Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supervises agriculture and regional development tasks in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and officials concerned at state level went on an inspection tour of Ngapali rubber plantation of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 on 31 August.

At the briefing hall, Manager U Min Swan Ye briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on cultivation tasks of rubber plants and Manager U Naing Oo of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise on cultivation of perennial crops.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on collection of quality rubber strains and establishment of rubber plantations and inspected rubber nurseries.

The MGME has already cultivated 953 acres of rubber plants and produced 112,750 pounds of latex in Ngapali rubber plantation, Thandwe Township, 3,086 acres of rubber plants in Thandwe District, 7,933 acres - Rakhine State has already cultivated over 21,000 acres of rubber plants.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants held in Padekaw village of Thandwe Township. Afterwards. (See page 7)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremonies of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) for monastic education schools in Ahlon, Tamway and Mingala Taungnyunt Townships

YANGON, 2 Sept — A cash and kind donation ceremony of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) for six monastic education schools in Ahlon Township was held at Sasana Hitacayi Kwinkyaung Pariyatti Monastery on Kwinkyaung street in Ahlon Township, Yangon West District this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

It was also attended by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaws of monastic education in the township and members of the Sangha, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, the senior military officers, departmental heads, chairmen and members of District/Township PDCs, members of social organizations and wellwishers.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence donates provisions to a Sayadaw at cash and kind donation ceremony of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) for six monastic education schools in Ahlon Township. — MNA

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

Monday, 3 September, 2007

Grow more edible oil crops for self-sufficiency

The government has made arrangements for the nation to enjoy self-sufficiency in edible oil in the year 2008.

In that regard, it is engaged in extended cultivation of edible oil crops the length and breadth of the nation.

Groundnut, sesame, sunflower, mustard and niger are edible oil crops grown in the nation. Extended cultivation of groundnut, sesame and sunflower was carried out in the states and divisions.

Over 1.8 million acres were put under groundnut, over 3.6 million acres under sesame and over 1.5 million acres under sunflower in the 2006-2007 cultivation season.

This being the case, all the farmers are urged to actively engage in extended cultivation of edible oil crops including groundnut, sesame and sunflower.

NPED Minister and party arrive back

Yangon, 2 Sept — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arrived at Nay Pyi Taw by air on 29 August, after attending the 39th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting and other related meetings in Manila, the Philippines, from 23 to 27 August. They were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister for NPED Col Thaurein Zaw and departmental officials.

The minister attended the 10th ASEAN Investment Area Council Ministerial Meeting, the 21st AFTA Council Meeting and a dinner in honor of ASEAN economic ministers hosted by President of the Philippines Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on 23 August. On 24 August, the minister attended the 39th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting.

On 27 August, the minister attended the ninth ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Co-operation Meeting.

MWAH Finance Dept offers Waso robes, provisions to monks and nuns

Yangon, 2 Sept — The first Waso robes offering ceremony of Finance Department of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation was held at Dhammacakka Pagoda near Kalay. Twenty-six-year-old Moe Thein Win Hlaing of Department for Women’s Affairs Federation was the speaker.

The minister also addressed the meetings of economic ministers of ASEAN and China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, the 3rd meeting of economic ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam and Japan and the 10th meeting of economic ministers of ASEAN plus three on 25 and 26 August.

Myanma Insurance offers alms to monks

Yangon, 1 Sept — Under the aegis of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Tha Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, service personnel of Myanma Insurance offered a ceremony to offer meals and provisions to 413 members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti University (Yangon) at Mogok reectory of the university this morning.

First, those present received the Five Precepts from Rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavaca Pandita Bhaddanta Vannita. Next, Managing Director U Thaung Yi offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

The managing director presented K 792,000 for alms to Director U Than Win of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana.

After the ceremony, the congregation offered ‘soon’ to members of the Sangha.

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Iran says Bush remarks aimed at keeping troops in Iraq

TEHRAN, 1 Sept — US President George W Bush made “angry” remarks about Iran to make a case for keeping US troops in Iraq and divert attention from his administration’s unpopularity, Iran’s Foreign Minister said on Thursday.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki made his remarks to state television after Bush this week accused Iran of fomenting instability in the Middle East and putting the region “under the shadow of a nuclear holocaust” with its atomic programme.

Washington accuses Teheran of backing Iraqi militants to destabilize Iraq and of seeking to build nuclear weapons under cover of a civilian nuclear programme, charges Iran denies.

“All these comments are to try to prepare the ground to show that we (the United States) must not quit Iraq, and we have to stay there.” This shows that their policies are based on wrong information and wrong reports,” Mottaki said.

Iran blames violence in Iraq on the continued presence of US troops and has called for them to be withdrawn. It also insists its nuclear programme is aimed at mastering technology to generate electricity, not to make material for warheads.

“The subjects that President Bush angrily announced indicate a problem,” Mottaki told state television, adding that the US Administration was trying to counter what he said was plummeting credibility at home and abroad, particularly in the Middle East.

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DUBAI, 1 Sept — The United Arab Emirates has banned the import of poultry and birds from the German region of Bavaria where the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu was found on a farm, the official WAM news agency said on Friday.

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It did not say how long the ban would last.

The outbreak in Bavaria was identified on 25 August after dead ducks found in a poultry farm tested positive for the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of the virus. The farm in Bavaria’s Erlangen-Hoechststadt area was sealed off and all 160,000 birds there culled.

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He said the reason was that the Jet Stream — a set of very strong winds at high altitude — had been further south than in a normal summer.

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Expectant mothers in flooded Indian state get maternity huts

NEW DELHI, 1 Sept — Authorities in a flooded Indian state are building maternity huts for expectant mothers, the United News of India (UNI) reported Thursday.

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“In natural calamities such as this, women and children suffer the most. The suffering is compounded for women who are pregnant or supposed to deliver due to lack of antenatal and delivery services. Being able to deliver in a clean, hygienic environment by a skilled birth attendant could mean the difference between life and death for both the mother and child,” Bijaya Rajbhandari, the state representative of UNICEF, said.

