happens to be a representative in a Hluttaw, this person shall be deemed to have resigned as a Hluttaw representative from the date of appointment as the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General, (f) In the event the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General happens to be an auditor, this person shall be deemed to have resigned as an auditor from the date of appointment as the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General, (g) In the event the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General happens to be a member of a political party, this person shall not participate in Party activities of that party organization during the tenure of the post from the date of appointment as the Auditor-General of the Union or the Deputy Auditor-General.

(b) (1) In the event there comes about a vacancy in the post of the President of the State who has appointed the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General due to resignation, termination of duties, death or any other cause before the end of the tenure of office, the new President of the State elected may replace them or appoint a new Auditor-General of the Union and Deputy Auditor-General in accord with the provisions on appointment of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General as contained in the State Constitution. In such an event, the President has the right to replace the incumbents carry on in their posts till the new ones are appointed, (2) The tenure of the Auditor-General of the Union and Deputy Auditor-General so appointed as replacements shall be only for the remainder of the tenure of the new President of the State.

(i) Duties, rights and privileges of the Auditor-General of the Union and Deputy Auditor-General shall be prescribed by law.

17. In connection with the status of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General, - the Auditor-General of the Union is prescribed to be of the same status as Union Minister, and the Deputy Auditor-General is prescribed to be of the same status as Deputy Minister, for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the Auditor-General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor-General, Formation of Union Civil Service Board 18. In connection with formation of the Union Civil Service Board, (a) The President of the State shall form the Union Civil Service Board to carry out duties of selecting and training personnel of civil service and laying down regulations of civil service.
In connection with the term...

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(b) The President of the State shall appoint persons who possess the following qualifications as chairman and members of the Union Civil Service Board:

(1) person who is fully 50 years old
(2) person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives except for the age stipulation
(3) members of the intelligentsia and intellectuals mature in experience
(4) person loyal to the State and the citizenry
(5) person who is not a member of a political party
(6) person who is not a Hluttaw representative

(c) The chairman of the Union Civil Service Board shall be responsible to the President of the State and members of the board shall be responsible to the chairman of the board to the President of the State.

(d) The tenure of the chairman and members of the Union Civil Service Board shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State.

(e) Formation of the Union Civil Service Board: duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members, resignation and terminal on of duties shall be prescribed by law.

19. In connection with the status of the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board is prescribed to be of the same status as Union Minister, for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board.

Region or State Government

20. In connection with the terms referring to leader of Region or State and members of Region or State government,

(a) the leader of Region or State shall be known as Chief Minister of the Region or State;
(b) members of Region or State government shall be known as Minister of the Region or State.

21. In connection with formation of Region government or State government and appointment of the Chief Minister of Region or State,

(a) Region government is formed in a Region and State government is formed in a State,
(b) Region or State government is formed with the following persons:
   (1) Chief Minister of Region or State
   (2) Ministers of Region or State
   (3) Advocate - General of Region or State
   (4) With the approval of Region or State Hluttaw concerned, the President of the State;
   (5) may prescribe Region or State ministries as necessary, and may make changes or additions to the ministries so prescribed;
   (6) may prescribe the number of Region or State ministries as necessary and may decrease and increase this number so prescribed;
   (d) Chief Minister and Ministers of Region or State shall possess the following qualifications:
      (1) person who is fully 35 years old
      (2) person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Region or State Hluttaw representatives except for the age stipulation
      (3) person who is loyal to the State and the citizenry
      (e) For appointment as the Chief Minister of Region or State, the president of the State shall
         (1) select a suitable Hluttaw representative who possesses prescribed qualifications from among Region or State Hluttaw representatives concerned;
         (2) send the nomination of the selected Hluttaw representative to the Region or State Hluttaw and seek its approval thereof.

(f) The President of the State shall appoint the Hluttaw representative approved by Region or State Hluttaw concerned for the Chief Minister of Region or State, unless it can clearly show that person does not fully possess the qualifications prescribed for the post of the Chief Minister of Region or State.

(g) Region or State Hluttaw shall have no right to turn down the Hluttaw representative nominated by the President of the State for appointment as Chief Minister of Region or State, unless it can clearly show that person does not fully possess the qualifications prescribed for the post of the Chief Minister of Region or State.

(h) The President of the State has the right to submit a new nomination to the Region or State Hluttaw in place of the person who does not get approval of the Region or State Hluttaw for appointment as the Chief Minister of Region or State.

