

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday 8 June, 1997)**

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YANGON, 7 June - 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 Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo inspected work for laying natural gas pipeline in Taninthayi Division yesterday.

General Maung Aye and Lt-Gen Tin Oo, accompanied by ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers and Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung, flew from Myeik to Dawei yesterday morning.

They were welcomed there by Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Dawei Station and other officials.

They proceeded to Nateintaung Station in Yaybyu Township.

At Nateintaung Station, they were welcomed by Officiating Tactical Operations Commander Lt-Col Khin Maung Myint, Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Nyein and General Manager Mr H Madeo of Total Myanmar Exploration and Production.

U Kyaw Nyein and Mr Madeo explained Yadana Offshore Gas Project and work for laying gas pipeline. .

General Maung Aye, the Secretary-2 and party inspected work for laying 36-diameter pipeline for moving gas to Thailand.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo and ministers met divisional, district and township authorities, departmental officials and members of Union

Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade at Dawei- Town Hall.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo spoke about the targets of the Five-Year Plan and called for expeditious efforts for realization of the aims, cooperation and coordination among departments and effective monitoring of tasks at the grassroots level.

Next, Ministers Lt-Gen Chit Swe, Lt-Gen Maung Thint and U Saw Tun and Deputy Minister Col Kyi Maung spoke.

General Maung Aye later arrived at the Town Hall and delivered an address.

He said that since the time the State Law and Order Restoration Council took up duties of State, the officials of the central body have been monitoring tasks at the grassroots level and due to these efforts, progress has gained increasing momentum.

He noted that zealous efforts are being made with the firm commitment to develop the nation during the time of the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

He spoke of the need for divisional, district and township authorities and departments to exercise their power and rights properly and make expeditious efforts for regional development.

It is specially important to strive dedicatedly for rapid economic progress when the nation is stable, he said.

He also stressed that political stability and economic progress are requisites for development of a nation and that constant efforts must be made to safeguard sovereignty.

While tasks are being executed in accord with the correct policy and national objectives for all-round national progress, all must be vigilant against subversive elements, he said.

He urged regional authorities and departmental officials to double their efforts for rapid economic progress of Taninthayi Division and making sure the people adopt correct attitude. He also urged them to strive to uplift the prestige of the division and work in harmony and unison for development.

General Maung Aye, Lt- Gen Tin Oo and party later inspected the town.

This morning, they inspected Dawei Station.

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## **(2) Secretary-1 receives Ambassador of Russian Federation**

YANGON, 7 June - Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Valeri V Nazarov at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 9.30 am today.

Present together with Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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## **(3) Yuzana Centre, Head Office and Department Store open**

YANGON, 7 June-Yuzana Centre, Head Office and Department Store were opened at 130, Shwegondine Road, at the corner of new Yedashe Road in Bahan Township, this morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Present also were Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, U Than Shwe and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Ministers at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Lt-Gen Min Thein, member of Security and Management Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister for Culture U Aung San, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, departmental officials, Commanders of Military Regions, Chairmen of Yangon Division, District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils and members, Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint and members of. the Board of Directors, Secretary of Bahan Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and EC members and guests.

The Secretary-1 Director General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Arnt Kyaw and Chairman U Htay Myint formally opened the Yuzana Centre, Head Office and Department Store.

The Secretary-1 and guests inspected the Department Store and the Head Office.

The 10/12-storey Yuzana Centre, 217 feet long and 125 feet wide, includes a department store and offices of international standard and a hotel. It was built on 1.039 acres at a cost of K 400 million starting 1 October 1994 by Yuzana Construction Group in cooperation with DHSHD.

The hotel with 200 rooms will open in September.

The air-conditioned building, designed by Myanmar Architect U San Maung-Daw Cho Cho Tin, is equipped with four elevators, two escalators including, transformers and generators that will guarantee uninterrupted supply of electricity.

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**(4) Gemmology adviser's family donates K 12.7m to religious, social, health, cultural organizations**

YANGON, 7 June Gemmology adviser to the Ministry of Mines U Thein Lwin-Daw Aye Aye and family donated K 12.7 million to religious, social, health and cultural organizations today.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt accepted the cash at the donation ceremony at Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road.

Also present were Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister at the Office of Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Minister for Culture U Aung San, senior military officers, Director-General of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads and representatives of religious, social, health and cultural organizations.

Donor U Thein Lwin spoke about his donation.

