
NAI PYI TAW, 8 Oct— The Government of the Union of Myanmar today issued Announcement No 2/2007 dated 8th October 2007 as follows:

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Announcement No. 2/2007
12th Waning Day of Tawthalin, 1369 ME
(8th October 2007)

Subject: Assignment of duty of Minister for Relations

1. The United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy Mr Ibrahim A Gambari during his visit to Myanmar from 29th September to 2nd October 2007, recommended appointment of a liaison officer for relations with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

2. In respect of Mr Ibrahim A Gambari’s recommendation and in view of smooth relations with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Deputy Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi is assigned duty as Minister for Relations.

By order,
(Signed)
Thant Shin
Colonel
Secretary
The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Towards extended growing of rubber

Rubber is not only the industrial raw material but also the export item. Rubber has been grown in Myanmar since 1876. After 1988, the sown acreage of rubber was over 70,000 hectares. In 2004-2005, the sown acreage of rubber was over 200,000 hectares. It is expected that the sown acreage of rubber will be doubled in 2007-2008 when compared with that of previous years.

Rubber grows well not only in the plains but also in hilly regions, ravines and hill sides. In the past, rubber was grown in Taninthayi Division and Mon State. At present, rubber is being grown in different regions including Kachin State, Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Rakhine State and Sagaing Division where it thrives well.

Myanmar rubber is exported to the People’s Republic of China and Singapore annually at the rate of some 30,000 tons a year.

According to geographical condition, rubber can thrive the length and breadth of the nation. And it can contribute a lot to the improvement of socio-economic life of local people and earning more foreign exchange.

With the development of the industrial sector rubber will be in high demand in the international market. This being so, the extended growing of rubber across the nation will benefit not only the State but also the farmers themselves.

International Day for Older Persons marked in Bago

YANGON, 7 Oct — A ceremony to mark the International Day for Older Persons was held at Thiri Thantha Hall in Bago on 1 October.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, departmental officials, officials of the Social Welfare Department and town elders.

The commander delivered an opening address on the occasion and an official of the Social Welfare Department dealt with the day for the older persons.

Afterwards, the commander presented cash assistance for U Tun Tin, 109, of Waw township and Daw Sein, 100, of Thanatpin township.

The minister also presented cash assistance for the aged persons of the Home in Bago and Taungoo through Chairman of Supervisory Committee of the Home U Aung Kyaw Hsan.

Next, the specialists, the departmental officials and member of town elders provided health care services and meal for the aged persons of Thapyaeong Home for the aged.

The officials of the Social Welfare Department provided assistance for 275 aged persons of eight homes for the aged in Bago Division yearly.—MNA

Cornerstone laying ceremony of new Khawa bridge held in Padaung Township

YANGON, 7 Oct—Vice-Chairman Brig-Gen Sein Myint of Bago Division Peace and Development Council and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay attended a cornerstone laying ceremony of new Khawa bridge on Htonbo-Pathein-Monywa road, Padaung Township in Pyay District on 2 October.

Chairman U Kyaw Tint of Padaung Township PDC reported on construction of the bridge. Project Manager U Myo Win of Myanma Railways briefed on plans.

Vice-Chairman Brig-Gen Sein Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay accepted the cash donation from well wishers. Brig-Gen Sein Myint gave a speech. They received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw and presented provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

The old Khawa bridge was built 50 years ago. New reinforced bridge will be rebuilt at a cost of K 70 million.

Vice-Chairman Brig-Gen Sein Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay visited Maha Atula Ananda Muni Image in Htonbo and donated cash.—MNA

Myanmar Wushu Team leaves for China

YANGON, 8 Oct — Myanmar Wushu Team left here for People’s Republic of China yesterday to participate in the 9th World Wushu Championship to be held from 11 to 17 November.

The 17-member team, led by U Khun Ja Aung, Secretary of Myanmar Wushu Federation, comprises three officials and 14 athletes.

During the stay in China, they will also conduct joint training with Chinese athletes. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by President of MWF Dr Sai Sam Tun and the executives.

Myanmar Wushu Team seen at the airport before departure for People’s Republic of China.
**International News**

**Indian Left stays tough with govt over nuclear deal with US**

NEW DELHI, 7 Oct— The impasse between Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s coalition government and its key Left supporters over New Delhi’s nuclear deal showed no signs of easing Friday as they headed for another round of talks as part of a long-drawn process to resolve differences. “The question is whether India goes ahead with the accord,” a Left official said. “If they proceed, we have already made it clear that our support will no longer be there,” Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Sitaram Yechury told reporters in New Delhi. His comments came ahead of a meeting between the Left and government leaders for talks on the nuclear accord.