22. In connection with the appointment of Region or State Ministers,

(a) In order to appoint Region or State Ministers, the Region or State Chief Minister shall
   (1) select suitable persons who possess prescribed qualifications from among Region or State Hluttaw representatives or non-Hluttaw representatives;
   (2) ask the list of names of suitable Tatmadaw members from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to assume security and border affairs responsibilities;
   (3) select a suitable person who possesses qualifications prescribed for Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

(b) Region or State Hluttaw has no right to reject a person nominated by the Region or State Chief Minister for the appointment of Region or State Minister unless it can prove clearly the person concerned does not possess qualifications prescribed for Region or State Ministers;

(c) Region or State Hluttaw has no right to reject a person nominated by the Region or State Chief Minister for the appointment of Region or State Minister unless it can prove clearly the person concerned does not possess qualifications prescribed for Region or State Ministers;

(d) Region or State Hluttaw has no right to reject a person nominated by the Region or State Chief Minister for the appointment of Region or State Minister unless it can prove clearly the person concerned does not possess qualifications prescribed for Region or State Ministers;

(e) Region or State Hluttaw has no right to reject a person nominated by the Region or State Chief Minister for the appointment of Region or State Minister unless it can prove clearly the person concerned does not possess qualifications prescribed for Region or State Ministers;

(f) The President of the State shall appoint persons who possess prescribed qualifications from among Region or State Hluttaw representatives:

(1) assign duties to the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races;

(i) The President of the State, in consultation with the Prime Minister, may appoint Ministers for self-administered division or self-administered zone and Ministers for national race affairs as Ministers concurrently in charge of other ministries as well;

(j) The Regional or State Chief Minister, if desirous of assigning Tatmadaw members as Region or State Ministers for other responsibilities other than security and border areas affairs responsibilities, shall coordinate with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, obtain the approval of the respective Region or State Hluttaw, and submit it to the President of the State;

(k) The President of the State shall submit to the President of the State the names of the Region or State Ministers appointed for the appointment of Region or State Ministers to the President of the State.

(2) The President of the State, upon receipt of the proposal in writing signed by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw, shall appoint the proposal to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned for signature by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw.

(3) If it is desired to impeach a Region or State Chief Minister or Minister for any of the above reasons, a proposal in writing signed by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be submitted to the Okkahta of the Region or State Hluttaw concerned for signature by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw.

(4) If it is desired to impeach a Region or State Chief Minister or Minister for any of the above reasons, a proposal in writing signed by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be submitted to the President of the State.

(5) If it is desired to impeach a Region or State Chief Minister or Minister for any of the above reasons, a proposal in writing signed by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Region or State Hluttaw shall be submitted to the President of the State.

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

(2) The Region or State Chief Minister shall be responsible to the President of the State or the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, as the case may be, for the discharge of duties assigned to the Region or State Chief Minister concerned, and the Chief Minister, to the President of the State.

(m) The term of office of the Region or State Chief Minister or Ministers shall be the same as that of the President of the State.

23. In connection with impeachment of Region or State Chief Minister or any of the Ministers,

(a) Region or State Chief Minister or any of the Ministers, shall be impeached for one of the following reasons:

(1) treason,
(2) violation of any of the provisions in the Constitution,
(3) misconduct,
(4) being disqualified for the post of Region or State Chief Minister or Minister under the Constitution:
(5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accordance with the law.

(b) Region or State Chief Minister or Minister thus charged shall have the right to appear or to be represented at the investigation of the charge and be given the chance to refute it.

(e) The Okkahta of the Hluttaw shall report to the President of the State the results of the investigation concerning the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister regarding the charge against the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister, and the charge shall be considered by the Parliament of the Region or State Hluttaw concerning the results of the investigation submitted to him by the investigation commission by which he shall be notified of the investigation.

(f) The President of the State or the President of the Region or State Hluttaw shall have the right to review the information submitted to him by the investigation commission by which he shall be notified of the investigation.

(g) The President of the State or the President of the Region or State Hluttaw shall have the right to review the information submitted to him by the investigation commission by which he shall be notified of the investigation.

(h) The President of the State shall exercise discretion of stipulation on age limit in the Region or State Hluttaw in appointing Region or State Ministers, the okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone or Hluttaw representatives elected to undertake the affairs of national races;

(i) The President of the State, in consultation with the Prime Minister, may appoint Ministers for self-administered division or self-administered zone and Ministers for national race affairs as Ministers concurrently in charge of other ministries as well;

(j) The Region or State Chief Minister, if desirous of assigning Tatmadaw members as Region or State Ministers for other responsibilities other than security and border areas affairs responsibilities, shall coordinate with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, obtain the approval of the respective Region or State Hluttaw, and submit it to the President of the State;
24. In connection with resignation, removal from office
28. In connection with the appointment of and assigning
27. In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-
Region or State Attorney-General

(a) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall get
concerned in appointing and assigning duties to a
person, from among Hluttaw representatives or
non-Hluttaw representatives, having the following
qualifications as the Region or State Advocate-
General in order to get legal advice and assign
duties of a legal character and submit the matter to
the President:
(1) being a person who has attained the age of 40
years:
(2) being a person who possesses qualifications,
except for age limit, prescribed for Region or
State Hluttaw representatives;
(3) (aa) being a person who has been for at least five
years a judicial officer or a law officer not lower
than the Region or State level, or being a person
who has been for at least ten years a judicial
officer or a law officer not lower than district
level, or
(bb) being a person who has been an advocate
of the Taya Hluttaw (High Court) of at least 15
years’ standing.
(4) being a person loyal to the State and the citizenship.

