

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday 8 April, 1997)**

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**(1) MIC Chairman receives Japanese economic mission**

YANGON, 7 April - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Japanese economic mission led by Vice-Executive Chairman of Itochu Corporation Mr Tadayoshi Nakazawa from the Japan and Tokyo Chambers of Commerce and Industry at his office this afternoon. They discussed promotion of mutual economic cooperation between the two countries and investment matters.

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

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**(2) 289 members of BCP (Rakhine State) exchange arms for peace to work together in efforts for regional development**

YANGON, 7 April - Altogether 289 members of the Burma Communist Party (Rakhine State) exchanged arms for peace at the Border Region Immigration Inspection and Control Office at Kyeeganbyin in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, yesterday morning.

The ceremony to exchange arms for peace was attended by Chairman of the Border Areas and National Races Development Work Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, member of the Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw,

Chairman of Rakhine State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Aung Htwe, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, Myanmar Ambassadors U Aung Gyi and U Myo Myint Director-General of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads, Kyodo correspondent U Sein Win, Antara correspondent U Hla Htwe, military officers, Officer-in-Charge of the Border Region Immigration Inspection and Control Office U Win Myint, Deputy Officer-in-Charge U Zaw Thet Naing and other officials, members of Rakhine State, District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Rakhine nationals and regional people.

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### **(3) Secretary-1 meets Chairman U Saw Tun Oo of BCP (Rakhine State) and members**

YANGON, 7 April-Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt met Chairman U Saw Tun Oo of Burma Communist Party (Rakhine State) and members who exchanged arms for peace at Naymyo Hall of Border Immigration and Inspection Control Office in Kyeeganbyin, Maungtaw Township, yesterday.

Chairman U Saw Tun Oo of BCP (Rakhine State) and members then reported on regional development and their future.

Ministers Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Maj-Gen Soe Myint and Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw and Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Commander Maj-Gen Aung Htwe and deputy ministers reported on work being undertaken by the ministries concerned.

The Secretary-1 fulfilled the requirements on establishment of new village, power supply, education, health, agriculture and livestock breeding.

The Secretary- 1 and Chairman U Saw Tun Oo of BCP (Rakhine State) and members posed for souvenir photos.

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### **(4) Secretary-1 inspects development of Rakhine State**

YANGON, 7 April Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected development of Rakhine State yesterday and today.

Accompanied by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Home

Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, member of Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, Ambassadors U Aung Gyi and U Myo Myint, Director-General of State Law and Order Restoration Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and officials, he arrived at Sittway yesterday at 9 am.

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#### **(5) Myanmar energy delegation arrives back from ROK**

YANGON, 7 April-The six-member Myanmar energy delegation led by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein arrived back this evening after studying energy sector in the Republic of Korea at the invitation of Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Mr ChangYuel Lim.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, departmental officials, Ambassador of ROK Mr Kyong Bo Choi Ambassador of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol and Counsellor of Embassy of Indonesia Mr Marchinus Samosir.

During their stay in Korea, the two ministers discussed investment in energy and industry sectors and cooperation on 31 March.

Present were Myanmar Ambassador U Phone Myint and members of the delegation, Director-General Mr J G Kim of Trade and Cooperation of ROK and officials.

Minister U Khin Maung Thein and Chairman of Daewoo Group Mr W C Kim-discussed investment and cooperation in oil, natural gas, electricity and industry.

The minister also discussed investment and cooperation in energy and construction between the two countries with the group led by Chairman of Hyundai Corporation Mr S Y Park.

Minister U Khin Maung Thein discussed cooperation in energy sector with Chairman Mr J J Song of LG Group.

The delegation visited factories, workshops and projects under construction in ROK.

On 5 April, Minister U Khin Maung Thein inspected construction of platforms for Yadana Natural Gas Project of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Berton Island, Indonesia.

Project Manager Mr A Lepage of Total Myanmar Exploration and Production and Project Director Mr J E Parker of Mc Dermott Co of US reported on progress of work and completed plat-forms and laying of pipelines.

The minister and party observed well head plat-forms No 1 and 2. They also inspected production platform and living quarter 1 platform.

In Singapore, Minister U Khin Maung Thein met officials of organizations of Singapore and Japan working together with the Ministry of Energy.

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#### **(6) Terrorist bomb explosion**

YANGON, 7 April-On the evening of 6 April, at 8.30 pm, an explosion took place at the residence of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

In this incident, the General's eldest daughter, Cho Lei Oo,.32, mother of a six-year-old and a two-year-old, was killed in the terrorist bomb explosion.

An initial investigation revealed it was a parcel bomb and further investigation is being carried out, it is learnt.

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#### **(7) Seven innocent persons seriously wounded in two separate KNU atrocious acts**

YANGON, 7 April - KNU terrorists have been constantly collecting extortion money, destroying bridges, planting mines and killing and injuring people including the Kayin nationals while claiming that they are working for the welfare of the entire Kayin people.

At midnight on 20 March, a group of KNU terrorists fired at the house of Daw Ma Htaw, who was cooking rice and curries with others for the wedding ceremony of her daughter Ma Mu Thay, aged 16, and Maung Hla of Bilin Township the next day, at Hti Swan Village in Kawkareik Township. The armed men then fled.

Atrocious acts of KNU terrorists left six persons U San Tin, 68, Daw Ma Htaw, 60, Ma Myint Khin, 29, Daw Hla Way, 48, Ma Yi Yi Win, 11, and Naw Hla Cho, 8, seriously wounded.

They were sent to the People's Hospital in Kawkareik.

In another incident, Myint Wai, 28, son of U Tin Shwe of Dingaseik Village, Thaton Township, had his left leg severed from the knee-cap as he stepped on a land mine planted by KNU terrorists in the compound of Phalu Monastery in Myawady Township at 7 am on 23 March. He was rushed to the Myawady People's Hospital. The mine exploded as he removed branches under a tree.

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**(8) Minister for S&T receives Ambassador of Israel**

YANGON, 7 April-Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung received Ambassador of Israel Mr Gad Nathan at his office today.

Discussions were on cooperation in the science and technology sector and further strengthening of existing bilateral friendly ties.

Director-General of Scientific and Technological Research Department U Aung Koe and Rector of Yangon Institute of Technology U Kyin Soe were also present.

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**(9) Ambassador U Tun Ngwe accredited to Belgium**

YANGON, 8 April-The Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tun Ngwe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium.

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