

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday, 20 July, 1997)**

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- (1) State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Colombia**

YANGON, 20 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 Ernesto Samper, President of the Republic of Colombia, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Colombia which falls on 20 July, 1997.

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- (2) Nation pays tribute on 50th Anniversary Martyrs Day**

YANGON, 19 July-The 50th Anniversary Martyrs Day (1997) was observed at the Martyrs Mausoleum at 8 am today.

On behalf of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Martyrs Day Observance Committee Minister for Culture U Aung San attended the ceremony, saluted the State Flag, laid wreaths' at the tombs of the late national leader Bogyoke Aung San and other fallen leaders and shared merits.

Also present were Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Auditor-General U Aung Khin Tint, members of the 50th Anniversary Martyrs Day Observance Executive Committee, Secretary of the 50th Anniversary Martyrs Day Observance Committee Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Tin Htoo and Committee members, secretaries of subcommittees, senior officers of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), Myanmar Police Force and Fire Services Department.

On arrival at the Mausoleum at 8 am, Minister U Aung San was welcomed by Director-General U Tin Htoo.

The minister, together with the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, and the Auditor-General, took their respective places.

All those present then saluted the State Flag. Minister U Aung San, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun and Auditor-General U Aung Khin Tint laid wreaths and paid tribute.

Meanwhile, the State Flag was lowered to the half mast. The Guard of Honour of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) also saluted the fallen leaders. The buglers sounded the Last Post.

This was followed by dispensing of metta and observance of two minutes silence in memory of the martyrs.

Minister U Aung San, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun and Auditor-General U Aung Khin Tint then left the Mausoleum.

Afterwards, national leader Bogyoke Aung San's son U Aung San U and wife Daw Le Le Nwe Thein laid a wreath' at his tomb, paid obeisance and shared merits.

Bogyoke Aung San's daughter Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also laid a flower basket at her father's tomb, paid obeisance and shared merits.

Families of the other martyrs laid wreaths at the respective tombs and shared merits.

Afterwards, diplomats, heads of UN agencies, representatives of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon laid wreaths.

Then, the public paid tribute to the fallen leaders.

In commemoration of the day, Bogyoke Aung San Museum on Bogyoke Pyadaik Lane was open from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm today. It will be kept open from 1'0 am to 3.30 pm on other days except Monday and gazetted holidays.

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### **(3) Retrieval of Dhammazedì Bell will revive good tradition of national consolidation**

YANGON, 19 JULY - A meeting to coordinate the work for retrieval of Dhammazedì Bell was held at Yangon City Development Committee this morning with an address by Patron of the Committee for Retrieval of Dhammazedì Bell Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, senior military officers, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, Chairman of the Work Committee for Retrieval of Dhammazedì Bell Secretary of YCDC U kyaw win and members.

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### **(4) Dhammacakka Day observed at famous pagodas, in townships**

YANGON, 19 July Today being the Fullmoon Day, the day on which Buddha delivered the First Sermon to the Five Disciples some 25 centuries ago, the famous pagodas in Yangon were teeming with the devotees beginning daybreak.

They performed meritorious deeds such as offering lotus robes to Buddha images, flowers, lights, water and incense to the pagodas, Waso robes to the Ovadacariya Sayadaws and members of the Sangha, observing Sabbath and sharing merits gained.

Shwedagon Pagoda

The Dhammacakka Day was observed at the Shwedagon Pagoda at 9.00 am today.

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### **(5) Deputy Minister for Education arrives back from Japan**

YANGON, 19 July Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt this morning arrived back after attending the UNICEF sponsored Regional Conference on Higher Education: National Strategies and Regional Cooperation for the 21st Century held in Tokyo from 8 to 10 July.

He was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Deputy Minister Col Kyi Maung and officials.

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**(6) D G of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism arrives back from Singapore**

YANGON, 19 July Member of policy-making board on ASEAN Economic Ministers Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt arrived back here after attending the Sixth National Tourism Board of ASEAN nations held in Singapore from 15 to 18 July at the invitation of Singapore Tourism Promotion Board.

He was welcomed at the airport by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Tin Aye and officials.

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**(7) Heroine, raw opium seized in Mingalar Taungnyunt, Hlinethaya, Dagon(South) Townships**

YANGON, 19 July-Personnel of the Yangon special anti-drug squad, lying in wait, arrested pusher Aung Kyi of Room 2, No 8 Quarter, Saw Mill Compound on Linsadaung Street in Botahtaung Township at about 6.00 am on 30 June

On further investigation, they, together with witnesses, searched the house of Ma Naing Naing Soe of 452, first floor (left), Theinbyu Road, Photmyay Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township at about 12.45 pm and seized a package of heroine weighing 0.01796 kilos and K 8,020 inside the larder at the rear part of the house.

They also arrested Chit Lwin of Ma/ 262, Bo Min Yaung Street, Kandawgalay, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Kyaw Thu of Ma/10, 139th Street, Maugon, Tarmway Township and Naing Lin of Ma/13/27, Shwewa Street, Manaung Ward, Tarmway Township, who happened to get to the house to buy narcotic drugs while search is being made.

Action is being taken against Aung Kyi, 25, son of U Khin Maung, Ma Naing Naing Soe, 32, daughter of U Bo Sein, Chit Lwin, 35, son of U Wai Thein, Kyaw Thu, 26, son of U Aye and Naing Lin, 32, son of U Kyaw Thu under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Similarly, personnel of the Yangon special antidrug squad, acting on a tip-off, together with witnesses searched the house of Ma Myint Myint Pyone of 900 (A), U Paw Oo 5th Street, Ward-18, Hlinethaya Township and seized 2.9393 kilos of raw opium and 0.136 kilos of opium oil together with house owner Ma Myint Myint Pyone and Than Soe of Myintegy Village, Natmauk.

The Thaungyi police Station of Hlinethaya Township is taking action against Ma Myint Myint Pyone, 37, daughter of U Kyi and Than Soe, 33,

son of U Sein Nyunt under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On further investigation, personnel of the Yangon special anti-drug squad searched the house of Tun Thein of 587, Ward-105, Dagon (South) Township at about 2.00 am on 5 July and seized 0.2449 kilos of raw opium and 0.120 kilos of opium oil.

Action is being taken against Tun Thein, 42, son of U Pyawt, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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**(8) Information Delegation leaves for Malaysia**

YANGON, 19 July-Information Delegation led by Editor U Tun Aung of The New Light of Myanmar left here by air this evening to cover the 30th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting to be held in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, and the Post Ministerial Conference.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by officials of News and Periodicals. Enterprise and relatives.

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**(9) Minister meets SEA Games rowing, shooting athletes**

YANGON, 19 July - Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win met rowing and shooting athletes undergoing training for the XIX SouthEast Asian Games today.

Accompanied by Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department Col Hla Myint Kyaw, Officer on Special Duty at the Ministry of Sports Col Thaung Htaik, Deputy Director-General of SPED Lt-Col Thein Aung and other officials, Minister Brig-Gen Sein Win attended the rowing events held weekly to take records.

After the events, he met the athletes and gave instructions.

He proceeded to South Okkalapa Shooting Range.

After Joint Secretary of Shooting Federation Maj Min Than had briefed him on the training, he met athletes there.

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