Yechury said his party colleagues would put forth its opinion before the government at the meeting. But the Left has persistently warned the government that its support, crucial for survival of Singh’s government, could not be taken for granted.

**Swiss police, protesters clash at election rally**

BERNE, 7 Oct—Swiss police fired teargas and anti-right-wing protesters hurled rocks and bottles during a political rally in Switzerland’s capital on Saturday, in a sign of rising tensions ahead of an unusually divisive election.

The clashes occurred when hundreds of demonstrators sought to interrupt an estimated 5,000-protester march by the People’s Party (SVP/UDC) through the streets of Berne, a Reuters photographer on the scene said.

The SVP, which has campaigned against minarets and immigration, is poised to be the largest vote-winner in the 21 October national vote.

Its campaign has sparked criticism from human rights officials at the United Nations, whose European headquarters is in Geneva, and polarised the normally staid Swiss electorate.

There were no reported injuries or arrests from the skirmishes near Berne’s historic city centre. Police had no immediate comment. The SVP has gained popularity in recent years under the pugnacious leadership of industrialist Christoph Blocher who has appealed to conservative Swiss voters with his anti-European Union, isolationist message—MNA/Reuters

**Iran says French call for EU sanctions illegal**

TEHERAN, 7 Oct— Iran’s Foreign Minister said on Saturday France’s call for EU sanctions against Tehran outside of the UN framework was illegal and the Islamic Republic would not back away from its nuclear ambitions. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner sent a letter to his European Union counterparts this week, appealing to the 27-nation bloc to take a lead in widening financial sanctions on Iran, which the West accuses of seeking to build atomic bombs.

Kouchner sparked controversy last month by saying the world should prepare for the possibility of war with Iran over its atomic programme, prompting Teheran to summon France’s Charge d’Affaires in protest. Iran says its plans are peaceful.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki, speaking on a talk show on state television, described Kouchner’s letter as “baseless” and said he would respond with his own letter. “I will soon, in the next few days, send him a letter and will send a copy of it to his European counterparts, the foreign ministers of the European Union, and will remind them how illogical and illegal comments by Mr Kouchner were,” he said. “They should receive one clear message and that is that on this issue Iran’s right (to obtain nuclear technology) cannot be traded. This is not something that anyone in the Islamic Republic will retreat from.”

Kouchner’s letter called on the EU to start exploring sanctions now, suggesting the bloc initially add Iranian banking firms and officials to its list of asset freezes and visa bans—MNA/Reuters

**Prince William’s Army mentor killed in Afghanistan**

LONDON, 7 Oct— Prince William, second in line to the British throne, said on Saturday he was “deeply saddened” by news that his mentor from the Sandhurst training academy from which he graduated last year as a second lieutenant died in southern Afghanistan on Thursday when the local government’s Kouchner’s letter called on the EU to start exploring sanctions now, suggesting the bloc initially add Iranian banking firms and officials to its list of asset freezes and visa bans. Kouchner’s letter called on the EU to start exploring sanctions now, suggesting the bloc initially add Iranian banking firms and officials to its list of asset freezes and visa bans. The conflict over the youth centre has been simmering since 2000, when the local government sold the building to a religious group. Left-wing activists had used it as a base since 1982 but were evicted in March, which led to violent street clashes and hundreds of arrests.

**Danish police arrest 436 for demonstration**

COPENHAGEN, 7 Oct— Danish police arrested at least 436 people on Saturday in Copenhagen after demonstrators evicted from a youth centre six months ago tried to occupy a different building, officials said. “We have never arrested so many people in a single incident before,” a police spokesman told Danish news agency Ritzau.

Around 3,000 demonstrators tried to climb over police vehicles to reach the building. Police responded with teargas and then moved in for the arrests. No injuries were reported, police said. The demonstrators failed to occupy the building. Most of those arrested were expected to be released by morning.

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UNHCR chief says Iraqis increasingly "trapped"

Geneva, 6 Oct — Iraqis trying to flee conflict and persecution at home are increasingly trapped, especially after Syria reimposed rules this week virtually blocking their last escape route, the UN refugee agency said on Friday.

Antonio Guterres, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said the world was still turning a blind eye to the crisis and he urged all countries to open their borders to Iraqi refugees.

Some 2.2 million people are now uprooted within Iraq, where internal borders hinder travel from one province to another. Another 2.2 million have fled to neighbouring countries, including 1.4 million in Syria and 500,000 to 750,000 in Jordan.

