

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday, 9 July, 1997)**

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**(1) Secretary-1 receives Members of House of Representatives of Japan**

YANGON, 8 July Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received nine members of House of Representatives of Japan led by Mr Minoru Noda at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence, this evening.

Present were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoich Yamaguchi.

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**(2) Thanmyanthu All Bus Lines Control Committee provides cash to disabled Tatmadawmen**

YANGON, 8 July Thanmyanthu All Bus Lines Control Committee provided cash to Tatmadawmen who have sacrificed limbs and are still in service, for the 14th time at the City Hall, this afternoon.

Secretary-2 of the State and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo delivered an address and presented account books to the Tatmadawmen.

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**(3) AWB opens Mingala Market Branch**

YANGON, 8 July Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo attended the opening ceremony of the Asia Wealth Bank's Mingala Market Branch in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

The Secretary-2 and party later inspected it.

A ceremony to mark the inauguration of the AWB branch was later held at M-3 Food Centre in Bahan Township.

Minister Brig-Gen Win Tin delivered an address.

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**(4) Delegation leaves to attend Six Country Ministerial and Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Abuse Control in Bangkok**

YANGON, 8 July A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee for Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint left for Bang-kok this afternoon to attend the Six-Country Ministerial and Senior Official,s Meeting on Drug Abuse Control of Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, China, Vietnam and Cambodia and Myanmar-China and Myanmar-Thai Drug Abuse Control Joint Programme Implementation Meeting to be held in Bangkok from 9 to 11 July.

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**(5) Minister for Religious Affairs recounts Secretary-1's clarification**

YANGON, 8 July-Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt recounted clarification of Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt on how Western powers had been aiding and abetting terrorism committed by certain organizations operating in the guise of democracy and human rights by giving them assistance in both cash and kind, at the Religious Affairs Department on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon.

Present were heads of departments and personnel under the ministry.

Minister Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt also said two motions were tabled at the mass meetings on implementation of community welfare services of the Union Solidarity and Development Association held at 16 towns in States and Divisions in May.

Of the two, one denounces internal and external destructive acts and USDA members who attended the mass meetings have supported it unanimously, he said.

He stressed the need for departmental personnel to cooperate in crushing the Instructionists and carrying on with the nation-building tasks.

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**(6) Deputy Premier receives Tokiwa President**

YANGON, 8 July -Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received President Mr Naoyuki Soga of Tokiwa Corporation of Japan and party at his office today.

Secretary of MIC Minister at Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials were also present.

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## **(7) Modernization of Hsedawgyi canal system in progress**

YANGON, 8 July - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected modernization of Hsedawgyi canal system in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division, this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials he observed progress in repair of distributory canals and along the Mandalay main canal and inflow of water in the main canal of the project.

An official of the project briefed the minister and the commander on progress in upgrading of Hsedawgyi canal system.

The Hsedawgyi canal system, which was completed in 1986-87, had never supplied water as projected. The total projected volume of water to be supplied by the system was 2,360 cubicfeet per second 1,800 cubic-feet per second through Mandalay canal system, 360 cubic-feet per second through Yenatha canal and 200 cubic-feet per second from pump-water stations.

However, Mandalay canal system could supply only 1,500 cubic-feet per second during the initial period and due to deterioration for many years, the canal system's capacity had decreased to 1,200 cubic-feet per second.

Efforts are being made in implementing Hsedawgyi canal system modernization project to upgrade the canals to irrigate as targeted.

Myanmar Energy delegation enhances cooperation with ASEAN nations

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## **(8) Myanmar Energy delegation enhances cooperation with ASEAN nations**

YANGON, 8 July-The Myanmar Energy delegation led by Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein attended the Fifteenth ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting in Manila, the Philippines, as observers.

The meeting began at the Shangri-La Hotel in Manila on 2 July morning. It was attended by, President Mr Fidel V Ramos of the Philippines, the ministers of ASEAN member nations Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam and Energy Ministers and members of the delegations of Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos as observers.

The meeting began with the greetings of Minister of Energy of the Philippines Mr Francisco L Viray. President Mr Fidel V Ramos delivered an address.

Afterwards, Mr Ramos met ASEAN Energy Ministers at the hotel and discussed cooperation in the energy sector. The meeting then continued.

In Bangkok on 4 July morning, in Myanmar Energy delegation led by Minister U Khin Maung Thein called on Prime Minister General Chavalit

Yongchaiyudh at the Government Guest House. They cordially discussed cooperation in the energy sector. Also present were Minister at the Thai Prime Minister's Office Mr Sompong Amornvivat and officials, Myanmar Ambassador U Hla Maung, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Poksak Nilubol and members of the Myanmar Energy delegation.

Next, a signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Understanding on the sale of electricity generated in Myanmar to Thailand was held at the Government Guest House. The signing ceremony was attended by Ihai Prime Minister General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, Minister U Khin Maung Thein, Minister at the Thai Prime Minister's Office Mr Sompong Amornvivat and officials.

Minister U Khin Maung Thein and Minister Mr Sompong Amornvivat signed the MoU. Documents were then exchanged.

On 5 July, the Myanmar Energy delegation went to Batam Island in Indonesia and inspected fabrication of well platforms for the Yadana Natural Gas Project.

Members of the delegation also looked into fabrication of well platforms for the Yetagun Natural Gas Project. The minister heard progress reports on fabrication of the platforms and gave counsel.

Minister U Khin Maung Thein and members of the delegation also held discussions in Singapore with organizations of Malaysia, Singapore and Japan which are undertaking tasks in cooperation with the Myanmar Ministry of Energy.

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#### **(9) Myanmar delegation leaves for Indonesia**

YANGON, 8 July A nine-member Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung this morning left here for Indonesia to cooperate in fish and meat sector and to exchange technology and experience at the invitation of Minister of Agriculture Dr Sjar-Ifudin Baharsjah.

The delegation will also study livestock and breeding in Singapore.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, Ambassador of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono, Ambassador of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow.

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