

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (5 April 1997)

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(1) Mercantile Marine Cadet Course CD/24 concludes

YANGON, 4 April - A ceremony to mark the conclusion of Mercantile Marine Cadet Course CD/24 and opening of Course CD/ 25 was held at the Institute of Marine Technology of the Ministry of Transport this morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

In his address- Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win said opening of a new course at the conclusion of the previous one is a significant aspect and it shows the ministry's seriousness for continuous training and recruitment.

(2) National Health Committee Chairman inspects renovation of No 2 Military Hospital

YANGON, 4 April - Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning inspected renovation of No 2 Military Hospital (500-bed).

On arrival at No 2 Military Hospital (500-bed) on U Wisara Road at 8 am, he was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han and Commandant of No 2 Military Hospital Col Min Naing and officials. Commandant Col Min Naing briefed the Secretary1 on the medical treatment situation and requirements of the hospital and Director (Sanitation) U Ba Shwe and Assistant Director (Architect) U Win Zaw of Public Works on renovation works being carried out at the hospital with the aid of charts. The Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt then inspected renovation of operation theatre and special ward.

The Secretary- 1 gave necessary instructions to responsible officials and left there at 9 am.

(3) K 500m Winphanon Dam in Mon State will irrigate 13,500 acres, produce more

YANGON, 4 April Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo inspected development in Kayin State yesterday and attended a ceremony to launch implementation of Winphanon Dam Construction Project in Mudon Township in Mon State today. Accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers and officials, the Secretary-2 left Dawei in Taninthayi Division for Kya-in-Seikkyi Township in Kayin State by helicopter on 3 April morning.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mon State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Secretary of Kayin State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Kyaw Yin and officials concerned.

Commander Maj-Gen Ket Sein briefed the Secretary-2 on measures for development of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township. The Secretary-2 and party left for Azin Village in the township. Commander of No 44 Light Infantry Division Brig-Gen Ohn Myint briefed the Secretary-2 on Azin Village and its environs, local residents and requirements for regional development.

He discussed measures for upgrading the village primary school to middle school, appointment of teachers, opening rural health care centres and bringing about good transport, regional peace, security and administration.

The Secretary-2 and party paid homage to the members of the Sangha at Azin Village monastery and offered alms.

The Secretary-2 met villagers at the Village Law and Order Restoration Council Office. He expressed pleasure at meeting and speaking with the national brethren of the village.

(4) Myanmar Posts & Telecommunications opens Mandalay-Loikaw digital microwave Link

YANGON, 4 April - A ceremony to open a new Mandalay-Loikaw digital microwave link built by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the

Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs was held at Loikaw Microwave Station in Kayah State this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Education Col- Kyi Maung, Chairman of Kayah State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of the Regional Control Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, Brig-Gen Win Myint of Pekhon Station and military officers, departmental heads, state/division, district and township departmental personnel, teachers, pupils and personnel of MPT.

(5) Fossilized remains of primates discovered in central Myanmar

YANGON, 4 April - A team comprising officers of the Office of Strategic Studies of the Ministry of Defence and geologists of the Ministry of Education have found fossilized remains of some primates, which will be helpful in tracing the origin of man, in Pondaung Ponnya region in central Myanmar.

The team took the guidance of the Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council on 8 March and left for Pale in Sagaing Division the following day.

With Legan Village in Pale Township as its base, the team studied soil conditions of possible spots at places such as Mogaung, Wetkya, Kyawdaw and Kon villages in the township and found fossilized remains of crocodiles, turtles and rhinoceroses dated millions of years.

On 17 March, the team discovered a piece of fossil of a highly developed primate, named ' Pondaungia cotteria ', helpful in tracing the origin of man, at mud hills, locally known as ' Lema Kyitchaung ', about two miles south-west of Mogaung Village on 17 March.

The fossil found is the right lower jaw of a primate, having full characteristics of a jaw, with three molars, one of them broken.

The team discovered another piece of fossil of a primate named ' Amphipithecus mogaungensis ' at a place locally known as ' Thandaung

Kyitchaung' and it is a piece of the right lower jaw with first and second molars.

(6) Working Group Meeting on WHD Country Profiles continues

YANGON, 4 April- The WHO Working Group Meeting on Women's Health and Development Country Profiles continued at the Meeting Hall of Medical Research Department this morning.

Today's session focused on progress reports- and technical support from WHO SEARO, work plan and budget, and use and followup of the WHD Country Profiles. At the closing session, Chairperson Dr Sally Ann Bisch of the WHD in SEARO made a speech. Following presentation of gifts to the participants by Chairperson Dr Khin Win Shwe of the Organizing Committee, the meeting ended with concluding remarks by Chairperson of the meeting Prof Daw Khin Aye Win.

The Leading Committee yesterday hosted a dinner for the participants at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

The participants today visited the Women's Yeiktha and looked into the vocational training being provided to the orphans and destitutes. This included training for making costume jewellery, which is a joint venture undertaken by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Setra-Co, Myanmar.

(7) Heroin seized in Momauk Township

YANGON, 4 April - A combined group comprising personnel of Military Intelligence Unit, MPF personnel of Police outpost and members of Lwe Jeh Village Law and Order Restoration Council, acting on a tip-off, were waiting in Lwe Jeh Village, Momauk Township, at 4.30 pm on 7 March.

They found a suspect and searched him. They found a bottle of hair-dye, a plastic bottle and a penicillin vial containing heroin weighing 0.01364 kilogram and the proceeds of 23.5 yuan from him. The suspect was Maung Yi, son of U Kyin Yon.

On further investigation, they searched the house of Chit Maung, son of U Aik Ngin of Ward No 3, Lwe Jeh Village. They found the proceeds of 588 yuan and K 5,900. They also searched the house of Law Tun (a) Aik Tun, son of U Kyaung Hein of Ward No 2 and found heroin weighing 0.13818 kilogram inside two soap cases, one Pepsi bottle and a bottle of shampoo on a table in the kitchen. They also confiscated the proceeds of 3,512 yuan and K 4,680.

Momauk Township Police Station is taking action, against the three under the existing law.

(8) Devotees help with work at Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay)

YANGON, 4 April Devotees of Shadawlay Village led by Chairman of Village Law and Order Restoration Council, officers and other ranks of regional station, employees of Division Forest Department, Division Agriculture Services and Division Public Works totalling 175 took part in cleaning the terrace. and roads at the Tooth Relic Pagoda on Maha Dhammayanthi Hill in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division, feeding fertilizers and watering shady trees today.

(9) Vice-President of FNCCI calls on Minister for Commerce

YANGON, 4 April-vice-president Mr Pradeep Kumar Shrestha of Federation of Nepal Chambers of Commerce and Industry and party called on Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi at his office this afternoon.

They were accompanied by Ambassador of Nepal Mr Satchit Shumshere J B Rana.

The minister and the guests discussed trade and promotion of tourism industry between the two countries.
