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In protest to the risen oil prices due to the government's effort to moderately reduce its high subsidies, a group of people in Yangon protested peacefully, calling for the fall of oil and commodity prices. /This was later followed by demonstrations all over the country staged led by young monks. This demonstration however, turned violent when the monks were united with the mob and opportunists posing as monks. As the demonstrations become more politically motivated despite the government's considerable restraint, it is inevitable for the government to disperse and impose martial law.

On the other hand, the successful conclusion of the National Convention and the adoption of the new Constitution are now being welcomed and supported by the people all over the country. Nowadays, the public has now been holding mass rallies lawfully to denounce the unrests. These mass rallies show the desire of the majority of the Myanmar people for the prevalence of peace and stability in the country and the emergence of the new National Constitution.

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has also shown its spirit of cooperation with the United Nations, by receiving the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Ibrahim Gambari. During his visit, Mr. Gambari was able to meet with the Senior General Than Shwe, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council.

He also met with the Acting Prime Minister, the spokespersons for the State Peace and Development Council headed by the Minister for Information who then briefed him on the situation in Myanmar. He could also meet with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi twice.

Mr. Gambari had seen the peaceful and stable situation in Myanmar. /The curfew hours in Yangon and Mandalay are now reduced from 10 p.m to 4 a.m instead of the previous curfew hours which was from 9 p.m to 5 a.m.

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