

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (12 March 1997)

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YANGON, 11 March Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye and Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected development of Kayin State today.

Accompanied by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Nav3; Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Adjutant General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein, senior Tatmadaw officers and officials, they left here by Tatmadaw aircraft this morning and arrived Mawlamyine Airport at 8.45 am.

They were welcomed by Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Commander of Mawrawady Naval Region Command Capt Soe Paing, Tatmadaw officers, departmental personnel and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association at the airport.

The General and party helicoptered to a regional battalion in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, and were welcomed by Chairman of Mon State Law and Order Restoration - Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Chairman of Kayin State Law and Order Restoration Council Col Saw Khin Soe and Tatmadaw officers and families.

At the battlalion, they inspected 1,129 assorted arms including 94 heavy weapons of various kinds, 528,345 rounds of ammunition weapon shells, mines, hand grenades, gunpowder and arms seized

by South-East Command from Kayin terrorists during mopping up operations in the area from 11 to 28 February.

General Maung Aye, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and party went to Township Information and Public Relations Department and met Saw Tha Mu He and leaders of KNU No 16 battalion of KNU No 6 brigade, who have exchanged arms for peace.

(2) Seminar on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic commences

YANGON, 11 March Seminar on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, co-sponsored by Ministry of Transport, International Maritime Organization (IMO) and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), commenced at Inland Water Transport this morning.

Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win delivered an address.

(3) Military Attache of Embassy of PRC

YANGON, 11 March- Secretary-2 State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo received Military Attache of the Embassy of the people's Republic of China Senior Col Wu Huachang who has completed the tour of his duties here at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 4.30 pm today.

Present together with Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo were Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than and Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun.

(4) MIC Chairman receives D-G of Investment Promotion, France

YANGON, 11 March- Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Director-General M Yves de Roissart of Investment Promotion, France, at his office at 10 am today.

They discussed measures to be taken by companies of France for investment in Myanmar and other investment possibilities.

Present also were Minister at the office of Deputy Prime Ministers Secretary of MIC Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

(5) MR, YMEC sign contract for purchase of rolling stock with US \$50-million loan

YANGON, 11 March- Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation and Yunnan Machinery and Equipment Import and Export Corporation (YMEC) today signed a contract on purchase of rails, locomotives, coaches and rolling stocks from YMEC with a loan amounting to 50 million US dollars.

The signing ceremony at the Ministry of Rail Transportation was attended by Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Li Jiating, Ambassador of PRC Ms Chen Baoliu, the directors-general and managing directors of the Ministry, Managing Director of MR Thura U Thaung Lwin, YMEC Chairman Mr Lin Zai You and responsible personnel.

U Thaung Lwin and Mr Lin Zai You signed the contract and delivered speeches.

With the US \$50-million loan acquired from YMEC, MR is to purchase rails, locomotives and coaches for new rail roads, spare parts for the locomotives and coaches in use and machinery and equipment for manufacturing spare parts.

(6) 19th Working Group Meeting of RCA continues

YANGON, 11 March-The 19th Working Group Meeting of Regional Cooperative Agreement for Asia and the Pacific (RCA) continued for the second day at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel today.

Professor of Physics Department of Yangon University Dr Sein Htoon and Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint chaired the morning session.

Delegates of member states discussed projects on industry and environment, implementation of projects on energy and new projects.

The afternoon session was chaired Head of Radiology Department of Yangon General Hospital Dr Win Mar and Professor of Physics Department of Mandalay University U Kyee Myint and delegates reported on projects on health and protection of radiology.

(7) Raw opium weighing 1.244 kilos seized in Mandalay

YANGON, 11 March While on duty, personnel of No 3 Company of Mandalay Railway Police Station found a suspicious looking man sitting on seat No B-6 in upper class carriage No 1 on Mandalay-Myitkyina No 55 Up train at 2.45 pm on 8 January.

The suspect was identified as Ye Naing, 25, son of U Aung Din of Ngwe La Young Street, Kwetthit Ward, Myothit, Magway

Division. They took him to the Police Station and searched him. They found raw opium weighing 1.244 kilos inside his jean knapsack. Action is being taken against him under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

(8) PT Myanmar Co Ltd presents gold paint

YANGON, 11 March-A joint venture company PT Myanmar Co Ltd and TOA Bangkok (Thailand) presented TOA Supershield Emulsion Semigloss S-005 gold paint worth K 36,000 for gilding of an ancient pagoda in Peinneikwin Village in Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Division, today. Director Mr Vitoon Dispanurat of PT Myanmar Co Ltd handed the gift to Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun.