Director Ang Lee (2, L) poses with actors (L-R) Tony Leung, Tung Wei, Lee-hom Wang and Joan Chen at the premiere of the film “Lust, Caution” during the 64th Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on 30 Aug. 2007. “Lust, Caution” directed by Ang Lee is one of 22 films competing in the official contest. — INTERNET

People walk through flower painted plastic umbrellas at an art installation “100 umbrellas” featured by Mirey Hiroki at the Omotesando Hills shopping mall in Tokyo on 1 Sept, 2007. INTERNET

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Eric Tan, one of the students who designed and constructed the first Philippine solar-powered car, drives along a street after it was unveiled in Manila on 1 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

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Chapter XI
Provisions on State of Emergency

4. In connection with the declaration of a state of emergency, the President shall have the powers to:

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

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

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

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

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

6. The President from the date of the promulgation and the date on which it is disapproved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall hold a session within 60 days.

7. (a) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session approves the ordinance, the President shall declare a state of emergency in the area that the ordinance is in force is the entire nation and that its duration is one year from the date it is proclaimed.

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

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

8. When there arises or there is sufficient reason to arise a state of emergency endangering life and property of the people or if the respective local administrative body submits that the administrative functions cannot be carried out in accord with the Constitution in a Region or a State or a Union territory or a Self-Administered Area, he shall, after coordinating with National Defence and Security Council, issue order having the force of law to declare a state of emergency.

9. (a) If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session approves the submission of the President concerning the completion of the duties assigned to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services if the term of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is not in session, and shall convene an emergency session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw if it is not in session to submit the matter.

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

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

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

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Chapter XIV
Transitory Provisions
1. “This Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a referendum by the assenting votes of more than half of all the people who have the right to vote.”

2. (a) “The State Peace and Development Council shall continue to exercise State sovereignty over the Union, carry out during the interval between the coming into force of this Constitution and the day the first session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is convened, all the functions of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the Constitution.”

(b) “The Government that exists on the date this Constitution comes into force shall continue to discharge the respective duties until the emergence of the new Government formed and assigned duties in accord with this Constitution.”

3. “The work done by the State Peace and Development Council to bring the Constitution into force shall be deemed to have been carried out in accord with this Constitution”

4. “All policy guidelines, laws, rules, regulations, notifications, proclamations, measures, responsibilities and rights of the State Peace and Development Council shall devolve on the Union of Myanmar”

5. “Existing laws shall remain in force so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw”

6. “Existing rules, regulations, bye-laws, notifications, orders, directives and procedures shall remain in force in so far as they are not contrary to this Constitution until and unless they are repealed or amended by the Union Government.”

7. “All courts existing on the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution shall continue to exercise their jurisdiction until new courts are established by law in accord with this Constitution. All cases, civil, criminal and revenue, pending in the said courts, shall be disposed of in accord with the laws exercised on the date on which the cases came up for trial.”

8. “All functioning State service personnel of departmental organizations including Tatmadaw under the State Peace and Development Council on the day this Constitution comes into force shall continue in their functions unless otherwise prescribed by the Government of the Union of Myanmar” (See page 6)

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

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

17. “In connection with the matter of transferring the State power to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services by the President after declaring a state of emergency, the National Defence and Security Council shall, after receiving the report on the completion of the functions of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, shall declare to annul the order empowering the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services to exercise State sovereign power in accord with the paragraph 9.”

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

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

20. “The National Defence and Security Council shall hold a general election in accord with the provisions of the Constitution within a period of six months beginning from the date on which the order is annulled in accord with the paragraph 17.”

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

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

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

Chapter XII
Amendment of the Constitution
1. If there is wish to amend any of the provisions of this Constitution, the following methods shall be applied:
(a) The proposal to amend the Constitution shall be submitted in the form of a Bill.
(b) A Bill to amend the Constitution shall contain no other proposals.
2. Such a Bill to amend the Constitution shall be initiated in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
3. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall accept the Bill to amend the Constitution for consideration, if 20 per cent of all the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw members submit it.
4. (a) The adopted provisions of the State Fundamental Principles, the State Structure, the Formation of Legislature, the Formation of Executive, the Formation of Judiciary, and the State of Emergency shall be amended with the prior approval of more than 75 per cent of all the members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, in a nation-wide referendum only with a majority vote of more than half of those who have the right to vote.
(b) Provisions other than those mentioned in the paragraph (a) shall be amended only with a majority vote of more than 75 per cent of all the members of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
(c) Articles that are relevant to or inclusive in Chapters stated in the paragraph (a) shall be prescribed when the Constitution is drafted.”

State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital
Regarding the State Flag,
(1) “The State Flag shall be prescribed as follows: The Flag is marked with yellow, green and red stripes in a proportionate ratio. On the green stripe in the centre of the State Flag is a large white star covering all the three stripes directing upwards.
(2) “Laws shall be promulgated concerning the State Flag.”

Regarding the State Seal, with the picture of the State Seal under it, “The State Seal shall be as shown below.”

Regarding the National Anthem, “The present National Anthem shall be prescribed as the National Anthem.”

Regarding the Capital, “The capital of the State is Nay Pyi Taw.”
This Constitution shall come into...

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Chapter XV

General Provisions

1. This Constitution is the Basic Law of laws of the State.
2. Myanmar language is the official language.
3. The State fundamental principles are the guidelines to be followed by the legislative and executive branches of the State.
4. Interpretation of the preamble, articles, clauses, words and expressions contained in this Constitution shall be based only on Myanmar text.
5. Interpretation of the expressions of this Constitution shall be referred to the existing Interpretation of Expressions Law.
6. A Myanmar manuscript of this Constitution shall be kept at the National Archives. The manuscript shall be conclusive evidence of the provisions of this Constitution.
7. In the interest of the State, the Union Government may permit—
   (a) Regional or State government,
   (b) a cooperative society, an organization or a person to run any of economic enterprises, which are prescribed to be operated solely by the Union Government, through a joint-venture system with the Union Government under agreements.
8. The Union of Myanmar shall honour all legitimate obligations arising out of any treaties or agreements which before the commencement of this Constitution were in force between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of any other State, provided that such other State honours any reciprocal obligations towards the Union of Myanmar.
9. (a) Any proceedings relating to contracts or liabilities which might have been brought against the Government of the Union of Myanmar before this Constitution comes into force, may be brought against the Union Government.
   (b) The Union of Myanmar may sue and may be sued by the name of the Union of Myanmar.

