

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday 22 April, 1997)**

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YANGON, 21 April - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and entourage left Bagan-NyaungU for Chauk, Magway Division, by helicopter yesterday.

The Senior General was welcomed by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt, officials and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

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YANGON, 21 April Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and entourage left Bagan NyaungU by Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived here at 4.30 pm today.

Senior General Than Shwe visited 17 townships in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, Kachin and Shan States from 9 to 21 April.

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**(3) Implementation of Mingaladon Industrial Zone, Mingaladon Garden City projects in progress**

YANGON, 21 April Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected Mingaladon Industrial Zone and Mingaladon Garden City projects near No 3 Highway in Mingaladon Township, this morning.

Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt arrived at Mingaladon City Project site, which is being jointly undertaken by Department of Human Settlement and

Housing Development and Zay-kaba Company Limited on mutual benefit, at 9 am.

Director-General of DHSHD U Arnt Kyaw briefed the Secretary-1 and party on development projects to be undertaken in Mingaladon Township and progress in implementing Mingaladon City Project.

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**(4) U Ohn Gyaw arrives back after attending informal FMs meeting in Thailand**

YANGON, 21 April-Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw arrived back in Yangon by air this evening after attending the informal meeting of the Foreign Ministers of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam which was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 19 to 21 April 1997.

The Minister was welcomed by Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Col Pe Thein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin and responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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**(5) ASEAN SEOM fact-finding mission calls on Minister for NPED**

YANGON, 21 April-A 18-member ASEAN SEOM fact-finding mission comprising officials of ASEAN Secretary-General's office called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel at his office today.

The minister explained Myanmar's preparation for ASEAN membership, economic development, international trade, cooperation with economic organizations and investment. Also present were officials of the ministry and Customs Department.

They also discussed ASEAN Free Trade Area with officials of Trade and Customs Departments.

The minister hosted dinner for the delegation at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

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**(6) Myanmar Agricultural delegation leaves for LPDR**

YANGON, 21 April -Three-member delegation led by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Tin Hlaing left for Lao People's Democratic Republic by Myanma Airways International this morning at the invitation of the Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of the LPDR to further strengthen friendship and jointly coordinate out cultivation between LPDR and the Union of Myanmar.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Ambassador of LPDR Mr Ly Bounkham and officials, directors-general and managing directors of the enterprises and departments under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and families.

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**(7) Mayor inspects construction of truck terminal in Mingaladon**

YANGON, 21 April - Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay today inspected the site for construction of Aung Mingala Truck Terminal and groceries brokerages beside No 3 Highway in Mingaladon Township.

It will be opened on the first phase on 17 May 1997.

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**(8) Heroin seized in Kutkai**

YANGON, 21 April - Members of Defence Services Intelligence and Myanmar Police Force stopped and searched vehicle Ba/349 in front of Myoma Sports Ground in Kutkai on 29 March.

They seized 0.6 kilogram of heroin hidden in the car which was driven by Naw Crong, 35, from Monkoe.

Legal action is being taken against Naw Grong, son of U Lamain Tu of Lashio and his wife Daw Tu Shan, 32, daughter of U Lanwe Tu according to law.

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**(9) 47 KNU, ABSDF members exchange arms for peace**

YANGON, 21 April The State Law and Order Restoration Council is striving for national reconsolidation, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, and is implementing the 12 Political, economic and social objectives for emergence of a modern nation. It is also setting up model villages and industries on manageable scales, reclaiming land for agriculture and fulfilling health and social requirements for the security of life for persons and their families who have exchanged arms for peace after realizing their misdeeds.

Realizing that their destructive acts did not benefit the nation in any way and perceiving noble-minded goodwill of the Government, armed group members are continually exchanging arm's for peace individually or in groups.

In South-East Command area, KNU members-pvt Than Min of the headquarters, member of the village defence group Awin, pvt U San Thein, Shwedaung, Aung Than, Aye Lwin, Kyaw Thahe and Tha Nyein of Brigade No 7, member of Kya-in administrative committee Win Lwin, Secretary Saw Nay Thalay and head of department Saw Taw Mu, sgt Saw No No. Phado Hla Maung of Dupalaya District, medical attendant Tin Oo and wife Ma Nyo Nyo, pvts Than Shwe, Chit Lay, Saw Lay Thaw, Zaw Lin, Lu Pway He Black Chay, Saw Kyar Phu, Maung Wa Yi, Shwe Maung, U Kya Nu, U Tu Ha, U Aung Su, U Moe Da and Po Kin of Brigade No 6, pvt Saw Hla Thwe of Battalion No 8, chairman U Pha Khe and pvt Gaunggyi (a) Thaug Shwe of Battalion No 101, defence officer Pha Tae Po of Akyawkhee defence committee, Daw Ma Khin and Ma Nang Pu, pvt Kyaw Tha Kwe, Win Naing, Saw Nyan Aye, Saw Kyaing Hti and Saw Hti Ya of

Naungtakho defence group, sgt Ahe and pvt Athat of DO Battalion No 6-exchanged arms for peace, bringing, with them six carbines, three M-16s, two M22s, four AK-47s, one hand grenade, one launcher one .303 rifle. one BA-63 and 125 assorted rounds from 7 to 17 March. Medical attendant Hla Htwe of ABSDF Battalion No 206 and medical attendant Myo San of Battalion No 101 and pvt Win Thein of Battalion 203 also exchanged arms for peace.

In Taninthayi area, pvt Harri Kein of KNU Battalion No 21 and WO Maung Pan (a) Maung Kyan of Station Hospital exchanged arms for peace, together with one M-22, one M-16 and one mine.

Those at the respective military camps welcomed them, totalling 47, warmly and provided assistance for their food and accommodation.

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