

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday 16 April, 1997)

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YANGON, 16 April-Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Birthday which falls on 16 April.

(2) Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Myitkyina)

YANGON, 15 April - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, ministers and senior military officers, left PyinOoLwin at 8.15 am on 12 April and went to Myitkyina via Mandalay.

They were greeted at the Myitkyina Airport by Chairman of Kachin State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Soe Myint, Commander of Myitkyina Air Base Brig-Gen Soe Nyunt and officials.

The Senior General then took the salute of the guard of honour of the Northern Command.

Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to the Ayeyawady Bridge (Myitkyina) Construction Project site where they were briefed on facts about the project by Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun. Superintending Engineer (Planning) U San Nyein also reported to them on progress of work and requirements.

The Senior General gave guidance in connection with the reports and inspected the scale model of the Ayeyawady Bridge (Myitkyina) and construction of platforms on the banks and piers in the river.

The bridge is being built on the Bhamo-Momauk Waingmaw-Myitkyina Sumprabum Road near Sitapu Village, which is three-and-a-half miles from Myitkyina.

It is 2,687.63 feet long. The motorway is 28 feet wide and footpath six feet. The project is scheduled to be completed in March 1998. Two platforms on the river banks and piers 1, 2, 3 and S are now completed.

The Senior General and party later visited the downtown area and inspected the Circular Road of Myitkyina under construction.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha and Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, who were accompanying the Senior General, met state, district and township level departmental personnel of Kachin State in the Kachin State Hall in the afternoon. They explained to them the objectives of the Senior General's visit and tasks that should be undertaken for regional development. They replied to points asked by the local authorities.

The ministers and officials then visited the construction site of the microwave station. Minister U Soe Tha gave instructions on the future tasks.

Senior General Than Shwe and party flew to Putao by Tatmadaw aircraft on 13 April morning. They were welcomed there by Officiating Tactical Operations Commander Lt-Col Han Myint, Chairman of Putao District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Ye Swe and local people.

The Senior General and party then looked into progress of the town.

At the local regiment later, the Senior General heard reports on construction projects and gave guidance. He inspected the projects.

The Senior General then met the Tatmadaw members and their families.

Ministers U Soe Tha, Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Maj-Gen Saw Tun, who were accompanying the Senior General, held a meeting with departmental personnel in the Township Hall and made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

Minister U Soe Tha, who is also Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, District and Township USDAs.

After an inspection round of the local regiment, the Senior General and party flew back to Myitkyina in the afternoon.

(3) Senior General Than Shwe visits No 1 Military Hospital (300 beds) in Myitkyina

YANGON, 15 April - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe during his visit in Myitkyina inspected the No 1 Military Hospital (300 beds) in town at 9.15 am yesterday.

The Senior General was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Kachin State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Win.

The Senior General gave guidance in connection with reports presented by Commandant of the hospital Lt-Col Ye Tint and officials.

Minister Lt-Gen Myint Aung, who was accompanying the Senior General, met officials of the departments under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the, Myanma Agriculture Service in Myitkyina on 13 April evening. He discussed boosting the paddy yield from 1 million baskets to 18 million baskets to achieve self-sufficiency in Kachin State, Cultivation of paddy on all available land, extended cultivation of oil crops such as sesamun and groundnut an increased production of mulberry, sugarcane, rubber coffee and other export-or rienter crops. He also made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

(4) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1, Secretary-2 and Ministers enjoy Thingyan

YANGON, 15 April - Maha Thingyan pandal of Directorate of Defence Services Intelligence was opened on the lawns of Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road yesterday morning.

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 wife Daw Mya Mya San, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, members of the State

Law and Order Restoration Council and their families, Ministers and their families, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, heads of departments, specially invited guests, family members of DDSI and Military Attaches and their families were among those who took part in Thingyan Festival.

General Maung Aye and party were welcomed by 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 Nyun and wife Dr Khin Win Shwe.

The guests were entertained to a programme of Thingyan songs and dance of film artistes and musicians with the accompaniment of A1 Soe Myint Modern Troupe. They too part in Maha Thingyan Festival and refreshments were then served.

General Maung Aye and party left the Tatmadaw Guest House after enjoying the Thingyan. The Secretary-1, ministers, military attaches and party went to the Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal in front of the City Hall. They were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, YCDC members, heads of departments and family members.

The guests enjoyed lunch and observed entertainment programmes at the Mayor's pandal. They took part in Thingyan Festival.

The Secretary-1, ministers and party also took part in Thingyan at the pandal of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council on Ahlon Road.

(5) Secretary-1 receives Ambassador of Indonesia

YANGON, 15 April Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Ambassador of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence on 13 April.

Present were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

(6) Diplomats, officials of UN agencies and families enjoy Thingyan Festival

YANGON, 15 April Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and wife received diplomats and their families and officials of UN agencies and their families in the pandal at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Annexe on the morning of Thingyan Akyat, Day today.

Present also were Deputy Minister U Nyunt Swe and wife, department heads and officials under the Ministry, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Valeri V Nazarov and wife, diplomats and their families and officials of the embassies.

Vocalists, film stars and enthusiasts entertained the guests with songs and dances. The minister and wife, the deputy minister and wife, officials and diplomats took part in the festival. Refreshments were also served.

Afterwards, diplomats and their families, and officials of UN agencies and their families led by Deputy Minister U Nyunt Swe and wife visited the pandal of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office on Ahlon Road. They were welcomed there by the department heads and then entertained to songs and dances.

Diplomats, officials of UN agencies and their families lies together with old film artistes of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon sang 'MyaNanda' song and took part in water-throwing.

Next, they visited the Mayor's pandal. They were welcomed by Mayor U Ko Lay, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials. The guests were hosted to lunch by Yangon City Development Committee and entertained to songs.

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(7) Myanmar delegation arrives back from Manila

YANGON, 15 April - After attending the Seventh Ministerial-level Meeting on Economic Cooperation of six Countries in Mekong Region in Manila,- Philippines from 7 to 11 April, Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel arrived back here by Thai Airways on 12 April.