"It is important to realize that we are facing an extremely dramatic situation," Guterres told a Geneva news conference.

"All ways are looking more and more closed for Iraqis to leave the country... The situation is extremely worrying from our perspective because people are getting more and more trapped in extremely dangerous situations," he said.

International support for Iraqis has fallen short of the dimension of the crisis, he said.

"What we are pleading for is an open attitude in relation to Iraqis — this is not the moment to send Iraqis back to their country, especially in central and southern Iraq," the former Portuguese prime minister said.

Syria and Jordan had been generous in taking in Iraqis but found it "more and more difficult to cope with the challenges of their presence and their impact on the economy and society", Guterres said.

"What we are appealing for is the expression of direct solidarity with the host countries. It is absolutely crucial for them to be able to cope with the challenge," he said.

The UNHCR said it was pressing Syria, which has taken in 1.4 million Iraqis, to let in more of those seeking to flee conflict and persecution.

Syria on Monday reimposed tight visa restrictions on Iraqis. Jordan imposed similar measures some years ago.

Blasts in southern Philippines kill 2, wound 26

Manila, 6 Oct — Two bombs exploded within a minute of each other in a market in the southern Philippines on Friday, killing at least two people and wounding 26, the Army and police said.

The blasts occurred in the town of Kidapawan, in the southern region of Mindanao, a known hotbed of violence linked to extortion and to Muslim extremism.

The town is 960 kilometres (600 miles) south of the capital Manila. Police Inspector Benjamin Mauricio told local radio that a man fleeing from the scene was taken into custody, but gave no other details.

Military chief General Hermogenes Esperon told reporters that extremists out to sabotage peace talks between the government and the country's biggest Islamic rebel group were most likely responsible. "There are people who are against the peace talks," he said.

Militants kill 3 abducted soldiers in Pakistan's tribal area

Islamabad, 6 Oct — Local militants in Pakistan’s troubled Waziristan tribal region killed three kidnapped soldiers, the News Network International (NNI) news agency reported on Thursday.

Local authorities said that they found the bodies of three slaughtered soldiers on a road between Wana, the headquarters of South Waziristan and Jandola, a major town in the region early Thursday.

Zulfikar Mehsood, a spokesman for the militant leader Baitullah Mehsood, was quoted by local media as saying that they would kill three soldiers daily if their demands were not met. "The government is anxious for the release of their soldiers but when we ask for the release of our people then the government says it will be decided by courts," Zulfikar said.

The militants kidnapped the soldiers on 30 August and demanded the release of their 10 colleagues and withdrawal of troops from the region.

A jirga or council of tribal elders has failed to secure the release of the soldiers after the government refused to accept militants’ demands.

The militants freed 32 kidnapped soldiers at the request of members of the tribal jirga last month.

A young street juggler works next to a fibreglass cow sculpture that is part of the ‘Cow Parade’ exhibit near Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, on 4 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

Flooding, landslides kill 18 in Vietnam

Nghe Quang Commune (Vietnam), 6 Oct — Rising floodwater and landslides triggered by a typhoon have killed 18 people and left 23 missing in northern and central Vietnam, where the lives of thousands are at risk, officials said on Friday.

Floods after typhoon Lokima hit on Wednesday night have killed four people and swept away 16 others in the central province of Nghe An, state-run Voice of Vietnam radio cited provincial and military reports as saying.

"Waters are extremely high and strong now," senior Nghe An People’s Committee official Nguyen Van Hinh said.

Landslides cut all roads and telecoms links with Nghe An’s mountainous district of Que Phong, making it hard to immediately assess the damage.

In Thanh Hoa Province, north of Nghe An, police and soldiers helped move 21,630 people away from a dam, while two drowned in floods that inundated more than 2,300 homes, media reports said.

A further 14,000 people were scheduled to be moved on Friday night to higher ground in the northern province of Ninh Binh as officials needed to break parts of a river dyke to ease flood tension, a provincial official told Tien Phong newspaper.

A flooded house is seen on the banks of the Ma River in the central province of Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. —INTERNET

Chinese paramilitary officers evacuate residents through flood waters ahead of Typhoon Krosa, on the outskirts of Cangnan, in east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 7 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET
Special Refresher Course No 62 for basic education teachers concluded at CICS, Phaunggyi

Minister Dr Chan Nyein addresses the conclusion ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 62 for basic education teachers at CICS in Phaunggyi.—MNA

Examinations of Religious Affairs Department to be held as usual

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct—The Dhammaçaariya examination, Pathamapyan examination and Nikaya examination organized yearly by the Religious Affairs Department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs will be held this year as usual.

