

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday 22 May, 1997)

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YANGON, 21 May Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected storm-ravaged wards in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, general renovation of Maha Zeya Atula Marazein Pagoda in Bahan Township, and reconstruction of eastern stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda today.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Maung Kyi, heads of department and officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, he arrived at a dhammayon in No 56 Ward in the township at 9.30 am.

They were welcomed by No 2 Military Region Commander Col Hsan Hsint, chairmen and members of District/Township/Ward Law and Order Restoration Councils, departmental personnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and the ward people.

The Military Region Commander briefed them on condition of houses which were hit by a storm on 18 May, relief efforts being conducted in the area and distribution of relief goods. Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt looked into the requirements in the relief efforts. He cordially conversed with the local people.

The Secretary- 1 inspected the condition of No 71 Basic Education Primary School which was struck by the storm, opening of temporary relief camp and temporary accommodation of storm victims.

(2) Secretary-2 attends fourth collective ordination, novitiation ceremony of Tiger Parahita School

YANGON, 21 May - The fourth collective ordination and novitiation ceremony of Tiger Parahita School for Development of National Races, Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, was held there on Kamayut Station Road, Hline Township, this morning.

(3) Myanmar Delegation led by Minister for Health arrives back

YANGON, 21 May After attending 50th World Health Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health U Saw Tun arrived back here by Myanmar Airways International this evening.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Valeri V Nazarov, Cultural Attache of the Embassy of France M Didier Maule, Resident Representative of World Health Organization Dr Klaus Wagner and officials of the Ministry of Health.

At the invitation of Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, Myanmar delegation visited the Russian Federation and the discussed cooperation in the health sector with the minister.

Members of the delegation are Director-General of Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Director-General of Medical Science Department Rector Dr Mya Oo, Rector of Mandalay Institute of Medicine Dr Soe Tun, Head of Office Dr Tin Win Maung, and PSO to the Minister U Kyaw Nyunt who arrived back on the same flight.

(4) Aunglan-Hsatthwa (Taungdwingyi) section inspected

YANGON, 21 May Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Managing Director of Myanma Railways Thura U Thaug Lwin and officials inspected Aunglan-Hsatthwa (Taungdwingyi) section of Pyay-Aunglan-Hsatthwa (Taungdwingyi) railroad construction project and construction of Bwetkyi Bridge this morning.

Senior Engineer U Maung Maung Thwin of MR reported on progress of work of Bwetkyi Bridge.

The minister spoke of durability of the bridges and maintenance, review of work, minimizing of waste and loss of fuel and money, early completion, worksite safety and supervision.

The minister inspected the site of the bridge.

Out of 341 bridges on the railroad, the longest Bwetkyi Bridge is 1,360 feet and construction started in October 1996.

The minister and party inspected 49.97- mile Aunglan-Hsathwa (Taungdwingyi) section which includes 12 stations and 175 bridges.

The section was constructed by only Tatmadawmen of No 44 and No 66 LIDs and it opens tomorrow.

(5) Myanmar health delegation meets minister of ASEAN, European and Asian countries

YANGON, 21 May- Myanmar health delegation led by Minister for Health U Saw Tun attended the 50th World Health Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland from 5 to 14 May.

The minister discussed regional cooperation, eradication of emerging diseases in the world and prevention of recurring diseases. Minister U Saw-Tun met ministers of ASEAN and European and Asian countries and-discussed mutual cooperation.

The minister discussed cooperation with WHO Director-General Dr Nakajima, Regional Director for SouthEast Asia Dr Uton Rafi and UN HIV/AIDS Control Director Peter Perov.

The minister said considerable progress has been made in political, economic and social sectors due to the prevalence of law and order in Myanmar and objectives of WHO have also been implemented.

He said internal and external destructive elements hinders wide cooperation and there is no boundary for diseases. In case of making use of health issues for political purposes there will be wide outbreak of diseases and the people of the world get trouble and essence of genuine human rights will disappear, he added.

The health delegation arrived in Moscow at the invitation of Madame T B Dmitrieva, Minister of Health of the Russian Federation on 15 May.

They were welcomed at the airport by First Deputy Minister of Russia

Mr A M Moskvichev, officials, Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Nyunt and embassy staff.

On 16 May, the delegation led by Madame T B Dmitrieva and Mr A M Moskvichev and Myanmar delegation discussed cooperation, exchange of techniques and sending of trainees.

(6) Htidaw hoisted atop Archway of Nikeh Sarthintaik in Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 21 May Archway of Nikeh Sarthintaik in No 26 Ward, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, was inaugurated and a Htidaw was hoisted atop it in a ceremony this morning.

The sarthintaik is being built under the ovada of Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Myingyan Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Sobhita.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and donor of the archway U Myint Sein formally inaugurated it.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and U Myint Sein, Daw Khin Khin Mu (Shwehse Condensed Milk) and family sprinkled scented water on the Htidaw.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Ministers Lt-Gen Thein Win, Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Maj-Gen Kyaw Than and U Aung San conveyed the first tier of the Htidaw on board the decorated carriage to the top of the archway. Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Aye and Brig-Gen Maung Kyi and donors conveyed the other tiers of the Htidaw likewise.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita and Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt hoisted the Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatna. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita administered the Five Precepts. Later, Sayadaws recited parittas.

The Secretary-1, ministers and donors presented offertories to Sayadaws. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita presented a casket containing sacred relics to Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and a silver ceti to U Tin San (Mandalay), Daw Khin Win (a) Daw May Myat Khaing and family.

Engineer U Tin Win, who is in charge of the project, explained progress of construction of the sarthintaik.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita shared the merits gained.

(7) Secretary-2 welcomes back delegation led by Director of Resettlement

YANGON, 21 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 welcomed back two-member delegation led by Director of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence Col Thaik Tun after studying factories, workshops, agriculture and livestock breeding and production in industrial zones of Beijing and Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, at Yangon International Airport this afternoon.

Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Par, Officer on Special Duty at the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Than Tin, senior Tatmadaw officers, officials and family members also welcomed them back at the airport.
