

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday 8 May, 1997)

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YANGON, 7 May - About 20,570 members of Union Solidarity and Development Associations in townships in Kayin State rallied at a meeting on implementation of community service tasks at Aung Thanlwin Sports Ground in Hpa-an on 5 May morning. The members comprising Executive Committee members of Kayin State, District and Township USDAs and organizers and executives of Ward USDAs marched to the venue in four columns.

- (2) Secretary-2 meets members of study group of Azin and Kyaikdon regions**

YANGON, 7 May-Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo met members of study group of Azin and Kyaikdon region in Kya-inn Seikkyi Township, currently on extrusion tour here, at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, at the combined camp of Yangon Command this afternoon.

The Secretary-2 said members of study group have witnessed development for there has been peace and tranquillity in the region. If there is no peace and tranquillity the region lags behind in all aspects, he added.

He warned the danger ‘ of aliens instigating to divide unity among the national brethren.

He called for cooperation for regional development and stability working together with the Tatmadaw, sharing of experience gained at the excursion.

Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Commander, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and the deputy ministers also spoke on the occasion.

The Secretary-2 then presented cash and gifts to officials. Saw Hla Maung of Azin Village and Primary Assistant Teacher Naw El L Min expressed thanks.

The Secretary-2 and members of study group posed for souvenir photos.

(3) Director of Resettlement leaves for PRC

YANGON, 7 May-Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo this afternoon saw off Director of Resettlement of the Ministry at Defence Col Thaik Tun who left for the People's Republic of China to study factoryless workshops and agriculture and livestock breeding and production.

(4) Minister inspects Yezin Central Agricultural Research Centre

YANGON, 7 May-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung discussed strains of paddy, sugarcane, cotton, soy bean and pesinngon and production of sealing wax with agricultural researchers at Yezin Central Agricultural Research Centre yesterday.

(5) Thai energy delegation arrives

YANGON, 7 May-A Thai energy delegation led by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Sompong Amornvivat arrived here by air this morning at the invitation of Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein.

The Thai delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, directors-general and managing directors, officials Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Poksak Nilubol and officials. Mr Sompong Amornvivat and party called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office in the afternoon. Also present were Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint, Managing Director U Zaw Win of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

Afterwards, the guests and Myanmar officials led t by minister U Khin Maung Thein held discussions on bilateral cooperation in energy sector.

(6) National Workshop on Myanmar Agenda 21 opens

YANGON, 7 May - The National Workshop on Myanmar Agenda 21 was opened with ceremony at the International Business Centre at 8 am today.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Tin Hlaing, Deputy Ministers for Mines U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, officials of various Ministries, diplomats, officials of UN Agencies, experts and guests.

(7) Tatmadaw columns seize heroin refineries in Shan State

YANGON, 7 May-The Tatmadaw is carrying out tasks to eradicate narcotic drugs as a national duty.

A Tatmadaw column led by Commanding Officer Lt-Col Myint Lwin of North-East Command raided a heroin refinery in Muse Township, north of Shan State, (map ref: P-078644) about 9.05 am on 23 April.

After clashing with an armed group, the Tatmadaw column seized six huts used as heroin refinery, one M-22 rifle, 13.15 kilos of heroin, 117.5 kilos of raw opium, 150 gallons of opium liquid and chemicals-165 gallons of acetic anhydride, 172 gallons of Lysol, 58 gallons of hydrochloric acid, 40 gallons of chloroform, 48 gallons of ether, 375 kilos of ammonia chloride and 200 kilos of sodium carbonic-and utensils used in refining heroin in the huts.

Similarly, on that morning, another Tatmadaw column of the same Command raided a heroin refinery (map ref: P-078638) and seized one M-22, two M21 and four huts used as heroin refinery after clashing with an armed group.

The column seized 12.35kilos of heroin, 23.7 kilos of grade-3 heroin, 47.7 kilos of grade-2 heroin, 22.5 kilos of heroin liquid, 367.7 kilos of raw opium and chemicals-30 gallons of Lysol, 12 gallons of hydrochloric acid, 15 gallons of chloroform, 16 gallons of ether and 54 gallons of acetic anhydride and utensils used in refining heroin in the huts.

At 6.30 am on 24 April, a Tatmadaw column raided a heroin refinery (map ref: P073629) and seized 13 huts and 6.6 kilos of heroin, 12.8 kilos of grade-3 heroin, 107.1 kilos of opium and chemicals-80 gallons of Lysol, 15 gallons of hydrochloric acid, 60 gallons of chloroform, 35 gallons of ether and 1,323 gallons of acetic anhydride, 800 kilos of ammonia chloride, 1,825 kilos of sodium carbonic and utensils used in refining heroin in the huts.

In the above-mentioned cases, the Tatmadaw columns seized a total of 32.10 kilos of heroin, 23.7 kilos of grade-3 heroin, 60.5 kilos of grade-2 heroin, 22.5 kilos of heroin liquid, 592.3 kilos of opium and 1,542 kilos of acetic anhydride and-other chemicals.