The donations were K 4.5 million for renovation of the western Tazaung of the Shwedagon Pagoda, K4.5 million for construction of the eastern Tazaung of Bago Maha Zedi, K 1 million for renovation of Bilin Kyaikhtihsaung Hsan dawshin Pagoda and Hsa-ketha Hsandawshin Pagoda and offering cash to Kyaikhtihsaung Sayadaw, K 500,000 for renovation of Bagan pagodas, K 100,000 each for allround renovation of the Shwedagon, Yangon Tooth Relic Pagoda, Mandalay Tooth Relic Pagoda, retrieval of Dhamma Zedi Bell, for Yangon Jivitadana Sangha Hospital, K 100,000 for Yangon General Hospital, K 100,000 for Neuro Unit, K 100,000 for Karuna Foundation, K 100,000 for Yaynatha Leprosy Hospital, K 100,000 for Hninzigon Home for the Aged, K 100,000 for Kandawlay Home for the Aged, K 100,000 for the Tatmadawmen of Pyay-AunglanHsathwa Railroad Project, K 100,000 for Union Solidarity and Development Association, K 100,000 for Myanmar Red Cross Society, K 100,000 for the Fire Services Department in Yangon, K 100,000 for the disabled Tatmadawmen, K 100,000 for the Girl School on Malikha Road, K 100,000 for the Girl School on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, K 100,000 for the School for the Deaf and Dumb, Kyimyindine, K 100,000 for the School for the Disabled Youth, Thamaing and K 100,000 for Mary Chapman School for the Blind.

The Secretary-1 thanked the donors.

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**(5) WB Taunggyi branch opens**

YANGON, 7 June-Asia Wealth Bank opened its branch in Taunggyi this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Tin Htut, departmental officials, Chairman of AWB Ltd U Win Maung, Vice-Chairman U Aik Tun, officials and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Win Tin and Vice-Chairman U Aik Tun spoke on the occasion.

The minister, the commander, Chairman U Win Maung and Vice-Chairman U Aik Tun formally opened the fourth branch of AWB.

Commemorative pennants were presented to the minister and the commander.

The minister and party also attended inauguration of Pinlon Road in Kanauk Ward, Taunggyi.

The minister and the commander formally opened the road and inspected it.

The road, 426 feet long and 20 feet wide, was built at a cost of over K 1.6 million contributed by local people, Development Affairs Department and AWB.

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**(6) Communications delegation leaves for Singapore**

YANGON, 7 June- A seven-member delegation led by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha left here for Singapore this afternoon at the invitation of Minister for Communications Mr Mah Bow Tan of Singapore and ITU Secretary-General Mr Pekka Tarjanne.

Minister U Soe Tha and party will also attend Asia Telecom 97 to be held in Singapore from 9 to 14 June.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Chairman of Yangon City

Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Ambassador of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, officials of the ministry and families of delegation members.

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**(7) 46-acre modern housing project to be undertaken by Bago River**

YANGON, 7 June- Delta Housing Co Ltd presented 21st Century Resort Housing Project to be jointly operated by Delta and the Human Settlement and Housing Development Department at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel yesterday evening.

Managing Director U Zaw Win of Delta Housing Co Ltd, Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of HSHDD and Director Dr Tan Loke Mun of Archi Centre of Malaysia explained the project to those present and replied to questions.

21st Century Resort Housing Project is a one-unit housing project to be implemented on a 46-acre plot between Thuwunna and Thakayta Township by Bago River.

There will be a village of national races and a modern golf-course.

The housing project includes library, information centre, business centre, restaurant and cafe, bar, game centre with karaoke lounge, swimming pool, sports ground for children and health and fitness centre.

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**(8) Monywa gets TV retransmission station**

YANGON, 7 June - TV retransmission station (Monywa) of Myanmar Television and Radio Department of the Ministry of Information was inaugurated with the address of Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe at the station this morning.

Present were chairmen and members of Division, District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, Director-General of MTRD U Kyi Lwin and employees of the relay station, division-, district- and township-level departmental personnel, Tatmadaw officers of regional battalion, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, invited guests and local people, band troupes and pompom troupes of the students of Basic Education High School No 1, 2 and 3 in Monywa totalling over 4,000.

On the occasion, MajGen Hla Myint Swe and U Kyi Lwin spoke. Local resident U Thaug thanked the officials.

U Kyi Lwin presented commemorative pennant and gifts to the commander and wife and Tactical Operations Commander Col Sein Gyawt. Assistant Director U Win Kyi presented gifts to the guests.

The commander formally opened the TV retransmission station.

Then, the commander and party inspected the station.

The TV retransmission station (Monywa) with the capacity of 3 KW can cover Monywa, Ayadaw, Budalin, Kani, Yinmabin, Pale, Hsalingyi and ChaungU on channel 10.

The project started in February 1996 at a cost of K 38,174,400 for the equipment and K 7,925,000 for the building, totalling K 46,099,400.

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