In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General of the Region or State, it shall be called the Advocate-General of the Region or State

(a) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall send a nominee, after obtaining approval from the Hluttaw concerned for assignment of duties as the Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned, to the President to be appointed as the Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned.

(b) The President has no right to reject the nominee to be appointed Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned if he does not fully possess qualifications prescribed for the post of the Advocate-General of the Region or State.

(c) The Chief Minister of the Region or State has the right to submit another new list furnished with a new nominee re-placing the person who has not been approved by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned for appointment as the Advocate-General of the Region or State.

(d) The President of the Region or State and the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned, or State, is responsible to the President of the State through the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.

(e) The Advocate-General of the Region or State is the holder of the government of that Region or State.

(f) The Advocate-General of the Region or State is
(i) responsible to the President of the State,
(ii) responsible to the Pyidaungsu Attorney-General,
and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.

(g) If there arises a cause to impeach the Advocate-General of the Region or State, it shall be proceeded in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution regarding impeachment of the Chief Minister or a
Minister.

(b) The Advocate-General of the Region or State is subject to provisions of the Constitution prescribed for the Chief Minister of the Region or State or Ministers concerning resignation, termination from duty, filling the vacant post and deeming the person to have retired in case of being a civil service personnel,

(i) Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Advocate-General of the Region or State shall be prescribed by law.

29. In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General of the Region or State,

(a) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall select a person from among Hluttaw representatives or non-Hluttaw representatives who possess the following qualifications for appointment of and assigning duties as the Advocate-General of the Region or State concerned to be able to audit the Region or State budget and submit it to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.

(b) If the post of the Region or State Chief Minister or
Minister becomes vacant in the event of resignation,
being re-appointed from office, death, or any
reason, the President of the Region or State shall take steps to
till the vacant post in accordance with the provisions of
the Constitution in coordination with the Region or State Hluttaw. The remaining tenure of the President of the Region or State shall be prescribed for the term of office of the newly appointed person.

(d) (1) If the Region or State Chief Minister or is a civil servant, he shall be deemed to have retired from his position as civil servant in accord with the existing rules and regulations from the date he is appointed the Region or State Minister:
(2) Tatmadaw members who have been appointed Region or State Ministers for Security and Border Affairs of the Region or State Governments need not retire or resign from the

Tatmadaw.

(e) Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Region or State Chief Minister and Ministers shall be prescribed by law.

25. In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General of the Region or State or Chief Minister, and Ministers,

(a) The Region or State Chief Minister is prescribed to
the same status as Pyidaungsu Minister for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Region or State Chief Minister or Minister,

Region or State General Administration Department

26. In connection with the head of the General Administration Department of the Region or State concerned,

The head of the General Administration Department of the Region or State shall act ex officio as secretary of the government of the Region or State concerned. Moreover, the General Administration Department of the Region or State shall be the office of the government of the Region or State concerned.
In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General ...

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(3) (aa) being a person who has been for at least five years an auditor not lower than Region or State level, or who has been for at least ten years an auditor not lower than district level, or (bb) being a person who has been for at least 15 years a Registered Accountant or a Certified Public Accountant; (4) being a person who is loyal to the State and the citizenry.

(b) The Chief Minister of the Region or State shall send a nominee, after obtaining approval from the Hluttaw concerned for assignment of duties as the Auditor-General of the Region or State concerned, to the President who shall then appoint the person as the Auditor-General of the Region or State concerned.

(c) The President has no right to reject the nominee to be appointed Auditor-General of the Region or State concerned unless it can be clearly proved that he does not fully possess qualifications prescribed for the post of the Auditor-General of the Region or State.

(d) The Chief Minister of the Region or State has the right to submit again a new list furnished with a new nominee re-placing the person who has not been approved by the Region or State Hluttaw concerned for appointment as the Auditor-General of the Region or State concerned.

(e) The Auditor-General of the Region or State is (i) responsible to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned; (ii) responsible to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and to the Chief Minister of the Region or State concerned.

(f) If there arises a cause to impeach the Auditor-General of the Region or State, it shall be proceeded in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution regarding impeachment of the Chief Minister of the Region or State or a Minister.

(g) The Auditor-General of the Region or State is subject to provisions of the Constitution prescribed for the Chief Minister of the Region or State or Ministers concerning resignation, termination from duty, filing the vacant post and deeming the person to have retired in case of being a civil service personnel.

(h) Responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Auditor-General of the Region or State shall be prescribed by law.

32. In connection with prescribing the status of the Auditor-General of the Region or State, - The Auditor-General of the Region or State is prescribed to be of the same status as the Region or State Minister for the purpose of reference in prescribing by law responsibilities, rights and privileges of the Auditor-General of the Region or State.

Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Administrative Body

33. In connection with the term referring to the administrative body of the self-administered division or self-administered zone,

- The administrative body of the self-administered division or self-administered zone shall be the oo-zi aphwe (leading body) of the self-administered division or oo-zi ap-hwe (leading body) of the self-administered zone.

34. In connection with the formation of the self-administered division leading body and the self-administered zone leading body,

(a) Being self-administered areas, self-administered divisions and self-administered zones are of equal status,

(b) There are self-administered division leading bodies and self-administered zone leading bodies formed in the self-administered divisions and the self-administered zones respectively. The leading bodies exercise legislative power vested in them under the Constitution.

(c) There shall include at least 10 members in the self-administered division leading body or the self-administered zone leading body.

(d) The self-administered division leading body or the self-ad-ministered zone leading body shall be constituted with the following persons:

(1) Region or State Hluttaw representatives elected from townships in the self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned;

(2) Tatmadaw member representatives nominated according to law by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in order to assign duties regarding security or border affairs;

(3) Additional representatives chosen and assigned by persons stated in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2);

(e) members of the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body stated in above paragraph (d) (1) and (2) are to choose, after consultations among themselves, a suitable person as the self-administered division okkahta or self-administered zone okkahta or self-administered zone okkahta out of the region or state Hluttaw representatives elected from the townships in the self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned. The person thus chosen is to be submitted to the President of the State through the respective Region or State Chief Minister.

(f) The President of the State is to appoint the person in the nomination submitted as the okkahta of the respective self-administered division or self-administered zone.

(g) The okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone is Minister in the region or state concerned. As such, provisions in the Constitution applying to the Ministers of the region or state will also apply to the self-administered division okkahta or self-administered zone okkahta.

(h) The okkahta of the self-administered division or self-administered zone and members of the leading body concerned shall

(1) choose one representative for each national race, if there is any, the population of which is upwards of at least 10,000, residing in the self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned as leading committee member with the exception of national races who have already got regions or states of their own. The person chosen and appointed as leading committee member shall possess qualifications prescribed for region or state Hluttaw representatives.

(2) choose suitable persons as members from among those residing in the self-administered division or self-administered zone concerned, who possess qualifications prescribed for region or state Hluttaw representatives, if the membership is not up to ten in the self-administered division leading body or self-administered zone leading body concerned so that membership will become at least ten.

(i) The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services shall assign as necessary one - fourth of the total membership with Tatmadaw members in the self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies.

(j) Tatmadaw members nominated according to law by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to be assigned as members of the self-administered division leading bodies or self-administered zone leading bodies shall possess qualifications of the region or state Hluttaw representatives,
National Convention continues ...

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Development Party, Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives, delegates of national races from Kayin, 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 Kayin, 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 and other invited delegates, delegates of workers, delegates of service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

At the plenary session, Dr Maung Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of intellectuals and intelligentsia presided over the meeting together with U Myo Thaung (Maung Hsu Shin) of NCC Work Committee. U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Delegate Group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers, delegates of service personnel and other invited delegates signed in the attendance books at Pyidaungsu Hall and the recreation hall for National Convention delegates.

When the Plenary Session of the National Convention continues at 9 am tomorrow at the Pyidaungsu Hall.

Chairman and Members of Panel of Chairmen of Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

In connection with the term referring to the Attorney-General ...

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(1) The tenure of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall normally be the same as that of the President of the State.

(2) The chairman or a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council, in the event of wishing to resign on own free will, shall be deemed to have retired or resigned from the office of the new chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall be prescribed by law.

(3) The President of the State (aa) may order the resignation of the chairman or a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council who is unable to discharge the given duties fully or, in the event of non-compliance, shall order termination of the de-ties of the same.

(bb) shall act in coordination with the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the case of a Tatmadaw member who is a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council that is to resign or that is going to terminate of duties.

(4) In the event there comes about a vacancy in the post of the chairman or a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council due to resignation, termination of duties, death or any other cause, the President of the State may appoint a new chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council in accord with the provisions in the State Constitution. The tenure of the new chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall be only for the remainder of the tenure of the President of the State.

(5) In the event the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council happens to be a representative in a Hlutaw, this person shall be deemed to have resigned as a Hlutaw representative from the date of appointment as the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

(i) Tatmadaw member or members of Nay Pyi Taw Council who is unable to discharge the given duties fully or, in the event of non-compliance, shall order termination of the de-ties of the same.

(ii) shall act in coordination with the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the case of a Tatmadaw member who is a member of Nay Pyi Taw Council that is to resign or that is going to terminate of duties.

(10) In the event the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council happens to be a member of a political party, this person shall not participate in party activities of that party organization during the tenure of the post from the date of appointment as the chairman or member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

(11) Formation of Nay Pyi Taw Council, duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council shall be prescribed by law.

(1) The head of General Administration Department of Nay Pyi Taw is the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Council. General Administration Department of Nay Pyi Taw is the office of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

(36) In connection with prescribing of status of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council is prescribed as the same status as Union Minister, for purpose of reference in prescribing by law duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

(37) In connection with administration at district and town-ship level, - administration at district and township level shall be carried out, assigned to State service personnel.