The treatises for Pathamapyan examination have been prescribed beginning 2008 as follows.

Pathamagyi Level comprises 42 Jatakas (from Ekadasakanipatta to Pakinnanipatta)
Pathamalatt Level comprises 60 Jatakas (from Kasavavagga of Dukanipatta to Udapanavagga of Dukanipatta)
Pathamange Level comprises 35 Jatakas (from Kulavakavagga to Anabharita Jataka of Ithiavagga).—MNA

France cannot ignore Iranian energy deals

TEHERAN, 8 Oct—Iran’s Oil Minister on Saturday brushed aside calls by Paris for French firms to avoid Iranian energy deals, saying the world’s fourth largest oil producer was too attractive for them to ignore, a news agency reported.

France, which has been taking a leading role in calling for more sanctions to isolate Iran over its nuclear ambitions, has urged energy companies Total and Gaz de France to refrain from investing in the OPEC member.

“Iran’s (energy) reserves and its market are too attractive for the French to give up,” caretaker Oil Minister Gholamhossein Nozari was quoted by Iran’s student news agency ISNA as saying.

Iran has the second largest gas reserves after Russia and the second biggest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia. Total is considering investing in a multi-billion-dollar gas project in Iran but says a decision is still some way off.

It has cited spiralling costs and geopolitical concerns.

In remarks cited by state radio last month, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran could review economic ties with France because of remarks by French officials that have included pointing to a possible war over Iran’s atomic plans.

MNA/Reuters

Thai police seize 512 kilos of marijuana

BANGKOK, 8 Oct—Thai police intercepted an attempt to smuggle 512 kilos of marijuana from Laos to northeastern Thailand’s province of Nakhon Phanom early Sunday morning, according to local newspaper The Nation’s website.

Police arrested two Thai men, Mongkol Khanajote, 29, and Bansorn Dejhome, 40, who admitted that they were hired by a man in Nakhon Phanom to take up the drug from the Mekong bank on the Thai side to a man in Nakhon Phanom downtown.

Acting on tip-off, police staked out near the river bank in Ban Klang Noi Village in Muang District early Sunday morning.

Police found six Laotians unloading 16 sacks of marijuana from their boat.

The Laotians fled by truck.

MNA/Xinhua

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.
No man is above the law.
Ignorance of law is no excuse.
These legal expressions or sayings are common in the world legal field. Every country promulgates their laws. Criminal law (formerly known as penal law) is prescribed for restoration of peace and stability of the human society. Every country practises their criminal laws with a total of 510 sections.

The 8-8-1988 unrest was said to have taken place because the people aspired for democracy and did not like the one-party system, and Socialism made the public more impoverished. In reality, the 8-8-1988 unrest was instigated in complicity by CIA, the Burma Communist Party and politicians along with mobs who destroyed traffic lights, overturned automobiles and set fire to them, and made accusations against, arrested and beheaded people. Many people walked after the protesters to rob factories as soon as it was opportune for them.

Those who got involved in the politics with the hopes of gaining power eventually attracted widespread criticism of the public. Some of them lost their reputation. These were the consequences of the unrest and violence.

In the unrest, all things were in complete disorder in the nation. The nation was on the verge of falling under subjugation of the colonialists. The nation (Union) was on the edge of collapse and loss of independence. All the transport routes in the nation were cut off. Work sites were empty. A lot of State-owned and private-owned property was looted. According to the western media, students (six digits in number) who fled to border areas got into a variety of troubles and went through hellish conditions. Many became outlaws, expatriates and national traitors and lackeys of foreign countries and had to resort to various means to harm their motherland, by following their masters’ instructions.

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The National Convention was over successfully on 3 September 2007, after adopting the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State constitution. Soon after that, the destructive elements instigated protests. However, their schemes to persuade students and workers to take to the streets did not work. In desperation, they used some monks they had already planted in the monasteries to deceive other monks and novices and coerced some to stage protest marches. In the beginning, monks did nothing except reciting Metta Sutta along the streets. So, it seemed local authorities took no action in that regard.

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Who are the winners, who the losers...

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With reference to the Pakokku protest, some monks of some towns including Yangon took to the streets, reciting Metta Sutta. At the time, there were not many onlookers, and the people were still paying attention to their businesses only. BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB fueled the incident by airing that the people came to clap and cheer them and the people joined the protesters. Then, NLD members and some activists took to the streets and followed the protesters. At first, they followed quietly.