Formation of the Constitutional Tribunal

10. The Constitutional Tribunal shall consist of nine members including a chairman. The President, the Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw shall select three members each who meet the following qualifications from among Hluttaw members or non-Hluttaw members:
   (a) person who has attained the age of 50 years;
   (b) person who possesses qualifications set for a Pyithu Hluttaw, other than restriction on age;
   (c) person who possesses qualifications set for the Chief Justice and a Supreme Court Justice, other than restriction on age;
   (d) person who has political, administrative, economic and security outlooks;
   (e) person who is loyal to the State and the people.
11. The list of three members each nominated by the President, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, and a member nominated for chairmanship of Constitutional Tribunal among the nine members shall be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its approval.
12. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall have no right to reject the persons nominated for members of the Constitutional Tribunal by the President unless it can prove the members disqualified.
13. The President may, in accord with the provisions of the State Constitution, have the right to nominate new members for the seats of Constitutional Tribunal that are still vacant due to failure to obtain agreement of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
14. The President shall appoint the chairman and members of Constitutional Tribunal approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.
15. The term of the Constitutional Tribunal is five years, the same as that of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. However, the ongoing Constitutional Tribunal, on expiry of its term, shall continue to carry out its functions till the President forms a new Constitutional Tribunal under this Constitution.
16. A member of the Constitutional Tribunal:
   (a) shall be deemed to have resigned from the Hluttaw concerned on the date of being appointed if he is a member of any Hluttaw;
   (b) shall be deemed to have resigned from civil service in accord with civil service rules and regulations on the date of being appointed if he is a government employee;
   (c) shall have no right to participate in activities of the political party concerned during tenure of membership starting from the date of being appointed if he is a member of a political party.
17. A member of the Constitutional Tribunal may have the right to submit his resignation to the President if he wishes to resign before expiry of his tenure due to a reason.
18. The President may appoint a new member in accord with the provisions of this Constitution if there is a vacancy in membership in the Constitutional Tribunal for a certain reason.

Impeachment of a member of the Constitutional Tribunal

19. (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 of the State Constitution for a member of the Constitutional Tribunal;
   (5) inefficient discharge of duties assigned to him in accord with the law;
   (b) If need arises to blame or impeach a member of the Constitutional Tribunal, it shall do so under the provisions prescribed in this Constitution set to blame or impeach the Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Justice.

Functions of the Constitutional Tribunal

20. The functions of the Constitutional Tribunal are as follows:
   (a) to interpret provisions of the Constitution,
   (b) to scrutinize whether or not laws enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Region Hluttaws and the State Hluttaws and Self-Administered Areas are in conformity with the Constitution,
   (c) to scrutinize functions of executive authorities of Pyidaungsu, Regions, States and Self-Administered Areas in conformity with the Constitution,
   (d) to decide on disputes in connection with the Constitution between Pyidaungsu and regions, between Pyidaungsu and States, between Regions and States, among Regions, among States, and between Regions or States and Self-Administered Areas themselves to perform other duties prescribed in the Constitution,
   (e) to decide on disputes in connection with the rights and responsibilities of the Pyidaungsu and Regions; or States or Self-Administered Areas in implementing Union law by Regions, States or Self-Administered Areas,
   (f) to scrutinize and decide on matters relating to Union territories informed by the President.
21. If there is a dispute as to whether a provision prescribed in a law is in conformity with the Constitution in hearing a case by a court, and the Constitutional Tribunal has not made any decision regarding the case, the court shall suspend its hearing and submit its views to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its decision. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal regarding the dispute shall apply all the cases.
22. The decision of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be final.
23. The following persons shall have the right to directly submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal for its interpretation, decision, and stance:
   (a) President;
   (b) Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw;
   (c) Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw;
   (d) Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw;
   (e) Chief Justice;
   (f) Chairman of Union Election Commission.
24. The following persons or bodies shall have the right to submit a case to the Constitutional Tribunal in accord with the procedures for its interpretation, decision and stance:
   (a) Region of State Chief Minister;
   (b) Speaker of the Region or State Hluttaw;
   (c) Chairman of Leading Body of Self-Administered Areas;
   (d) At least 10 percent of the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw or the Amyotha Hluttaw.
25. Formation and relations of the Constitutional Tribunal, and duties, rights and privileges of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal shall be prescribed by law.
26. The status of the chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal is designated to be equivalent to the position of a Vice-President, and a member, to the position of a Union minister in order to make reference in prescribing by law regarding the duties, rights and privileges of the chairmen and members of the Constitutional Tribunal.
**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supervises ...**

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Manager U Kyaw Myint of Myanmar Agriculture Service briefing Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on cultivation of physic nut plants and Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein gave a supplementary report. A total of 6,000 physic nut plants were cultivated during the ceremony.

After that Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party looked into condition of Thandwe-Kyeintali road, looked into condition of monsoon paddy fields and development tasks, Thandwe-Kyeintali road, visited the palace of King Zedi Pagoda and made paid obeisance to Maha Bhaddanta Sayadaw of St Georges’ Anglican Church in Bago yesterday. They paid homage to Maha Santisukha Buddha image and donated joss sticks to the reclining Buddha image and donated cash to the medical funds of Gwa Township People’s Hospital through Chairman of Gwa Township PDC U Ko Ko Oo and Dr Dow Thet Thet Sein.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected thriving 5 acres of physic nut plantation and met with servicemen and their families at Gwa Station and supplied clothes to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave a speech on the occasion, saying that race and edible oil are in surplus in Gwa Township. It is necessary to extend sown acreage of edible oil crops to be sufficient in the whole Rakhine State. He stressed the need to grow more rubber, pepper and physic nut plants in Rakhine State.