(38) In connection with administration at ward or village tract level, -administration at ward or village tract level shall be carried out, assigned in accord with law, to a person of integrity respected by the community.

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Acting Prime Minister... (from page 16)

Also present on the occasion were Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka and party, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Thibbatuwawe Sri Siddartha Siddartha Sumangala Thara of Malwatta Gana. The Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and the Head of the Tooth Relic Chamber presented iron hooks to the mahouts.

Speaking on the occasion, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that as Myanmar and Sri Lanka are home to the majority of Theravada Buddhists, the two countries have fine traditions of friendly cooperation in religious and cultural sectors. The Union of Myanmar donated two full-grown elephants to be used in the Buddhist Tooth Relic ceremony to cement bilateral ties between the two countries. The two elephants will be the symbol of the strengthening of friendly relationship and cooperation in religious and cultural sectors between the two countries.

The Acting Prime Minister offered eight requisites and alms to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of Sri Lanka. Next, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and the Head of the Tooth Relic Chamber presented a certificate of honour to the Acting Prime Minister. The Head of the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber thanked the Myanmar delegation for their attendance at the ceremony.

At the refectory, the Acting Prime Minister and party went back to Earls Regency Hotel. — MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein... (from page 1)

Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Oo and Director-General U Phae Thamm Oo of Political Department.

Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse was accompanied by Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanyaka, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Religious Affairs, the Minister of Environment and National Resources, the Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services, the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar and senior officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse said the he was pleased with promotion of friendly relationship between the two countries and exchange of goodwill visits between officials of the two countries. He expressed thanks for warmly hospitality of Myanmar for his attendance at the Buddhist Summit in Myanmar. He was also pleased with reconstitution of the joint commission after his Minister of Foreign Affairs had paid a goodwill visit to Myanmar. In conclusion, he said that although Sri Lanka is facing some problems including terrorism, efforts are being made for solving these internal problems.

Afterwards, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein said his visit to Sri Lanka is to attend a ceremony to convey Buddha’s tooth relic around Kandy and to promote bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

He also expressed his sympathy for difficulties of Sri Lanka to fight against terrorism as well as to solve internal affairs. After gaining independence, 16 insurgent groups emerged in Myanmar owing to ideological differences, he said. After the Tatmadaw Government took duties of the State the government held peace talks with the armed groups and all groups except one returned to the legal fold, he said. He continued to say that he believed that armed conflicts among groups will be terminated through dialogue. Lt-Gen Thein Sein also conveyed the invitation from Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife to Sri Lankan President and wife to pay a visit to Myanmar.

Afterwards, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse exchanged souvenirs. Dawk Khin Khin Win, wife of Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein, called on the President. — MNA
Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win pay homage to Buddha’s Tooth Relic

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win paid homage to the Buddha’s Tooth Relic in Kandy on 28 August.

Also present were officials from Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and other countries, including the Foreign Affairs Minister, U Nyan Win, and wife. The couple offered flowers and robes to the Buddha Image, and the acting prime minister signed the visitors’ book.

After the ceremony, the acting prime minister and party offered robes and alms to the Sayadaws. On arrival at the Myanmar Monastery in Kandy on 28 August, they offered eight requisites, robes, and alms to Sayadaw U Arcinna. Next, Sayadaw presented a Bodhi tree sapling as a gift to the acting prime minister, who thanked him and asked them about Pariyatti academic matters.
Sri Lankan President hosts luncheon in honour of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapakse and wife hosted a luncheon in honour of 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 at the Presidential Residence in Kandy at 2pm on 28 August.

It was also attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Lwin, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads, President U Win Myint of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs.

Sri Lankan President Mr Mahinda Rajapakse and wife were accompanied by Prime Minister Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka and wife, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services, the Minister of Religious Affairs, the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, and senior officials.

Sri Lankan Navy Band entertained those present with songs at the luncheon.

After lunch, Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party together with Sri Lankan President and party posed for a documentary photo.

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Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with Myanmar embassy staff in Colombo

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein received Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, at Trans Asia Hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 27 August.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Sri Lanka U Tin Oo Lwin, Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and Director-General of the Political Department U Pe Than Oo. — MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with Myanmar Foreign Minister

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein received Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, at Trans Asia Hotel. — MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife present gifts to family members of embassy staff. — MNA

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife present gifts to family members of embassy staff. — MNA
The delegation, accompanied by Minister of Culture of Sri Lanka Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and wife, flew to the archaeological site where they were welcomed by Chief Minister of North Central Province Berty Premalal Dissanayake and officials. They also visited Thiri Maha Bodhi Monastery and donated robes and offerings to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of North Central Province Pallegama Srimivasa Thera.

Afterwards, the delegation paid homage to Maha Bodhi Tree. During the visit to Anuradhapura, the delegation also visited Ruwanweli Maha Seya Pagoda, paid homage to the pagoda and posed for a documentary photo at the pagoda.