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On the roads, in busy markets and in downtown area were some people who were wandering for their personal purposes. The instigators spread rumours that the number of protesters was increasing. Those who got out of their houses were misinformed that there were shootings in the city centre, that some monks were killed, that a monk’s brain was blasted. What’s more, it was fabricated that a news report was shown on satellite TV that a meeting of UN had to be suspended as they heard the monks were being shot.

In that incident, no monk got shot.

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Except a handful of destructive elements, all the people favour stability and peace, oppose unrest and violence.

Chairman and Member of Panel of Chairmen and the attendees chanting slogans at the ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution in Kengtung, Shan State (East). — MNA

Mass rallies were held on a grand scale in Myitkyina, Kachin State, on 29 September; in Loikaw, Kayah State, on 30 September; in Kengtung, Shan State (East) on 1 October; in Lashio, Shan State (North) on 2 October; in Myeik, Taninthayi Division, on 3 October, in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division, on 4 October, in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) on 5 October and in Magway, Magway Division, on 7 October respectively.

Local townselders, leaders of national races, members of social organizations, traditional cultural troupes and commerce and industry organizations, peasants, workers, representatives from peace groups, service personnel, students and people from various strata participated in the rallies.

Chairmen and those who tabled motions and seconded motions at the rallies said that over 10,000 delegates to the National Convention, taking lessons in the past and considering current situation in the country, held discussions farsightedly at the National Convention and laid down fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. Therefore, the National Convention is endowed with political essence.

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National races representing the people from all walks of life and delegates from organizations who had returned to the legal fold, putting to the fore the national interest, took part in the discussions in the National Convention to get good results and laid down the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for writing the constitution. A constitution is vital for community peace, prevalence of law and order and development of a country. A constitution prescribes a system for a government and responsibilities and rights of administrative organizations and citizens. It is the new upcoming constitution that can guarantee that all national races can live in peace and unity, that can promote living standards that will preserve society and that will become a new chapter in our history and will benefit society. Therefore, the new upcoming constitution is the law that can also guarantee that Myanmar can exist for ever as long as the world exists.

At the rallies, all the people voiced that they will continue to implement the seven-step Road Map and they support the National Convention and the constitution. Moreover, they also said that internal and external destructive elements have aired fabricated news in collusion with BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB and have provoked the people. Foreign media have found anti-government persons and created fabricated news to drive a wedge between the government and the people. The foreign media broadcast only the desire of the minority of the people, but, they, having negative attitudes towards situations in the country, turned a blind eye to the desire of the majority of the people in states and divisions. All the people have seen the cunning habits of BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB. Therefore, all participants in the rallies unanimously denounced acts of BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB which air skyful of lies and those countries that have manipulated them.

Similarly, local people will continue to hold mass rallies in remaining states and divisions in support of the National Convention and the constitution and to denounce those who try to jeopardize peace and stability.

Local residents of Kachin State participating in the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution in Myitkyina.— MNA

Local people of Magway Division marching to the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution in Magway.— MNA

Local residents of Shan State (North) participating in the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution in Lashio.— MNA

Local people of Taninthayi Division taking part in the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution in Myeik.— MNA
First shipment of locomotives arrive from India

Yangon, 8 Oct — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended a ceremony this morning to accept the locomotives imported from the Republic of India at Yangon Railway Station. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin, Myanmar Railways Managing Director U Min Swe and officials, Indian Consul to Myanmar Mr Manoj Kumar Bharti and Rail India Technical and Economic Services General Manager Mr RP Singh.

Mr RP Singh handed over the documents related to the locomotives to the managing director. The five locomotives that have arrived here are the first batch of twenty 1350-horse power YDM-4 locomotives imported from India.

The locomotive can run 43 miles per hour with 17 carriages. It can run 25 miles per hour with 1,200 tons of load.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the government is striving its utmost in all aspects for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Out of all the State sectors, the rail transport sector has developed more than ever. In the post-war period, there were 2,567.98 miles of rail tracks and 1,771.05 miles of railroads and only 48 trains and 5 freight trains operated. In 1988, there were 2,793.86 miles of rail tracks and 1,976.35 miles of railroads. In the time of the Tatmadaw government after 1988, there are now 4,098.59 miles of rail tracks and 3,148.86 miles of railroads. There are altogether 806 stations. Six concrete sleeper factories have been opened. From 1988 to date, 391 passenger carriages and 155 freight trains and seven locomotives have been assembled.

