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YANGON, 17 July-Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Saddam Hussein, President of the Republic of Iraq, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Iraq which falls on 17 July 1997.

(2) Seventh destruction of seized narcotic drugs in KoKang area Myanmar committed to eradicating menace to mankind

YANGON, 16 July-Seized narcotic drugs were destroyed at a ceremony in Laukkai in northern Shan State at 10 am yesterday.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Chairman of Shan State (North) Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Northern Shan State Drug Abuse Control Committee Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, member of the CCDAC Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Chairman of Special Region-1 U Phon Kya Shin and nationalities leaders, narcotic drugs control officials, police officers and law officers of Yunnan Province, PRC, department personnel students and local people, numbering about 1,500.

(3) Minister for PRANADA tours Shan State (North)

YANGON, 16 July-Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt arrived in Lashio on 14 July.

The ministers were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council (North) Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Brig-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of North East Command and officials. Minister Lt-Gen Maung Thint inspected Myoma Market, development affairs, Nan Haywun Garden and arrangements for drinking water from Nangpachi Creek.

Director of Shan State (North) Development Committee Lt-Col Tin Aung Naing and Deputy Director of Township Development Major Kan Hla and officials reported on undertakings.

The two ministers attended a ceremony to pay obeisance to presiding Sayadaws in the township at Sasana Beikmandawgyi.

(4) Marubeni presents two excavators to Public Works

YANGON, 16 July Marubeni Corporation of Japan presented two Komatsu hydraulic excavators (PC 200) over to Public Works of the Ministry of Construction at Machinery Division (South) of Public Works in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

General Manager Mr H Seki of Marubeni Corporation handed related documents to Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

The minister said roads and bridges are being built to bridge development gap between regions which had less relations with one another due to difficult communications.

In so doing, he said, modern heavy machines are necessary to be able to complete them in accordance with norms within a short period and so the Public Works signed an agreement with Marubeni Corporation on 5 January 1996 to purchase 211 units of heavy equipment of 25 items and spare parts for Yen 3,000 million.

He thanked Marubeni for timely shipping of the machines which are now in operation at worksites and also for the two excavators donated and said this would further strengthen Japan Myanmar relations.

Mr H Seki explained the aim of the donation.

The ministers and guests viewed the two excavators.

Also present were Managing Director U Tint Swe of Public Works, Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and officials of Marubeni Corporation.

(5) U Aung San U and wife donate K 100,000 to Dagon University library

YANGON, 16 July U Aung San U and wife Daw Le Le Nwe Thein, here to attend the 50th Anniversary of Arzani Day, donated K 100,000 towards the funds of the library of Dagon University this morning. Rector U Kaung Nyunt accepted the donation which will be used for buying furniture.

(6) Bronze Buddha images of Sittway conveyed to Yangon

YANGON, 16 July Bronze Buddha images of Lawka Nanda Pagoda in Sittway, Rakhine State, were conveyed from Mandalay to Yangon by special flight this morning.

The sacred images were kept at Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base BrigGen Ba Htay Chit, Director-General U Sann Lwin of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, other officials, religious associations and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and Fire Brigade paid homage to the sacred images at Mingaladon Air Base.

Afterwards, they were conveyed in a procession comprising officials and Wut associations to the Shwedagon. All along the way, Wut associations in pandals paid homage to the sacred images with the recitation of Dhamma verses. Residents of townships along the route donated cash.

Member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Shwedagon Pagoda Ovacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Revata and other Sayadaws consecrated the Buddha images in the Tazaung.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Revata administered the Five Precepts. Members of the congregation offered alms. Pagoda Ovacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits gained.

The Buddha images will be kept in Chanthagyi Tazaung at the Shwedagon during the three-month Waso retreat. They include 12 (18-inch-high) images, four (54-inch-high) images and eight (2.5-foot-high) stone images.

(7) Myanmar delegation arrives back from Indonesia

YANGON, 16 July Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung arrived back here from Indonesia this afternoon.

The delegation studied cooperation and exchange of technology in meat and fisheries sector in Indonesia from 8 to 16 July at the invitation of Minister of Agriculture Dr Sjarifudin Baharsjah.

The delegation was welcomed by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Deputy Minister for Live-stock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, Ambassador of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, Counsellor Mr Marchinus Samosir of Indonesian Embassy and directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises.

(8) 'Stress test system' demonstrated

YANGON, 16 July Europ Continents Co Ltd sponsored a seminar and demonstration on 'stress test system' at Traders Hotel this morning. Mr M Fusilli explained and demonstrated the new machine.

The ceremony, chaired by Cardiologist Professor U Aung of Yangon General Hospital, was attended by Commandant of Defence Services Orthopedic Hospital Col Than Myint, cardiologist, doctors and enthusiasts.