Myanmar delegation led by Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with North Central Province Chief Minister Berty Premalal Dissanayake and officials. They also visited Thiri Maha Bodhi Monastery and offered eight requisites and provisions to Maha Nayaka Sayadaw of North Central Province at Thiri Maha Bodhi Monastery.

Mr Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of Culture Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and high ranking officials saw off the goodwill delegation. Before departure for Myanmar, Mr Rohitha Bogollagama presented a documentary photo album and souvenirs to the acting prime minister. The delegation left Colombo for Nay Pyi Taw by a special flight in the afternoon.

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free markets in Yangon East District**

**YANGON, 30 Aug** — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected tax-free markets in Yangon East District this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Hein Lin and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited the tax-free market in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, another tax-free market on Pyidaungsu Road in Ward 26 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Shikhintha tax-free market in Thakaya Township, Tamway tax-free market in Tamway Township and Yankin tax-free market in Yankin Township.

In his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Myint Swe viewed sales of goods at the stalls of ministries, organizations and private producers, and instructed officials to supervise sales of fresh meat, vegetables and fish at reasonable price for the convenience of the customers.

**Winner selected to participate in ASEAN Youth Photographer Award**

**YANGON, 29 Aug** — Singapore National Youth Success Council will organize the ASEAN Youth Photographer Award and Photo Show in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary ASEAN Founding Day.

To select a youth photographer representing the Union of Myanmar, a photo contest was held recently. A total of 21 photographers from the whole country sent 98 works of photos to the contest. Among them, Kyaw Kyaw Win (Myanmar Photographic Society) was selected as the best youth photographer. He will be sent to Singapore with the sponsorship of the respective organization to attend the ASEAN Youth Photographer Award and Photo Show to be held in Singapore in November. — MNA

**Electric Power No 1 Minister receives Chinese guests**

**NAW PYI TAW, 30 Aug** — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received President Engineering Mr Hua Aiguo of Zhejiang Orient Holdings Group Ltd and party of the People’s Republic of China at the minister’s office, here, yesterday.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and the directors-general of the ministry. — MNA

**Electric Power No 2 Minister receives Korean guests**

**NAW PYI TAW, 30 Aug** — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Director General Mr Lee Choon Sik of Korea Electric Power Cooperation (KEPCO) and party of the Republic of Korea at the minister’s office, here, yesterday.

Present also at the call were Directors General U Thein Tun and Lin Myo Win.

**Sector-wise cooperation discussed...**

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Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Myanmar Five Stars Line Managing Director U Maung Maung Nyien called on Minister of Transport Dulls Ahaapperuma and Secretary Mr Nihal Somaweera at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister’s Office and they discussed establishment of direct airline between Colombo, Sri Lanka and Yangon, Myanmar and maritime cooperation between the two countries.

At 6:30 pm on 27 August, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint and Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana called on Minister of Religious Affairs Panda Bandaranake at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister’s Office and they discussed Myanmar-Sri Lanka cooperation on study of Buddhist, Pali and Pitaca literature, further cementing friendships between the two countries through religious cooperation and conducting of religious and cultural courses.

At 5:30 pm on 27 August, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Tun called on Minister of Environmental and Natural Resources Champika Ranawaka at a separate meeting hall of the Prime Minister’s Office and they discussed matters related to forest and bio-diversity conservation, wildlife protection, methods for raising wild elephants, establishment of forest plantations, methods for cultivation of good strains of teak and others.

Likewise, members of the goodwill delegation, President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and industrialists met Vice-President Mr Jayampathi Bandaranayake of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka, Chairman of The Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Sri Lanka Mr Nawaz Rajabdeen and industrialists at the office of Ceylon Chamber of Commerce at 2 pm on 27 August. They discussed cooperation in trading rice, beans and pulses, sesame, forest and marine products and gem mining and boosting investments. After that, U Win Myint and Mr Nawaz Rajabdeen signed a MoU on cooperation between the two federations. Over 50 Sri Lankan industrialists attended the meeting. — MNA

**Energy Minister attends ASEAN Energy Ministers’ Meetings in Singapore**

**YANGON, 29 Aug** — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lwin Thi attended the 25th ASEAN Energy Ministers’ Meeting at Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on 23 August, and the minister explained cooperation in energy sector in ASEAN region, exploration of oil and gas inland and offshore regions of the nation and production of fuel-substitute bio-diesel.

The minister also attended the ASEAN+3 Energy Ministers’ Meeting and the East Asian Energy Ministers’ Meeting in the afternoon.

On 24 August, the minister met with Thai Minister for Energy Dr Pyaavastri Amranand and party and discussed sales of natural gas from block M-9 in Mottama offshore to the market and local consumption.

