

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday 21 July, 1997)

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

YANGON, 21 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 Majesty King Albert II of Belgium on the occasion of the National Day of Belgium which falls on 21 July 1997.

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- (2) Htidaw hoisting ceremony of historic Kyaikdeisatoe Pagoda held in Yemon Tatmyo**

YANGON, 20 July - A htidaw-hoisting ceremony of historic Kyaikdeisatoe Pagoda located at the entrance to Yemon Tatmyo was held there this morning, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

Ovadacariya of the pagoda member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Hlegu Yadana Beikman Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirindabhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts.

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- (3) Secretary-1 oversees construction of Music Asiayon Gitayeikmyon building**

YANGON, 20 July Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this afternoon inspected construction of Myanmar Music Asiayon Gitayeikmyon building in Tarmway Township.

On arrival at the construction site of Gitayeikmyon at 1 pm, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt was welcomed by officials of the Office

of State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of department, Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon U Ohn Kyaw and officials.

(4) Minister inspects Irrigation Technology Development Training Centre in Bago

YANGON, 20 July-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, accompanied by departmental officials, inspected Irrigation Technology Development Training Centre of the Irrigation Department in Bago this morning.

After inspecting the agriculture service in the compound of the training centre, he met officials and gave instructions on development of irrigation technology.

He proceeded to the 10th Mile Livestock Breeding Station of Myanmar Farms Enterprise in Bago, where he inspected raising of mython, milch cow, pig and poultry and terrace paddy farms.

The officer-in-charge of the livestock farm briefed him on implementation of tasks, cultivation of crops and preparations to apply mixed crop cultivation technique.

On his way to Yangon, the minister inspected the Vegetable and Fruit Research and Development Centre near Yemon Village in Hlegu Township.

(5) Secretary-1's clarification recounted

YANGON, 20 July-The Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council clarified at the Ministry of Defence on 27 June on how some 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 cash and kind.

Supreme Court

Yangon Division Justice U Aung Ngwe and Additional Justice U Myo Nyunt recounted the Secretary-1's clarification to justices of division, district and township courts at Supreme Court Dhammayon on Gyatawya Road in Bahan Township today.

The justices also recounted experiences at the 12th coordination meeting of Supreme Court and State, Division and District Justices held on 10 and 11 July.

Motion Picture Asiayon

Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon U Sein Tin and Vice-Chairman U Myint Naing, Secretary U Lin Aung and officials recounted the Secretary-1's clarification to artistes at the hall of MMPA on Wingaba Road in Bahan Township.

(6) Secretary 1 attends fourth Waso robe offering ceremony of Ministry of PBANRDA

YANGON, 20 JULY-The fourth Waso robe offering ceremony of Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at Development Affairs Department Dhammayon on Arzani Street, Bahan Township, this morning.

Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony and offered Waso robes to the Sayadaws.

Present also were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Secretary of Multi-party Democracy General Election Commission U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council, directors-general and service personnel of Department under the ministry.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidaja Maha Ratha Guru Abhidaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Myingyan Koesaungtaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita administered the Five Precepts.

Members of the Sangha recited the parittas. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, ministers, deputy Minister and officials offered Waso robes and alms to the Chairman Sayadaw and members of Sangha.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Acinnabhivamsa delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

The Secretary-1 and officials offered soon to the Sayadaws.

(7) Fukuoka-bound students go sightseeing

YANGON, 20 July Myanmar student delegation comprising eight members who will attend the 9th Get-together of Students and Youths from Asia and the Pacific in Fukuoka, Japan, went sightseeing in Yangon today.

The students are led by Headmistress of No 2 Basic Education Middle School in Sittway Daw Tin Yi and supervisors.

They visited the Memorial to Fallen Heroes, the Shwedagon Pagoda and Buddhology Museum this morning.

They next went to the Plenatarium where they were welcomed by U Kyaw Oo and officials.

They also visited People's Square and People's Park.

(8) Company level combat training of MPF

YANGON, 20 July - A company level combat training was conducted as an exercise of Myanmar Police Force, an auxiliary national defence force, near Letyetsan Village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division, today.

The Director-General of MPF and senior officers, State/Division Police Commanders who are attending the 1997 first bi-annual meeting of MPF, and District Police Station commanders inspected it.

(9) Double-decker mishap near Maubin

YANGON, 20 July Saba double-decker of inland Water Transport sank near Maubin Bridge Project site at about 1 am today after colliding with the foundation of the seventh pier of the bridge under construction, authorities said.

The boat left for Yangon at 2 pm yesterday on her Einme-Yangon voyage.

One two-year-old boy drowned and 184 passengers-106 men, and 78 women were rescued by teams made up of regional Tatmadawmen, police personnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Fire Brigade and the public. Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Deputy Minister for Transport

U Sann Wai and other departmental officials there this morning and provided close supervision for relief measures and cash assistance.

Rescue teams are still at work.

(10) 360 drug-related cases exposed in June

YANGON, 20 July-The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department exposed 360 cases related to narcotic drugs and took action against 481 persons-406 males and 75 females-in June 1997.

The anti-drug squads seized 163.2998 kilos of opium in 35 cases, 19.13318 kilos of heroin in 130 cases, 26.7841 kilos of marijuana in 37 cases, 0.5816 kilo of low-grade opium and 130.7988 kilos of opium liquid in eight cases, 0.0744 kilo of opium oil in four cases, 200 kilos of amphetamine in two cases, 57.033 litres of phensedyl in five cases, 101 gallons of acetic anhydride, 1.5 gallon of ethyl alcohol, 62 gallons of ether, 4.2163 gallons of acid, 26 gallons of sulphuric acid, 109 gallons of spirits, 21 gallons of Lysol, 35,000 amphetamine tablets in three cases and exposed 125 cases for failure to register and 11 other drug related cases.

Tatmadaw

Tatmadaw battalions and units seized 9.133 kilos of opium, 17.011 kilos of heroin, 15 gallons of acetic anhydride, 24 gallons of ether, 4.2163 gallons of acid and five gallons of sulphuric acid.

MPF

During the period, Myanmar Police Force seized 154.1668 kilos of opium in 35 cases, 2.3208 kilos of heroin in 130 cases, 26.7841 kilos of marijuana in 37 cases, 0.5814 kilos of low-grade opium in seven cases, 130.7988 kilos of opium liquid, 0.0744 kilo of opium oil in four cases, 200 kilos of amphetamine in two cases, 57.033 litres of phensedyl in five cases, 86 gallons of acetic anhydride, 1.5 gallon of ethyl alcohol, 38 gallons of ether, 21 gallons of sulphuric acid, 109 gallons of spirits, 21 gallons of Lysol, 35,000 amphetamine tablets in three cases, and exposed 125 cases for failure to register and other 10 related cases.

Customs Dept

Customs Department, in cooperation with MPF, seized 0.0002 kilos of low-grade opium in one case and exposed one drug related case.

Tatmadawmen, in cooperation with MPF, seized 0.1727 kilos of heroin in six cases, 43.205 kilos of opium in seven cases, 31.825 litres of phensedyl in one case and 35,000 amphetamine tablets in three cases.