People of Kanbalu, Yinmabin in Sagaing Division hold rallies to denounce recent protests

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Oct — The people of Kanbalu and Yinmabin in Sagaing Division who wish to see stability of the State, the rule of law and community peace and tranquillity regarded recent protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability. So they held mass rallies to denounce such protests on 6 October after seeking permission from authorities concerned in accord with law.

In Kanbalu, Sagaing Division, over 22,500 people participated in the procession held at 6.45 am on 6 October shouting slogans calling for ‘Our Three Main National Causes’, ‘the seven-step Road Map must be successful’, ‘We favour peace’ and ‘We oppose unrest and violence’.

Similarly, in Yinmabin, Sagaing Division, more than 12,000 people participated in the procession held at 9 am on 6 October shouting slogans calling for ‘Our Three Main National Causes’ and ‘We don’t want terrorists, We don’t want internal and external destructive elements’ and holding State Flags and placards that read ‘Our Three Main National Causes’, ‘We favour peace and tranquillity’, ‘We oppose unrest and violence’, ‘Violence is the opposite of democracy’, ‘We support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution’, ‘the seven-step Road Map must be successful’ and ‘the public be warned of killers in the airwaves’. 
The Union of Myanmar is rich in marine resources. Breeding of fish and prawns contributes towards the development of economy. The meat and fish sector is one of the three main economic pillars of the country. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave three points of guidance on distribution of quality fish, raising of prawn with greater momentum and laying emphasis on development of rural livestock breeding. Efforts are being made for development of fish and meat sector in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. There is local sufficiency and the surplus can be exported.

Over 6,700 acres of livestock breeding zones were established in three townships in 2007. The zones produce 50,000 viss of milk, 550 goats, 350,000 eggs and 8,200 viss of chicken daily. In 2007, 20 deep sea water prawn breeding stations in Rakhine State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions produce and sell over 168 million of shrimp fries. Over 212,234 acres of fish breeding ponds were established in states and divisions except Rakhine State.

In Ayeyawady Division over 110,000 fish breeding ponds and 56,000 prawn breeding ponds were established.

Over 6.5 million of fingerlings and 17,000 shrimp fries were put in 13,121 acres of paddy fields in 14 States and Divisions in 2007. Over 107 million fowls were raised in poultry farms and over 650 tons of chickens were produced. In Myanmar 500,000 sheep and over two million goats are raised. In 2007, three hundred and ten metric tons of mutton and 1,331 metric tons of goat leather were exported to Malaysia in 2007.

Fish and prawn breeding is being extended for local consumption with the introduction of market-oriented economic system in Myanmar. Money and technology, plot of land and digging of ponds are provided to the breeders. Blocks were designated for onshore and offshore fishing and permission is given to the breeders. Marine product trading zones were opened in order to sell the fish and prawns in local and foreign markets. Myanmar produces fish, prawns and giant sea perch. Marine products such as fish, prawns and crabs are exported to China, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia through Myeik port and Muse 105th-mile station in Shan State (North). In 2007 export of marine products increased by 14 per cent in comparison with the previous year. The export volume of fresh water lobsters was over 1,800 metric tons and that of deep sea water lobsters over 23,000 metric tons in 2007. Deep sea water lobsters include tiger lobsters and white prawns which earn more foreign exchange.

In the livestock breeding sector, the number of buffaloes raised over 102 million. The number of ducks also increased up to over ten million from six million in 1988. In fish and prawn breeding sector, there were 6,300 acres of fish breeding ponds in 1988 and now there are over 200,000 acres of fish breeding ponds. In 1988 there was no prawn breeding but today there are over two million acres of areas where prawns are raised.

In the fish and meat sector concerted efforts are being made for growing number of population and raising of economic life of the people under the Tatmadaw government. Now socio-economic life of the people has improved and there is smooth flow of commodity and food sufficiency, and earning of foreign exchange has also increased. The people can enjoy these benefits because of progress in the fish and meat sector.

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A milch cow farm in Magway.
Japanese plane lands on wrong runway, collision averted

Tokyo, 8 Oct—An All Nippon Airways plane landed on the wrong runway at Osaka’s Itami Airport on Friday, forcing another plane to delay take-off to avoid a collision, government and airport officials said.

None of the 165 passengers and crew aboard the ANA plane were injured.

The pilot of the ANA plane halted after spotting the approaching ANA plane. “If he hadn’t noticed, an accident could have happened,” said a Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport official who declined to give his name, saying he was not a spokesperson.

He said the emergency teams were well-trained and they would provide medications needed to the people during disasters or emergency situation.

The four teams are named as Alpha, Delta, Bravo and Charlie. Each team comprises seven members and two commanders.

