


















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Agitators taken into custody for undermining stability and security of the nation, attempting to disrupt National Convention

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 Aug ? The government is striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and proper evaluation of the market-oriented economic system desired by the entire people.

The National Convention, the first and foremost important for the success of the seven-step Road Map of the State, will be complete soon as it has been drawing fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. At a time when the NC is nearing completion with success, a constitution (draft) will be drawn and then a referendum held so as to successfully realize the seven-step Road Map.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Likewise, at 11 am today, a group of people led by Nyan Lin, a so-called '88' generation student, staged a protest by walking along the route from Tamway Plaza in Tamway Township to Shwegondine Road.

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

Tonight, authorities concerned have taken into custody and are interrogating the so-called '88' generation students Min Ko Naing, Ko Ko Gyi, Pyone Cho (a) Htay Win Aung, Min Zeya, Mya Aye (a) Thura, Kyaw Min Yu (a) Jimmy, Zeya (a) Kalama, Kyaw Kyaw Htway (a) Markee, Arnt Bwe Kyaw, Panneik Tun, Zaw Zaw Min, Thet Zaw and Nyan Lin Tun for their acts may undermine the efforts for ensuring peace and security of the State, the success of the National Convention and the seven-step Road Map and peaceful transfer of the State power.