

**The Government and ethnic armed groups agree
on first draft text for nationwide ceasefire deal**

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 April— The Union Peace-making Work Committee (UPMWC) and the National Ceasefire Coordination Team-NCCT agreed on a first draft text for a ceasefire agreement on Tuesday. After discussing from 5 to 8 April the details of the introduction and first seven chapters of the draft nationwide ceasefire deal both sides found a consensus.

They also agreed to continue the peace talks in the first week of May.

While leaders from all 16 ethnic armed groups of the NCCT participated in the talks, the heads of five ethnic armed groups were invited as observers. *MNA*