In Afghan capital

KABUL, 7 Oct—A suicide car bombing targeting a convoy of US military in the Afghan capital Kabul Saturday morning killed five persons, including one American, and injured nine others, an official at the Press department of Afghan Interior Ministry said. The attack occurred at 8:20 am local time at the busy road linking Kabul International Airport to the fortified US Embassy.

“Two US vehicles and two vehicles of Afghan civilians were damaged in the bloody incident,” the official told Xinhua but refused to be named, saying Press release will be issued on the subject soon. No US military officials were immediately available to comment.

Moreover, Xinhua reported at the site saw one dead body of American soldier and an injured soldier carried by the troops.

On the hand, Afghan Minister for Public Health Mohammad Amin Fatimi who visited the site of the explosion put the number of injured men at nine and adding one of the injured men had succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.
India, Philippines vow joint fight against terror

NEW DELHI, 7 Oct— India and the Philippines Friday vowed to fight terror jointly and boost their economic cooperation as they signed a slew of agreements in New Delhi.

They signed more than a dozen agreements after Philippine President Gloria Arroyo met Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during her three-day visit to India.

A joint declaration on bilateral cooperation was signed by Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G Romulo.

The declaration pledged exchange of high-level visits and encouraging cooperation in health and pharmaceuticals, information technology, mining, real estate, renewable energy, natural gas, defence, security, transnational crimes, science and technology, agriculture and tourism.

In a separate declaration, they also pledged information sharing, cooperation amongst law enforcing agencies, cooperation in capacity building and in the prevention and suppression of funding of terrorist acts.

Both sides agreed to set up a joint commission to strengthen trade, economic, scientific, technological and other fields of bilateral cooperation.

Five killed in bus-truck collision in N-W China

YINCHUAN, 7 Oct — Five people were killed in a head-on bus collision in northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, said local police on Friday.

The accident occurred at 1:10 pm Friday in the Yanchi County of central Ningxia, when a van with 13 on board crashed into a truck loaded with rocks.

The truck driver and three passengers from the coach were immediately killed, while another passenger died on the way to hospital.

The death toll is likely to rise as four other people, including the bus driver, are still in critical condition, local sources said.

Cause of the accident and detailed information about the passengers are under investigation, while police blamed the slippery road after rains for part of the accident.

Cypriot police seize antiquities

NICOSIA, 7 Oct — Cypriot police have seized some 40 pieces of artifacts, including ancient coins and gold leaves, and smashed a smuggling ring during a sting operation, authorities announced on Friday.

Four Cypriot and two Greek suspects involved in the failed smuggling attempt were arrested, said police.

Local TV channels showed the bronze coins and gold jewellery in the shape of leaves, some of which are reportedly dating back 3,000 years.

Acting on a tip-off from Greece that some Cypriot people were seeking to smuggle out the antiquities, police from both countries cooperated in a sting operation with a Greek officer posing as a buyer.

On Friday morning, when the suspects showed up in the southern city of Limassol with the antiquities, they were captured on the spot.

Iran road accident kills 17, injures 21

TEHERAN, 8 Oct— A serious road accident occurred on Saturday morning in Teheran Province of Iran, in which 17 people were killed and 21 others injured, the Iranian official IRNA news agency reported.

The report said that a truck and a passenger bus crashed on a road leading to the village of Ab-Ali, some 50 kilometres northeast of Teheran, when the truck veered out of its lane due to driven fatigue.

IRNA quoted Mehran Aipur, an official from Teheran’s emergency centre, as saying that three of the injured were in critical condition.

It was reported that Iran has one of the highest road accident rates in the world.

Britain’s Prince William in paparazzi row

LONDON, 7 Oct— British tabloid newspapers opted not to publish paparazzi pictures of Prince William and his girlfriend Kate Middleton on Saturday after he complained they had been aggressively pursued by photographers.

William, second in line to the throne, said that paparazzi had chased the couple on motorbikes and in cars as they were driven away from a London nightclub, just days after an inquest opened into his mother’s death in a high-speed crash.

Princess Diana and her lover Dodi al-Fayed were killed when their Mercedes limousine crashed in a Paris tunnel in 1997 while being chased by paparazzi.

“Having already been photographed leaving a club, he and Kate Middleton were then pursued in his car by photographers on motorcycles, in vehicles and on foot,” the Prince’s Press secretary Paddy Harverson said in a statement.

This aggressive pursuit was potentially dangerous, and worrying for them. It seems incomprehensible, particularly at this time, that this behaviour is still going on.”