At the meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and town elders, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on upgrading of the present strand road linking Gwa Township and Ayeyawady Division and seeking a new axis.

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After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated K 250,000 for the medical funds of Gwa Township People’s Hospital through Chairman of Gwa Township PDC U Ko Ko Oo and Dr Dow Thet Thet Sein.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected thriving 5 acres of physic nut plantation and met with servicemen and their families at Gwa Station and supplied clothes to them.

**Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash...**

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Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the vice-major, and senior military officers accepted K 5,595, 005 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today’s donation for the monastic education schools in Ahlon Townships totalled 139 bags of rice, 443 viss of edible oil, 733 viss of iodized salt, 146 tubes of toothpaste, 9, 377 bottles of chilly powder and K 5, 995, 059.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to donate cash and kind to 20 monastic education schools in Tamway and Mingala Taungnyunt Townships donated by Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers at Maha Santisuka Buddha Sasana Centre in Natchaung Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon East District this afternoon.

Present also at the ceremony were President Nayaka Sayadawas of monastic education schools in Tamway and Mingala Taungnyunt Townships, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hla Hay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers and members of the Sangha Three senior military officers also offered alms donated by families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) to the Sayadaw.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party accepted K 16, 146, 400 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today’s donation for the monastic education schools in Tamway and Mingala Taungnyunt Townships totalled 248 bags of rice, 1, 080 viss of edible oil, 1, 787 viss of iodized salt, 357 viss of toothpaste, 9, 720 bottles of chilly powder and K 16, 146, 400. — MNA

**NC delegates visit pagodas in Bago and Yangon, St Georges’ Anglican Church**

YANGON, 2 Sept — Accompanied by officials of Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, delegates of the National Convention paid homage to Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago yesterday.

They donated K 108,200 to the funds of the pagoda. At Shwemawdaw Pagoda, they offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the reclining Buddha image and donated K 94,650 to the funds of the pagoda. The NC delegates also paid obeisance to Maha Zedi Pagoda and made cash donations. Next, they visited the palace of King Bayintnaung. At Tam-palawha Maha Muni Bronze Buddha Image, they donated cash to the funds for offering gold foils for the image.

They paid homage to Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotiika Dhamma Linkara Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vissudhida and offered donations. This morning, the NC delegates paid obeisance to Shwedagon Pagoda. The Christian NC delegates attended the service at St Georges’ Anglican Church in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

**Christian delegates attend the service at St Georges’ Anglican Church in Mingaladon Township.** — MNA

**34 members quit Sagaing Township NLD**

THEY lose trust in NLD, interest in its activities

YANGON, 2 Sept — A total of 34 members including members U Thein Win, U Thein, U Win and U Than Hsau of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division resigned from the party of their own will on 31 August, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittees, they said that they had lost trust in the NLD and interest in activities of the party. That is why they resigned from the party of their own accord, they said. — MNA
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An “88” incident activist

You were afraid that NLD and those in exile would brand you as a pro-government man. In Communist jargon, you did not want the government to give you a cap to wear. You followed the path as asked by NLD. So, the “88” group lost our way. In your absence the group was led by Su Su Nway. I feel bad when I see Su Su Nway is surrounded by members of your group. I do not want to mention personal matters. We all know what is she, where is she heading and what is her background. She is in front of the “88” group. Then we must say that something is wrong.

This point frightens (NLD) to take part in the next elections. Put simply, they should be prepared to enter the next elections if they think their party wins public support. The NLD leadership, however, are not brave enough to confront the situation. This being so, they have put you on the path of the 1990 election results and made you stick to them. Here NLD was benefited whereas we came to a dead end politically. As we followed NLD we automatically moved along the path of opposing the National Convention. This is the second mistake.

I will continue.

When you tried to penetrate the students you noticed that it was not as easy as the penetration of the worker mass. Since access to the inside of the schools was denied to non-students you employed the BCP (Burma Communist Party) method of assigning your men to penetrate the schools. You also tried to revive Ba Ka Tha, Ma Ka Tha and Ya Ka Tha. The attempt also failed due to the rejection of students. Your group was angry with this and blamed the students saying they were not politically awakened. In fact, it is not that they do not have political or social awareness. They have alternatives. That was why they did not follow the path of the non-violence (NV) of yours.

The period of the youths of today is different from that of ours. Education and economic opportunities are open for them. Hence, they do not think taking to the streets is not the only method to develop the nation. You failed to realize this and thought that there was the only method based on your experience. This is the root cause of the problem.

As you have wrong ideology and concepts your methods also went wrong. When you were released from prison, opportunities were at hand for us to be able to play a meaningful role in the nation’s politics. There was an unofficial access to the government. But you were afraid that NLD and those in exile would brand you as a pro-government man. In Communist jargon, you did not want the government to give you a cap to wear. You followed the path as asked by NLD. So, the “88” group lost our way.

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You viewed the Myanma political situation as the power issue. You were wrong here right from the beginning. NLD and other groups pressed you to accept this view. With this view it was concluded that settlement of the political problems should be based on the 1990 (election) results. The assessment would be right in 1990. It might be right in 1992 also. However, it was not in 2006. Former member of the Ma Ka Tha Central Committee in Canada Ko Yang Ni Oo said in an interview that the people’s wish today is more important than that in 1990. That is true. The people today wish to go to democracy system with peace of mind. They are totally opposed to the change of system that took place in 1988. Moreover, middle and high school students of 1990 are now some 30 years old. As they are politically awakened due to their personal experiences, they are desirous of exercising the right to vote. They too want a role in shaping the future of the nation. At this juncture, is it correct to stick to the 1990 results? Even the international bodies including the EU (European Union) do not emphasize the 1990 results. When citing Myanmar affairs.

