

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (8 March, 1997)

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(1) Senior General Than Shwe receives Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of India

YANGON, 7 March-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee of India and Chief of Army Staff General S Roychowdhury and party in the Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building at 3 pm today.

Present together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw.

General S Roychowdhury was accompanied by Charge d'Affaires of Embassy of India Mr A K Bhattacharjee Defence Attache Col P C Bhardwaj.

(2) Deputy C-in-C of Defence Services receives Military Attaches of Chinese Embassy

YANGON, 7 March-Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Maung Aye received Military Attache of Chinese Embassy Senior Col Wu Huachang who is leaving Myanmar at the conclusion of his tour of duty and his successor Senior Col He Yaokui at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 9 am today.

Present together with General Maung Aye were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt Secretary-2 Chief of Bureau of Special Operations of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief(Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Col Kyaw Win.

(3) Secretary-1 receives Asia Pacific Director of UNHCR

YANGON, 7 March - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Asia Pacific Director of UNHCR Office Mr Francois Fouinat at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 5 pm today.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Director-General of Immigration and Manpower Department U Maung Aung were also present.

(4) Tasaki Shinju President calls on MIC Chairman

YANGON, 7 March-President Mr Shusaku Tasaki of Tasaki Shinju Co Ltd of Japan and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin at the latter's office this morning.

They discussed programmes for conducting pearl culture.

Also present were officials of the Myanmar Investment Commission.

Tasaki Shinju will establish Myanmar Tasaki Co Ltd under the permission of MIC and will operate pearl culture.

(5) President of Terrace Gold NL (Australia) calls on Minister for Mines

YANGON, 7 March - Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min receives President of Terrace Gold NL (Australia) Mr Zlad Sas and two members at the ministry this morning.

They discussed exploration of gold and conducting survey in Kalaw region and cooperation in mining sector.

Present were Deputy Ministers U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein and officials concerned.

(6) Minister for Transport receives Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province

YANGON, 7 March-Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received Vice-Governor Mr Li Jia Ting and party of Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoliu, at his office on Merchant Street at 9 am today.

They discussed matters pertaining to aviation, water-ways, ports, shipyards, friendly relationship and economic cooperation between the two countries.

It was attended by officials of the Ministry of Transport.

(7) Minister receives SAI MD

YANGON, 7 March-Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Managing Director Mr Hideaki Nakajima of SAI Travel at his office this afternoon.

They discussed jointly performing of Myanmar and Japanese cultural troupes here in November 1997 as a cultural exchange programme and tourism promotion programmes for the cultural show. Managing Director of Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise U Myo Min and Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein were also present.

(8) K 2.5m TV retransmission equipment, walkie-talkies for MTRD

YANGON. 7 March-Material Corporation of Broadcast and TV Department of Yunnan and Chengdu Equipment Factory presented a set of 100-watt colour retransmission equipment and parts and

five walkie-talkies worth over K 2.5 million to the Myanma Television and Radio Department at the department this afternoon.

In response to the MTRD's purchase of equipment for Bago, Monywa, Loikaw and Bogalay TV relay stations, General Manager Mr Yu Zhu De of the Yunnan TV Corporation and Factory Manager Mr Yang Han Bin of Chengdu Equipment Factory presented the gifts to MTRD.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw, Director-General U Kyi Lwin of MTRD, Head of Office U Sein Win, officials of MTRD, General Manager Mr Yu Zhu De of the Yunnan Corporation and officials.

Minister Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw accepted the gifts and thanked the donors.

(9) Yunnan delegation calls on Minister for Rail Transportation

YANGON, 7 March-A nine-member delegation led by Vice-Governor Mr Li Jia Ting of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China called on Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein at the latter's office yesterday.

The delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Ms Chen Baoliu.

They discussed bilateral economic cooperation, especially promotion of economic cooperation between the Ministry of Rail Transportation and Yunnan companies.

The vice-governor and delegation will attend a foundation laying ceremony of a concrete sleeper factory to be established under BOT system of China National Complete Plant Import & Export (Group) Yunnan Corporation (Complant) and a contract-signing ceremony on US \$ 50 million interest-free loan for purchasing rail tracks, locomotives, coaches and others from Yunnan Machinery and Equipment Import & Export Corporation (YMEC).

(10) Australian company to explore for gold in Kalaw area

YANGON, 7 March -Department of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration and Terrace Gold NL Company of Australia today signed a contract for mineral prospecting, exploration and feasibility study for developing gold in Kalaw area, southern Shan State.

Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min said the Government understands that mining investments are capital intensive, involving a long term of period from initial exploration till production stage.

Measures have been taken for the convenience and interest of investors taking part in the mining sector, he said.

The area has good prospects for exploration of other minerals such as antimony, copper and iron, he noted.

Director-General of DGSME U Soe Myint and Managing Director of the company Mr Darry L Harris signed the contract.

Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Min handed MIC permit and work permit to Mr Harris.

The ceremony at the Ministry of Mines was also attended by Deputy Ministers U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein, officials of the ministry and the company and guests.
