

Domestic News

Preparation Work of National Convention to reconvene on 17 February 2005

YANGON, 1 Feb.—The National Convention Convening Commission (NCC) invited 29 Delegates from political parties, 13 Delegates of representatives-elect, 633 Delegates of national races, 93 Delegates of peasants, 48 Delegates of workers, 56 Delegates workers, 56 Delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, 109 Delegates of state service personnel and 105 Delegates from 17 armed groups of national races which have returned to the legal fold and other groups totaling 1086 Delegates to attend the National Convention to be held on 17 February 2005. It is learnt that the National Convention Convening Commission has invited those delegates as invited to the National Conventional Convention held from 17-5-2004 to 9-7-2004. Among the invitees list, there are 633 delegates from various States and Divisions, 93 delegates of peasants from various region, 29 delegates from political parties as well as 13 delegates of representatives-elect include and it is worthy to note that at least on delegate from each township is included in the list.

During the previous period, the National Convention laid down and approved 104 fundamental principles to be based in formulating the State Constitution as well as the basic detailed principles. The basic detailed principles for sharing the legislative power which were discussed at the previous phase of the National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July 2004, will be approved at the coming phase of the National Convention. Likewise,

discussions and co-ordinations will also be made for formulating basic detailed principles for sharing executive and judicial powers.

Arrangements have been made for transport, reception and accommodation, health care, welfare, entertainment, communication and sports of the delegates as well as sanitation and keeping the venue green and pleasant to reconvene the National Convention on 17 February 2005.

Press Conference revealed underground political activities

YANGON, 1 Feb.— Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held a press conference on 1-2-2005 on subversive acts committed by internal and external destructive elements.

In the press conference, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force said that Mr Joseph Theodore Moynahan, a US citizen aged 82, conducted a solo protest at the corner of Merchant Street and Pansodan Street and in Maha Bandoola Road in Yangon on 7 January 2005 that could be detrimental to peace and stability of the country. The security concerned investigated him and found that the US citizen had a link with Washington-based US Campaign For Burma (USCB).

Further investigation showed that Free Burma Coalition (FBC) had a hand in the protest of foreigners involved in Yangon unrest in 1998. USCB is an organization split from FBC in 2003 and is formed with foreigners and Americans who are against the Myanmar Government. Aung Din is the only

Myanmar national. USCB survives depending on the assistance they receive from some members of the US Congress and the Senate.

As the US citizen's solo protest was an act of instigating the people to take wrong views upon the Government, action can be taken against him. However, in consideration of his old age and the friendly ties between the two countries, the Government, broad-mindedly sent him back home on 8 January 2005 via Bangkok Airways.

As another related news, it was happened on the evening of 1 January 2005, some 50 American students led by an US citizen named Boysett came to a refugee camp at Onphan in the other country, made provocative acts and studied destructive works of the destructionists.

As it is known, the destructionists have opened so-called refugee camps in the other country with various reasons. Their motive is to ask for funds in the name of refugees from some foreign countries and organizations to seek their own interests. These have been explained in the previous press conferences. It can be found that the acts of expatriates were merely self seeking.

Consequently, NCGUB (National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma) leader Sein Win obtained funds by advocating democracy from some foreign countries and those who do not know well about Myanmar. And he used these funds for his own interests, it is learnt. On 12 January 2005, he distributed instigative letters abroad to raise funds and launch anti-Government activities. On the other hand, he is organizing movements to launch terrorist acts. That is the reason the opposing expatriates are

circulating instigative letters to create misunderstanding against the Government.

The latest news reveals that NCUB secretary Pyithit Nyunt Wai (alias) Maung Maung of FTUB accused Sein Win of deterring his group from getting international contacts and aids. It shows that the expatriates are not in good terms with one another. It is learnt that Pyithit Nyunt Wai (alias) Maung Maung is attempting to form a parallel government and to get the Prime Minister post as a rival to Sein Win's group. However, some expatriates even in his group do not like him and support his programme.

Hence, authorities concerned and security members are taking preventive measures to safeguard the State's infrastructures as well as lives and properties of the people. The public on their part are to be vigilant to expose and prevent destructive and terrorist acts while joining hands with the security forces.

International Relations

Thai Supreme Commander concludes his visit

YANGON, 1 Feb— Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Chaisit Shinawatra and party left Yangon for home on 2-2-05 morning after completion of an official visit to Myanmar. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior

General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat and officials. Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Chaisit Shinawatra and members of the goodwill delegation arrived at the airport at 9.45 am. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted General Chaisit Shinawatra at the special lounge of the airport. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented documentary album and video tape to the General.

Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Thailand General Chaisit Shinawatra and party arrived on 1-2-05 morning and during his visit, he paid a courtesy call on Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

He also met and discussed with Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosted dinner in honour of General Chaisit Shinawatra and party on 1-2-05 evening..