From 25 to 27 August, the minister met officials of Gold-Petrol Co, Petrol-China Co, HQC Co, Silver Wave Co, China Oil Co, Rimbun Petrogas Co and Petronas Co and discussed cooperation in energy sector. — MNA

**Two killed in insurgent-planted mine blasts**

**Nav Pyi Taw, 30 Aug** — Insurgent destructionists are undermining stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity 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 Maung Phoe Pein, son of U Lon of Thitchatseik village in Kyaukkyi Township, was wounded at right foot and left calf after stepping on a mine planted by insurgents on his way to the forest in search of bamboo together with U Chit Tin and Maung Sa Lin on 23 August. U Chit Tin was also wounded stepping on another mine on the way while they were carrying the injured to the hospital. The two injured were dead with bleeding wounds around the scenes. — MNA

**Evaluation Workshop on 3 Diseases Fund (Bridge Fund) held**

**NAW PYI TAW, 30 Aug** — Co-organized by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, Evaluation Workshop on 3 Diseases Fund (Bridge Fund) was held at the ministry here on 28 August.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo made speeches. The workshop was also attended by Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe. The director-general of the department under the ministry, heads of state/division and township health departments, responsible persons from UN agencies and representatives of Myanmar Medical Association and Myanmar Christians Council.
Travelling by train is convenient and saves money. It is comfortable and safe for passengers to take the train. That is why the travelling people have relied on trains in the successive periods.

Myanma Railways builds new railroads and bridges yearly and operates new routes. MR carries out maintenance of locomotives and coaches and railroads daily.

Before 1988 MR operated passenger service and freight service with the use of 229 passenger trains and 17 freight trains. The number of passenger trains increased up to 379 and freight trains to 18. In 1988 there were 487 railway stations and now there are 805.

There were 1,976.35 miles of railroads and 2,793.86 miles of rail tracks nationwide before 1988. Now additional 1,168 miles of new railroads and 1,299.43 miles of rail tracks were built. There are altogether 3,144.56 miles of railroads and 4,093.29 miles of rail tracks.

Construction of the 169.58-mile Shwenyaung-Nanhsan railroad began on 8 May 1992 with the aims of enabling the people to travel across the nation by train, ensuring smooth flow of commodities and contributing towards the development of the regions.

There were some difficulties as the new railroad passes through deep ravines and high mountains. With the emergence of the new railroad sections the length and breadth of the nation it is sure that the public will find it comfortable in traveling by train, thereby contributing to swift commodity flow and regional development.

In construction of new railroads across the nation altogether 9,693 large and small bridges including the 850 feet long Ye River-crossing Bridge and Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) have been built.

With the emergence of new railroad sections the length and breadth of the nation it is sure that the public will find it comfortable in traveling by train, thereby contributing to swift commodity flow and regional development.
Gestational diabetes may cause childhood obesity

BEIJING, 29 Aug—Study shows when women develop diabetes during pregnancy and don’t get treatment, their kids face an increased risk of childhood obesity, media reported Wednesday.

If the mother’s gestational diabetes wasn’t treated, a child’s risk of being overweight or obese was 82 percent or 89 percent higher, according to the study.

Diabetes that develops during pregnancy, known as gestational diabetes, is a common problem for mothers. Pregnancy stresses the body, and some women become resistant to insulin and develop high blood sugar levels, said Teresa Hillier, an endocrinologist and senior investigator with the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research Northwest and Hawaii in US.

“The reason we screen for it is because if it’s not treated, it causes an increased size of the baby, large birth weight, which causes problems with delivery for the mother and the baby,” she said.

The findings could prompt expectant moms to take more care to comply with diabetes treatment during pregnancy, Hillier said. “If I were a mother, I’d be more motivated to know that it will not only help my baby during the pregnancy, but might decrease their chances of being overweight later on.” Why would a mother’s diabetes affect a child long after birth? The answer appears to lie in the child’s metabolism, which develops during gestation and may be disrupted by the mother’s high blood sugar levels, Hillier said.—Internet

Covance opens first nutritional chemistry laboratory in Asia

SINGAPORE, 29 Aug—Covance Inc, one of the world’s largest drug development services companies, opened here on Tuesday its first nutritional chemistry laboratory in Asia to serve the growing food manufacturing market in the region.

According to a statement issued by the company, the two-million-US-dollar facility, an extension of Covance’s world-renowned nutritional chemistry laboratory in Wisconsin, the United States, will offer independent and internationally recognized safety testing of food and product samples from Asian companies seeking to export to the United States.

The new 5,000-square-foot laboratory in Singapore can pre-qualify ingredients and products before shipment, which simplifies export requirements, cases logistics, and significantly reduces product release times.

The laboratory in Singapore will initially focus on the testing of infant formula for release, stability, and labeling data, and will also include testing of food and health supplements.—MNA/Xinhua

China puts summer flood death toll at 1,138

BEIJING, 29 Aug—Stronger relief efforts helped limit damage and loss of life from droughts and flooding in China this summer, but floods still killed more than 1,100 people, officials said on Tuesday.

Torrential rain has inundated large swathes of China’s east, south and southwest since June despite a smaller number of typhoons and tropical storms so far this year, while a prolonged heatwave and drought have afflicted several eastern provinces.

