

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday 27 April, 1997)**

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YANGON, 27 April - Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Zoran Lilic, President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and to His Excellency Dr Radoje Kontic, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia which falls on 27 April, 1997.

State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to S Africa

YANGON, 27 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 His Excellency Mr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, President of the Republic of South Africa, on the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April, 1997.

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- (2) Competitive efforts must be for regional development in cooperation with local people**

YANGON, 26 April-Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, ministers, senior military officers, the deputy ministers and officials left Mawlamyine for Dawei, Taninthayi Division, on 24 April.

General Maung Aye and party were welcomed at Dawei

Airport by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung, Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Dawei Station and other officials.

The General and party went to Palauk region in Palaw Township where they were welcomed by commanding officer of the regional battalion Lt-Col Khin Maung Aye and officials.

Officials reported to Them on development of Palauk region.

The General met Tatmadawmen and their family members.

They later flew to Palaw where they were welcomed by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni and departmental officials.

Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni reported on construction projects to be implemented in Palaw. The General gave necessary guidance.

The Secretary-2 and the ministers explained the purpose of their tour and called for efforts based on tasks in conformity with the regional development in meeting with Chairman of Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Kyaw Swe, departmental officials, service personnel, townselders, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade.

General Maung Aye then spoke and met those present.

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### **(3) MEC Chairman lays cornerstone for Yangon Cooperative Degree College building**

YANGON, 26 April Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, ministers and officials laid the cornerstone for construction of a building for Yangon Cooperative Degree College at the site in Thanlyin Township at 8 am today.

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### **(4) Secretary-1 receives South-East Asia Correspondent of Handelsblatt**

YANGON, 26 April Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received South-East Asia Regional Correspondent of Handelsblatt Ms Christel Pilz at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 5 pm today. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet were also present.

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### **(5) Minister for Energy inspects progress of work in installation of Yadana gas pipeline**

YANGON, 26 April - Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, accompanied by officials of the ministry and General Manager Mr H Madeo of Total Myanmar Exploration and Production Co of France, arrived at offshore base camp of Yadana Gas Project of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise at Kanbauk, Yebyu Township, Dawei District, Taninthayi Division, this morning.

They were welcomed the by Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Dawei Station, personnel of MOGE and foreign personnel.

At the meeting hall of the offshore base camp, Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein of MOGE and General Manager Mr H Madeo explained tasks for finalizing installation of 42-mile gas pipeline onshore and programmes for installation of 216-mile offshore pipeline and the work so far carried out for building one production platform, two drilling platforms, one platform for accommodating personnel and workers and one test-burning platform at Yadana Offshore Gas Field.

Managing Director U Zaw Win of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Adviser U Bo Kyi also briefed the minister on the project for construction of a gas power generation station at Kanbauk.

Accompanied by Brig-Gen Zaw Tun, Minister U Khin Maung Thein and party inspected the site designated for construction of the gas power station at Kanbauk.

On completion of the gas power station, electricity will be supplied to Yay, Dawei and Myeik townships in Taninthayi Division.

The minister and party later inspected Yadana Forest Nursery of Yadana Gas Project's agriculture and livestock farm and reinforcing of earth at the sections of installed pipeline before proceeding to Nateinhtaung Station on Thai-Myanmar border at which Yadana gas pipeline will pass.

They inspected preparatory work for the pipeline and establishment of metering station.

They arrived back here this evening.

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**(6) Minister Lt-Gen Min Thein inspects unloading of bore piling machines**

YANGON, 26 April - Minister at the Office of the Chairman of State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, accompanied by Brig-Gen Win Shein and officials of Public Works and Myanmar Port Authority and Myanmar Five Star Line, inspected unloading of bore piling machines and equipment from mv Sagaing at Yangon Port this morning.

The vessel carried the four bore piling machines and related equipment from foreign countries and arrived back here yesterday evening.

They will be used in construction projects of the river bridges, namely, Ya Maung river bridge project, Ayeyawady bridge (Chauk) project, Ayeyawady bridge (Nyaoungdon) project and Hlaing river bridge project.

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**(7) Vietnamese Defence Services football team concludes goodwill matches**

YANGON, 26 April - Vietnamese Defence Services football team left here this morning by air after playing goodwill matches against Defence Services football teams.

The team was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Deputy Adjutant-General Col Ye Tun, senior Tatmadaw officers (Army, Navy and Air), Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan and Military Attache Sr Col Nguyen Ngve Lu.

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**(8) Minister U Ohn Gyaw signs book of Condolence for Mr Diosdado Macapagal of the Philippines**

YANGON, 26 April - Minister for Foreign Affairs His Excellency U Ohn Gyaw signed the Book of Condolence at the residence of the Philippines Ambassador at 2 pm today in memory of the late HE Mr Diosdado Macapagal, former President of the Republic of the Philippines.

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