

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday 8 July, 1997)

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Present together with General Maung Aye were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order-Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Khin Maung Than.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol and Military Attache Col-Ongard Ratanawichai.

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(3) Forest Department Establishing 92,000 acres of forest plantations annually

YANGON, 7 July The Forest Department is establishing 92,000 acres of forest plantations annually and also distributing 10 million saplings, said Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe this morning in Shwepyithar Township.

Beginning 1992-93, the department has distributed 10 million saplings annually to villages, schools, hospitals, dispensaries, departments, battalions and units and organizations up from 4.5 million, he noted at a tree planting ceremony at Wataya village in the township.

(4) National Convention Convening Commission meets

YANGON, 7 July National Convention Convening Commission held a meeting today at the Commission Office.

Chairman of the Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairman Brig-Gen Myo Thant and commission members were present.

Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt chaired the meeting and Brig-Gen Aung Thein was emcee.

National Convention Convening Work Committee and National Convention Convening Management Committee presented matters pertaining to the National Convention.

Commission members gave suggestions.

It ended with concluding remarks by Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt.

(5) Minister for Culture receives Ambassador of Israel

YANGON, 7 July Minister for Culture U Aung San received Ambassador of Israel Mr Gad Nathan at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Tin Htoo, Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe, Director-General of Department of Archaeology U Nyunt Han and officials.

(6) Bodybuilding show to contribute toward national health and fitness held at Yangon Institute of Technology

YANGON, 7 July A bodybuilding show to contribute toward national health and fitness was held at the assembly hall of Yangon Institute of Technology in Insein Township, this afternoon, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

Present were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Vice-Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director of Resettlement and Commander of No 1 Military Region Col Thaik Tun, President of Myanmar Bodybuilding and Physical Culture Federation Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Win, Officer on Special Duty at the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Than Tint, Chairman of Yangon North District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint, Rector of YIT U Nyi Hla Nge, Pro-rector U Ba Myint and officials, chairmen and members of Township Law and Order Restoration Councils in Hlinethaya, Hline, Mayangon, Shwepyitha, North Okkalapa, Insein and Mingaladon, enthusiasts and guests.

(7) Myanmar delegation tours Special Economic Zone in Subic Bay, attends ASEAN investment meeting

YANGON, 7 July-Myanmar delegation led by member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission, Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin left here on 30 June to attend as observer the Third Meeting of Senior Investment Officials of ASEAN Member Countries 1-2 July and the Meeting of Heads of Investment Institutions 3-4 July in Manila, the Philippines.

On arrival in transit in Bangkok, they were greeted at the airport by Myanmar Ambassador U Hla Maung and embassy staff.

They flew on to the Philippines, arriving in Manila at 11.10 am local time. They were welcomed there by Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry and Chief of the Investment Board of the Republic of the Philippines Mr Melito S Salazar Jr and Myanmar Ambassador U San Thein.

(8) Myanmar, Thailand and LPDR hold Third Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Drug Abuse Control

YANGON, 7 July-The Myanmar-Thailand-Lao People's Democratic Republic Third Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in Drug Abuse Control was held in Luang Prabang, LPDR, on 4 and 5 July.

It was attended by delegations of the three countries led by Chairman of the Central Committee for Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Minister at the Office of the Thai Prime Minister Mr Werakorn Khumprakok and Minister of Foreign Affairs of LPDR Mr Samsavat Leng Savad with representatives of UNDP, UNDCP and WHO in Laos and those of US, French, Russian Federation and Australian embassies as observers. High-ranking officials attended the first-day meeting on 4 July and the Ministerial Conference took place on 5 July.

The ministers of the three nations issued a joint statement calling for cooperation in hill region development projects for eradicating opium poppy cultivation in border areas; strictly curbing illicit production and trafficking of precursor chemicals and materials which are vital for illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; exposing profits made from illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and taking action against the wrongdoers; enacting laws and rules on drug abuse control in the sub-region by the respective nations; coordination among the law enforcement bodies and introducing procedures on drug abuse control measures including exchange of information to be able to cooperate practically in the border areas; cooperation in public education,

providing medical treatment and rehabilitation to eradicate narcotic drugs abuse; and cooperation in exchanging study delegations and conducting courses and providing technical assistance.

The conference requested the international community to provide financial and technical assistance to implement the joint programmes. It decided to hold the fourth ministerial conference in Thailand in 1999.

(9) Illegal sawn timber, forest products seized

YANGON, 4 July Sawn timber and forest products illegally transported by 90 trucks were seized by Hlegu, Toungoo, Oktwin, Kyauktaga, Phyu and Nyaung-laybin Township Forest Department authorities from 26 June to 1 July.

The seized sawn timber and forest products included 38.98 tons of pyingado, 158.57 tons of other sorts of timber, 3,922 bags of charcoal, 5,125 viss of turpentine, 920 viss of pine wood and 2,000 canes.

(10) Myanmar delegation attends ASEAN energy meeting

YANION, 7 July Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein returned from Manila, the Philippines, by air today after attending the 15th ASEAN Ministers of Energy Meeting.

Delegation members Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint, Managing Director of Myama Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Nyein and Officer on Special Duty at the Ministry of Energy U Nyo Myint were also on the same flight.

They were welcomed back by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, departmental heads and other officials, Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono, Minister Counsellor Mr Uthai Silthorn of Thai Embassy, officials of the Embassy of the Philippines, and their relatives.