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As you accepted the excuses of NLD and the groups in exile that NLD was excluded and there was 25 per cent participation of the military in the Hluttaw and went on criticizing the National Convention, you did not touch the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention, let alone reading them. This being so, in an interview you said it was prescribed that the new president had to possess military experience and so it was certain the military man would take the president post.

Someone brought in the book and showed him that it was not military experience but military vision. Experience and vision are different. It did not mean only a soldier was to become the president. The clarification brought shame on him. A slip of the tongue as such does not matter much but the erroneous actions does.

When the National Convention was reconvened in 2004, the government invited NLD to attend it. It complied with the demands of NLD. At last, after the meeting between Daw Suu and NLD Central Executive Committee, however, they changed their mind and decided not to attend the National Convention. We were not informed of what happened behind the curtain. However, from that time onwards, the main objectives of NLD have been destruction of the National Convention and the Road Map. It was because the 1990 results would be buried once the constitution was approved by the people. This is the gravest concern of NLD. Still, it dared not oppose the National Convention openly. It feared that the party itself could be abolished if it violated the Law No 5/96. Under the circumstances, they tried to make use of us, the students, in order to launch the move from two fronts, from the above-ground and the underground.

So, you were busy the whole year of 2006 trying to make contact with the groups at the border in order to wage UG movement. Although I broke away from you due to difference of opinion, I warned you through someone because of our personal attachment. Your men, especially Htay Kywe, was not pleased with our departure from the group and accused us of being government informers and traitors. So, you did not pay attention to my warning. Foreseeing your acts the
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An “88” incident activist

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government warned you through the newspapers and press conferences. But you failed to mend your ways.

But these days, the news about the “88” generation students is in the air. News reports continue to be published in the newspapers. So, the true picture of Min Ko Naing has gradually emerged. The prince mask has now been removed. The people will now decide what your face looks like.

A committee to launch attack within the frame of law was also formed under the central committee comprising UGs inside the country. I was worried about you early October last year after reading news that some veteran politicians, some members of CRPP and some NLD members were active with your group forming as the backbone.

Your contacts and interviews with foreign radio stations, your visits to the Western embassies, your contacts with UGs and your attempts to form a students union like the All Burma Students Unions Federation (Ba Ka Tha) have been self-evident. I criticized that although you tried to attract the attention from inside and outside the country and reestablish ties with former contacts, it was very open.

On 11 September 2006, Ko Ko Gyi spoke words critical of the National Convention as he discussed the 1974 constitution. At the same time, preparations were made to oppose the National Convention to coincide with the annual meeting of the NLD. As we were worried about you the government had taken you into custody.

During your detention I took part in the white campaign for your release launched by Jimmy on in combination between Activist Front (AF) and Underground (UG) according to your 2007 plan.

According to the news reports in the newspapers after your release, the government knew your activities and it would be tolerant to some extent. Although the government desires national reconciliation, it is obvious that the government will not completely accept any act that harms the stability and security, in other words, the National Convention and the Road Map.

Ignoring the facts, you accelerated your Non-Violent movement. Ko Htin Kyaw created the movement in front of Thengyzi Zay and you pulled the strings from behind. You made field trips to the townships for formation of AF. NLD’s plans to disrupt the National Convention and the Road Map was reported widely through foreign media. Like NLD you sent letters to international organizations and leaders of the nations. In the letters you said you represented all the students who took part in the 1988 disturbances. It was your act to make political gain.

There was something which made me angry with you so much. In 2006, you wrote a letter to the UN Secretary-General. You sent letters to Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian President Vladimir Putin about two months ago. These are the act to speak ill of one’s country and people. We all are responsible for defending the nation and its people if other people encroach upon the nation and the people. I had to say that you were totally wrong as you behaved humbly and kow-towed others while treading on the nation and the people.

Now again, some NLD representatives-elect and 92 members of CRPP wrote a letter to UN Secretary-General Me Ban Ki-mon. I thought you did not take part in this matter. When I learnt that you got involved from behind the scene, I was deeply moved. I felt that you did not belong to us forever. You committed a serious mistake in history betraying the national cause.

In the newspapers in May this year it was reported that ABSDF sent five saboteurs led by Thet Tun (New Society) and four saboteurs led by Aung Ko Naing to Yangon to commit destructive acts. The newspapers featured news and their appearance. I was worried about you again. You must not say it was nothing to do with you. Aung Ko Naing was not reported in the paper officially. But we were worried because he was known to be from our cycle.

On 27 May your group that attended the election anniversary of the NLD tried to go to the Shwedagon Pagoda in group. Your group was not allowed to do so. But you made a speech on the street. You thought that the government would disperse the group. Therefore personnel from embassies and reporters were waiting to cover the news. You and youths from NLD were ready to take photos. The government could handle the case gently. The second red bridge incident that you wanted did not take place. You assumed that the government had no strength to handle the incident. It was learnt that you had decided to exert great effort to undermine the National Convention due to be held in July. In his speech Ko Ko Gyi said the May 27 incident was the important turning point.

In the last July issue of the newspapers your group was reported to have organized some students who would like to pursue their education peacefully and incited to cause unrest in the country. All the parents in the country were worried about the future of their children as you created trouble. Every parent wants his or her children to be educated persons. You and I who are at the age of the parents should know this. Our parents did not approve of our involvement in the ‘88’ disturbances as we were very young. (See page 10)

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Likewise, Zaw Zaw Min tried to put his brother create riots taking advantage of school weaknesses. as you had taught, Kyaw Min Yu frequently met mistakes again and again. DVB for students' issue propaganda. You made Lin and Sithu Maung with BBC, VOA, RFA and of 1988. Being angry with the failure, you because today's students are different from those students' rights. But the attempts were failed after forming a group under the name of the Arzanni Day and forming a students' union the 7th July declaration, marching activities on didn't work, did it? Your attempts were issuing Nyein Lin and Sithu Maung from behind the scene, you instigated to cause unrest at Western University and University of Economics. But it didn't work, did it? Your attempts were issuing the 7th July declaration, marching activities on the Arzanni Day and forming a students' union after forming a group under the name of students' rights. But the attempts were failed because today's students are different from those of 1988. Being angry with the failure, you arraigned for the telephone interview of Di Nyein Lin and Sithu Maung with BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB for students' issue propaganda. You made mistakes again and again.