Photographers had massed outside the exclusive Boujis nightclub, hoping to capture the couple together in public for the first time since they rekindled their on-off relationship. Alessandro Copetti, whose pictures of the couple in their car were used by some papers, said there had been no initial chase.

“When the car drove off first time, nobody followed,” he told BBC radio. “A few minutes later the car ... decided to come back and drive in front of some photographers, who ... made the wrong decision to follow and chase at that point.”

After the prince’s complaint, the Daily Mail newspaper withdrew one of the paparazzi photos it had planned to use on its front page, substituting it with a picture of the couple taken at an earlier date. The Daily Mail and Daily Express also decided not to use the photos although the mass-selling Sun newspaper did publish Copetti’s pictures, arguing they had been taken before the couple’s car had left.
Arsenal beat Sunderland to go back on top

BERLIN, 8 Oct — October striker Luca Toni scored twice to give Bayern Munich a 3-0 victory over Nuremberg and a five-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga on Sunday. Toni put Bayern ahead in the 31st minute, tapping in a Hamit Altintop free kick that Nuremberg keeper Jaromir Blazek had parried. Ze Roberto added the second from 15 metres, set up by a deflected Riccardo Zanetti corner. Toni, who is 1.96 metres tall, has scored many of Bayern's key goals, scoring the first goal in five Bayern matches so far.

"That's not a coincidence, the ball just found him at the right time. You might think he looks like a goal machine, but he's a pivotal player and greatly strengthened our attack." Toni told reporters.

Despite the result, Nuremberg's coach, in his first season in charge, was pleased with the character of his side and the result, which helps his side's Champions League aspirations.

Juve's dropped points were champions Inter Milan, who are now three points clear at the top of Serie A with 17 points from seven games courtesy of Saturday's 2-1 win over Napoli.

"We should have taken more advantage of the counter-attacks we had in the second half," Juventus' coach Claudio Ranieri, a former manager of Fiorentina, told Sky television.

Sunderland manager Roy Keane said he was pleased with the character shown by his players.

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 Arsenal's coach Arsene Wenger told Setanta Sports: "We lacked a little bit of sharpness. It is always very difficult when you have played away in the Champions League in midweek, but to get the three points today was good."

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US law enforcement officer kills at least 5 in shooting rampage

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct— A law enforcement officer killed at least five people in a shooting rampage in northern Wisconsin early Sunday morning, CNN reported.

The incident took place in the northeastern Wisconsin town of Crandon, 362 kilometres north of Milwaukee and not far from the forest county where Crandon situates, said the death toll could be five or six, and the neighbourhood where the shooting occurred has been blocked off.

A witness told local media that the shooting broke out around 3 am at a party in a Crandon home where 10 people aged between 17 and 20 were there at the time. At least five of them were shot dead. It is not immediately known how many people were injured and their conditions. It is unclear what sparked the shooting and what is the motive of the suspect.

“Nobody expected anything like this,” Vollmar said. “I guess nobody anywhere ever does.” At this time, authorities are still trying to apprehend Peterson, considered armed and dangerous, and who may be on foot.

The whole town is still locked up at present and local residents are told not to leave their house for the sake of their safety. The incident shocked Crandon, a small town of about 2,000 people, located in a scenic region famous for logging, and fishing, hunting and snowmobiling. It’s also home to the World Championship Off-Road Races. — MNA/Xinhua

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

Wednesday, 10 October, 2007
Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in lower Sagon, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (8.86) inches, Maungtaw (6.89) inches, Patao (4.76) inches, Kyauktaw and Thandwe (4.22) inches each, Homalin (2.64) inches, Thaton (2.48) inches, Myeik (2.24) inches, Hpa-an (1.73) inches and Haka (1.50) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-10-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 7-10-2007 was (0.4) hour approx.

Rainfall on 8-10-2007 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (129.02) inches at Mingaladon, (133.15) inches at Kaba-Aye and (137.20) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 7-10-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-10-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in lower Sagon, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-10-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-10-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
People’s Desire

☆ We favour stability.
☆ We favour peace.
☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

☆ RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies
☆ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
☆ The public be warned of
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Who are the winners, who the losers from violent protests?

☆ Due to violence and unrest
  Studies of students disrupted
  Vendors have hard times
  Daily wage earners make less money
  Tourism industry greatly affected
☆ Due to violence and unrest
  Only the neo-colonialists benefited
  Internal, external destructive elements earn handsome dollar rewards

☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
☆ BBC lying
☆ VOA deceiving
☆ RFA setting up hostilities
☆ Beware! Don’t be bought by those slickers