“The climate has been abnormal and has caused serious flooding and drought in our country this year,” Vice Minister of Water Resources E Jingping told a news conference. The flood death toll of 1,138, last updated on Monday, was down about 50 per cent from the average for the same period of previous years, E said.

Improved early warning and evacuation, stronger dykes and timely flood water diversion had reduced human losses and damage to property, Minister of Water Resources Chen Lei said.

But 310 million Chinese, mostly peasants in the vast and vulnerable countryside where harvests and houses were destroyed, have been affected by natural disasters so far this year.—MNA/Reuters

Television host Katie Couric watches the Carmen Marc Valvo fashion show in New York on 14 Sept, 2005. Couric plans to leave on 29 Aug, 2007 for an ambitious reporting trip to Iraq and Syria—the CBS anchor’s first time in the war zone.—INTERNET
Trapped foreign tourists rescued in Philippine resort

MANILA, 30 Aug — Twenty people, including 13 from the Republic of Korea and two from Japan, were saved on Wednesday after being trapped more than eight hours by a rampaging river at a Philippine mountain-waterfalls resort in the north province of Laguna, the police said.

Major Leovegildo Manaig told Xinhua the tourists were trapped when their boats were overturned by the gush of a river near Pagsanan Falls late Tuesday afternoon.

Rescuers, including Army soldiers, policemen, and civilian volunteers, used ropes to pick up the tourists who held on big rocks to survive for eight hours before the rescue team arrived.

MNA/Xinhua

US most armed country with 90 guns per 100 people

GENEVA, 30 Aug — The United States has 90 guns for every 100 citizens, making it the most heavily armed society in the world, a report released on Tuesday said.

US citizens own 270 million known firearms, according to the Small Arms Survey 2007 by the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International Studies.

About 4.5 million of the eight million new guns manufactured worldwide each year are purchased in the United States, it said.

"There is roughly one firearm for every seven people worldwide. Without the United States, it said.

Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International Studies.Overall civilian gun arsenals. On a per-capita basis, Yemen had the second most heavily armed citizenry behind the United States, with 61 guns per 100 people, followed by Finland with 56, Switzerland with 46, Iraq with 39 and Serbia with 38. France, Canada, Sweden, Austria and Germany were next, each with about 30 guns per 100 people, while many poorer countries often associated with violence ranked much lower. Nigeria, for instance, had just one gun per 100 people. MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Thursday, 30 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Ayeyawady Division, scattered in Kayin State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagain Division, widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Puto (2.17) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.93) inches, Thupaw (1.15) inches, Dawei and Kawthoung (1.10) inches each. Maximum temperature on 29-8-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 30-8-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-8-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 29-8-2007 was (1.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-8-2007 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (97.64) inches at Mingaladon, (99.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.46) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from South-west at (11:30) hours MST on 29-8-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and the South Bay of Bengal and generally moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-8-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in lower Sagain and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltatic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) miles. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: One or two rain or thundershers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: Some rain or thundershers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 31-8-2007: Isolated rain or thundershers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1
Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win
pay homage to Buddha Tooth Relic in Kandy

Two full-grown elephants donated
to Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber

NAV PVT TAW, 30 Aug — The Myanmar goodwill
delegation led by 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 attended the ceremony to hand
over two full-grown elephants donated by the Union of
Myanmar to the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber after
paying homage to the Buddha tooth relic in Kandy on
28 August morning.

At the Tooth Relic Chamber in Kandy, they were
welcomed by Mr Nilanga Dela Bandara Diyawada and
officials of the Tooth Relic Board of Trustees. At the
Tooth Relic Chamber, the Acting Prime Minister and
wife cordially greeted Mr Pradeep Nilanga Dela Head
of the Chamber.

Next, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and wife
arrived at the Tooth Relic Chamber and greeted Acting
Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife.

 Afterwards, the Acting Prime Minister and wife
and party paid homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic and
offered flowers to it.

At 10.30 am, they attended the ceremony to hand
over two full-grown elephants donated by the Union of
Myanmar to the Buddha Tooth Relic Chamber.

Presentation on fundamental principles and
detailed basic principles to be published

YANGON, 30 Aug — The Panel of Chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention presented Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles adopted by the National Convention in drafting the State Constitution to the Plenary Session of the National Convention. Presentation on detailed basic principles regarding sharing of the executive power in the chapter ‘Executive’ read out by U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam Delegate Group of Political Parties and Formation of Judiciary in the chapter ‘Judiciary’ read out by U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect will be published in the dailies. — MNA

National Convention continues

Fundamental Principles and Detailed
Basic Principles adopted by NC read out

YANGON, 30 Aug — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaunghnapan Camp, Hmauby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

The Panel of Alternate Chairmen presented the Fundamental Principles and Detailed Basic Principles 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 subcommittees, delegates of political parties such as National Unity Party, Union Pa-O National Organization, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National

The plenary session of National Convention in progress. — MNA