Let me continue the students' issue. I heard that as you had taught, Kyaw Min Yu frequently met with university students including Sithu Maung of the University of Economics and Han Ni Oo of Dagon University at a restaurant on Innya Road. They were taught to demand students' rights and create riots taking advantage of school weaknesses. Likewise, Zaw Zaw Min tried to put his brother Kyaw Kyaw Min and his son Di Nyein Lin on the stage to launch anti-government activities like in the four 8's period in which the Ba Ka Tha was able to thwart the one-party system. So, you will know that their daring acts are not a good sign. Moreover, at a ceremony to offer Waso robes to mark the 19th anniversary of the ‘88’ disturbances, Di Nyein Lin made a comment in the programme you created under the title of “Disclosing our past experiences”. It is regrettable that the future of a young man is unthinkable as you were keeping silent on his comment despite knowing what he had said meant.

I also heard that at the American Centre in last July Myanmar Students Union was formed with 17 members led by an ‘88’ generation student, Tun Aung Kyaw (old member of Ba Ka Tha-Lower Myanmar) and Di Nyein Lin. Besides, your group issued a directive to Myanmar Students Union (MSU), to continue political movements regarding the National Convention and it is not an acceptable issue. You would probably heard that I criticised you then for your acts going from bad to worse.

I’ll continue to discuss the issue of members of the Sangha after that of students. We have learnt that U Sundhara, a member of Young Monks Union, called on you and met Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho and you. I partly heard that the monk urged your group to speed up the activities you were doing. Was it true that you and the NLD incited riots among the members of the Sangha over the issue of writings on the walls of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon)? As usual, they would disguise themselves as monks, sneak into the mass of real monks and get them to take to the streets. But today’s members of the Sangha are different from those of 1988. Your attempts were no longer workable. We heard few accidents happened only in Sittway and Thanlyin. However, no one will believe you if you say such incidents didn’t happen among the members of the Sangha at your instigation.

You have made blunders again and again. What was the worst is that your group kept attempting armed struggle line. If priority is given to national reconsolidation and peaceful solutions to political problems, it is completely contrary to the armed struggle line. Nonetheless, you put pressure on the government and tried to pick up armed struggle line by making use of the groups at the border as a strength. If you could do so to weaken the strength of the Tatmadaw, BCP would have seized the State Power very earlier. I am wondering why you and Ko Ko Gyi were too stupid to realize the true situation. But I think you have no choice but to keep going on your way. This is what Ko Than Gyaung dubbed the problem of a dependent. In fact, you have been under the influence of others.

To contact the groups abroad from Zaw Zaw Aung (North Dagon) and Swe Ko (Tamway) were sent to the Thai-Myanmar border in late 2005. As their activities met with failure, Nyein Lin Myint also was sent to the border in 2007 and he arrived in Mae Sot. I was very surprised to hear your attempts to launch activities in the nation in collusion with anti-government groups abroad.

On 24 August I happened to read a piece of news in the newspaper that ABSDF sent Kyi Pya Lin and Soe Lin Khine into the nation via Mae Sot to detonate bombs in Nyaungnahpin Camp where the National Convention is in session as well as in Yangon. The news also stated that Aung Ko Naing of the “88” generation student group abroad was sent to the nation by Lokkaw route via Maissaryin of the Myanmar-Thai border; that Aung Ko Naingcontacted Kyi Pya Lin and Soe Lin Khine who arrived in Yangon in advance, and hatched a plot to blow up the hall where the National Convention being held and hostels of delegates to NC; that in their attempts they were to use the US-made sophisticated time mines; and that as officials concerned acting on a tip-off were able to beef up security their attempts met with failure. All in all, your attempts automatically made your group become terrorist destructionists rather than democracy activists.

Not only that, your group also issued a statement as regards the emergence of the State Constitutions on 28-6-2007 and the announcement to mark the 19th Anniversary “88” Incident on 8-8-2007. The announcement included the writings that are detrimental to the process of the National Convention and misleading the people. Furthermore, your group sent fabricated news to internal and external organizations as well as to foreign broadcasting stations so as to put pressure on the government. You cannot deny what has been stated, for a piece of information was provided by the other source.

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**An “88” incident activist**

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Provisions donated to nine monasteries, one nunnery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min delivers an address at opening of Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section. Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers and departmental personnel accepted donations from the wellwishers.

The ceremony took place at Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery. On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Captain Myint Tun of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office and Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented 88 bags of rice and 142 viss of gram to the Sayadaws and the nuns of Theinji Yadana Nunnery. Wellwishers also donated cash and kind to members of the Sangha.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.— MNA

Villager loses right foot in mine blast

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Sept — A local, Kyaw Moe Win, 35, son of U Pho Hlaw of Nyaungbintha Village, Htantabin Township, Bago Division, stepped on an insurgent-planted mine and lost his right foot as he was going to farmwork at about 10 am on 28 August. As soon as authorities concerned heard of the mine blast, they rushed to the scene and sent Kyaw Moe Win to Kamome Station Hospital for treatment. Necessary assistance is being given to the victim and authorities concerned together with the local people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents. — MNA

UMFCCI organizes educative talks

Yangon, 2 Sept — Organized by News and Information Technology Enhancement Working Committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and sponsored by Shwe Nagamin Company, an educative talk was held at the Office Tower of the federation in Lannmadaw Township this afternoon.

First, UMFCCI President U Win Myint delivered an address. Next, Head of Management Department Professor Dr Daw Nu Nu Yin of Institute of Economics gave talks on Shop Floor Management. Afterwards, the president and a responsible person of the company presented gifts to Professor Dr Daw Nu Nu Yin. — MNA

Better transport brings about...

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Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Sept — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the ceremony to donate provisions of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) to nine monasteries and one nunnery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township this afternoon.

The ceremony took place at Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery. Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin offered alms to member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Nayaka of Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri. On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Captain Myint Tun of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Office and Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented 88 bags of rice and 142 viss of gram to the Sayadaws and the nuns of Theinji Yadana Nunnery. Wellwishers also donated cash and kind to members of the Sangha.

Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers and departmental personnel accepted donations from the wellwishers.

Before 1988, there were 487 stations and there are 806 stations. There are 9,700 bridges and there were 5,650 bridges before 1988.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe spoke on the occasion.

Next, a local people spoke words of thanks. After that, ministers and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe sprinkled scented water onto the train that is ready to leave Chauk station. Later, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Col Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section.

Afterwards, they took the train and looked into the railroad section on board the train.

On arrival at Kyeeni station, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and members cordially greeted local people. The Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section is 4.3 miles long plus 5.3 miles of rail track, and there are seven small and large bridges on the road.

The train will leave Chauk station at 6 am and arrive Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana at 7 pm. It will leave Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana at 6.15 am and arrive at Chauk station at 7.30 pm. With the emergence of the railroad section, local people from the west bank of Ayeyawady river will be able to travel to Seikphyu Taungdwingyi by train via Chauk, and those from the east bank of Ayeyawady river will be able to travel to Seikphyu and Chin hills by car via Chauk. Moreover, it will contribute much to secure and smooth transport in the region. And with better transport socio-economic life of local people will improve all the more. — MNA

Col Phone Maw Shwe addresses opening of Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section.— MNA

President of UMFCCI U Win Myint presents gift to Professor Dr Daw Nu Nu Yin.— UMFCCI

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min delivers an address at opening of Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section. MNA
Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport meets

YANGON, 1 Sept—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Yangon Command yesterday with an address by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

In his address, the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee stressed the need for officials to station traffic police everywhere to decrease traffic accidents, to reduce fares of small cars and buses to the same rates and that of taxies, to renovate the damaged roads before the end of rainy season, to take steps for ensuring smooth and secure transport in the open season and to run circular trains on the right time.

Next, officials from universities and colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of all private bus lines reported on transport of students, traffic rules enforcement and safety of traveling public.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.

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Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win speaks at a coordination meeting on Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport.— MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister receives Danish guests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received International Manager Mr Raymond Fech Tenburg of Energi Denmark Co Ltd and party of Denmark at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, on 31 August.

Present also at the call were Director-General Dr Thein Tun and Deputy Director-General U Saw Win of Department of Electric Power, Chief Engineer U Tun Aye of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and officials.

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The Fourth Myanmar Traditional Boxing Golden Belt Championships, jointly organized by Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation and Myanmar Distribution Group Co Ltd, commenced at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna on Sunday. Sit Thawy (Cement Plant) and Tho Kaung (Myanmar Pyi Tha) are fighting in the semifinal of Bantam Weight Class.— NLM

Commander attends meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — The Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held the meeting No 29/2007 at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Patron of the Supervisory Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin urged the supervisory committee to supervise declining of traffic accidents.

The chairman of the supervisory committee reported on enforcement of traffic rules within one week and participation of departments concerned. Officials of the subcommittees submitted their respective reports.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the commander.

Also present at the meeting were members of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinnama District and Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committees, departmental officials and responsible persons from bus lines.

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Seminar on BioSafety Laboratory

YANGON, 2 Sept — The technological conference and a seminar on BioSafety Laboratory and Real Time PCR organized by Lion Myanmar Co Ltd were held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here today.

First, Managing Director U Nay Min Myo Thein delivered an opening speech.

Chief Executive Officer Mr Georg Gottmann of Cybeles Life Science Consulting Co explained activities of the company on health sector in South East Asia.

The managing director of the Lion Myanmar Co Ltd and Mr Georg Gottmann signed an agreement.

Afterwards, Technical Manager Dr Attaporn of Cybeles Thailand briefed on the techniques of Real Time PCR and trial on infectious diseases.

Project Director Mr Kevin Yuen of BioMove Co Ltd explained the importance of BioSafety Laboratory.

Use of Rotor Gene 6000 Real Time PCR machine of Boorbett Life Science was demonstrated.

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U Nay Min Myo Thein of Lion Myanmar Co Ltd speaks at a seminar on BioSafety.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BOUGAIN VILLA VOY NO (134)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BOUGAIN VILLA VOY NO (134) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.9.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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US to install high-powered X-ray machines in Airport

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept — Airports across the United States are likely to install hundreds of high-powered X-ray machines that are better at finding bombs in carry-on luggage.

The USA Today reported Friday that the new machines could also remove one of the biggest check-in hassles — taking a laptop out of its case.

Starting this month, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is testing the new machines at three airports and could buy up to 500 starting this fall for major airports, TSA chief Kip Hawley said.

The new equipment would replace some of the 2,000 conventional airport X-ray machines, which have a limited ability to help security screeners find bombs. The new machines, which will cost $120,000 each, can photograph bags from two angles instead of one and show the images on side-by-side screens.

The technology aims to counter a major threat to aviation — bombs on a plane — that was highlighted a year ago when authorities disrupted a plot to blow up planes with liquid explosives.

MNA/Xinhua

Cemetery for US “Flying Tigers”

KUNMING, 1 Sept — A cemetery where about 300 air warriors of the US squadron “Flying Tigers” during the World War II were buried has been found in southwest China’s Yunnan Province.

The cemetery lies in the woods in Puzhao Village in the northeastern suburbs of Kunming, capital of Yunnan, said Sun Guansheng, head of the Yunnan Flying Tigers Research Association.

About 300 Flying Tigers members and 500 Chinese airmen were buried in the cemetery when it was first built near a nunnery in the village in 1943.

On 1 August, 1941, the American Volunteer Group, nicknamed Flying Tigers afterwards, was formed under the leadership of US General Claire Lee Chennault to help China drive out the invading Japanese troops.

MNA/Xinhua
Ibrahimovic double gives
Inter win at Empoli

ROSUB, 2 Sept — Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored twice to help Inter Milan return to form with a 2-0 Serie A win at Empoli on Saturday.

The Swedish striker flicked home at the far post on 13 minutes after Maicon’s deep cross from the right and then finished off a counter-attack seven minutes from time.

The champions lost the Italian Super Cup to AS Roma and then drew 1-1 at home to Udinese in their league opener last weekend when goalkeeper Julio Cesar was dismissed and Ivan Cordoba scored a stoppage time own goal.

Their stuttering start continued with a 5-0 drubbing by Barcelona in a friendly on Wednesday but they got back on track against Empoli despite Cesar’s suspension and Patrick Vieira missing out through injury.

Small Tuscan side Empoli, drawn against FC Zurich back on track against Empoli despite Cesar’s suspension and Patrick Vieira missing out through injury. Small Tuscan side Empoli, drawn against FC Zurich in their first ever UEFA Cup campaign, showed glimpses of why they were Italy’s surprise package last season but stand-in keeper Francesco Toldo ably dealt with their efforts.— MNA/Reuters

Lyon move up to fifth with fightback win

PARIS, 2 Sept — Champions Olympique Lyon recovered from two goals down to beat Le Mans 3-2 on Saturday and move up to fifth in the Ligue 1 standings.

Lyon, chasing a seventh successive title, were 2-0 down with 20 minutes left after midfielder Stephane Sessegnon scored twice for visitors Le Mans.

The home side fought back with three goals within seven minutes from France forwards Sidney Govou and Karim Benzema and Czech striker Milan Baros.

Recovering from a dismal start, Lyon have won their last three games and are now four points behind surprise leaders Nancy.— MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday’s Crossword Puzzle

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Liverpool hit Derby for 6 to go top

LONDON, 2 Sept — Liverpool thrashed Derby County 6-0 at Anfield on Saturday to go top of the Premier League for the first time since November 2002.

Liverpool’s star might last for only 24 hours until overnight leaders Chelsea visit Aston Villa on Sunday.

Two goals from Xabi Alonso and Fernando Torres and one apiece by Ryan Babel and Substitute Andry Voronin helped the Merseysiders crush bottom team Derby who have one point from their opening five matches and are the only team without a win. “I am really pleased with my team and we are playing well, scoring goals and keeping clean sheets,” enthused Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez on the club’s Web site (www.liverpoolfc.tv) afterwards.— MNA/Reuters

Arsenal beats Portsmouth 3-1 in Premier League despite playing with 10 men

LONDON, 2 Sept — Arsenal dominated Portsmouth even while playing with 10 men for most of the second half, winning 3-1 on Sunday in the Premier League.

Emmanuel Adebayor, Cesc Fabregas and Tomas Rosicky scored at Emirates Stadium to lift Arsenal to 10 points from four matches.

Arsenal played with 10 men after Philipppe Senderos was sent off for a foul on Nwankwo Kanu in the 49th minute. Portsmouth was only able to register a 60th-minute goal by Kanu. Later Sunday, Chelsea plays at Aston Villa and Manchester City travels to Blackburn.

Portsmouth goalkeeper David James brought down Veneziano’s twice and then finished off a counter-attack seven minutes from time.

Arsenal then kept possession, denying Portsmouth the chance to create too many opportunities.— Internet

JAPANESE CHAMPION

Yutaka Niida (R) lands a punch to challenger Erberto Gejon of the Philippines at the World Boxing Association (WBA) minimumweight title bout in Tokyo on 1 Sept, 2007.— Internet

Barclays Premier League Table

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Thailand’s U17 soccer team pose for a photograph after having won the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U17 Youth Championship 2007 in Phnom Penh on 1 Sept, 2007.— Internet

Japanese champion Yutaka Niida (R) lands a punch to challenger Erberto Gejon of the Philippines at the World Boxing Association (WBA) minimumweight title bout in Tokyo on 1 Sept, 2007.— Internet

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Phippelle Senderos is sent off for clipping Nwankwo Kanu’s heel in a goal-scoring position just minutes after the break.— Internet

Arsenal then kept possession, denying Portsmouth the chance to create too many opportunities.— Internet
2008 declared Year of Frog to save amphibians

LONDON, 2 Sept — Conservationists from around the world have declared 2008 the Year of the Frog to highlight their new campaign to save threatened amphibians from extinction.

The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) said on Friday that up to half of amphibian species could be wiped out in coming years through habitat loss and climate change — the biggest mass extinction since dinosaurs disappeared.

“It is imperative that the world zoo and aquarium community plays an active role in working to save the planet’s critically endangered amphibian species,” said WAZA president Karen Sausman following the decision at a meeting in Budapest.

As part of the campaign, which needs to raise up to 60 million US dollars in funding, WAZA also set up a petition calling on all governments to take action to beat the amphibian crisis and agreed to an Amphibian Ark captive breeding programme.

“It’s both our obligation and our privilege to help these glorious animals. We invite all people around the world to help amphibians survive by signing our global petition and contributing to fund this initiative,” Sausman added.

The programme will bring priority amphibian species into dedicated facilities at zoos, aquariaums, and other institutions around the world for safekeeping and breeding. — MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Sunday, 2 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded on 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in Kachin State and upper Sagon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (3.85) inches, Hkamti (3.82) inches, Taunggyi (1.93) inches, Sittwe (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-9-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 1-9-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 2-9-2007 was (0.63) inch at Malingadon, (1.22) inches at Kabar-Aye and (1.18) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (98.66) inches at Malingadon, (101.50) inches at Kabar-Aye and (100.04) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabar-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 1-9-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 3-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagon Division, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy falls in upper Sagon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 3-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-9-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
We foolishly entered politics without knowledge while we were students

As we foolishly entered politics without knowledge while we were students, we were used by the cunning old politicians as a tool. Even now, we are not able to escape from the whirl of politics due to the tricks of the mentors. Frankly speaking, we are still at risk of being put in jail. So, it is my goodwill that our next generation is not to be like us. But I can’t say whether you and Ko Ko Gyi have been committed to making your next generation more foolish.

AN “88” INCIDENT ACTIVIST