

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday, 27 July, 1997)**

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- (2) Secretary-2 inspects construction of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami), maintenance of Old Thakayta Bridge**
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- (4) Tatmadaw families, wellwishers present dry ration to Sarthintaik in South Okkalapa**
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- (6) Minister for Construction inspects bridge projects in Rakhine State**
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NGON, 26 JULY Myanmar National Olympic Council (MNOCC) held its Meeting No 2/97 at the National Indoor Stadium 1, Thuwunna, this morning, chaired by President of Myanmar National Olympic Council-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Addressing the meeting, he said the aim of the meeting with the members of MNOCC and officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department and various sports federations was to discuss the tasks for Myanmar contingent to achieve success in the South-East Asian Games scheduled to be held in Indonesia this year.

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- (2) Secretary-2 inspects construction of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami), maintenance of Old Thakayta Bridge**

YANGON, 26 JULY Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo this morning inspected construction of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Parami) and special maintenance of Ngamoeyeik Iron Beam Bridge (Old Thakayta Bridge) and gave instructions.

Managing Director of Public Works U Tint Swe and officials briefed them on the bridge construction.

At the project site, Senior Engineer U Myint Lwin of Bridge Construction Special Group No 1 of Public Works briefed the Secretary-2 on tasks and progress of work. U Tint Swe presented a supplementary report.

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### **(3) Veteran sculptor U Han Tin honoured for works to be displayed at IBC**

YANGON, 26 July Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe honoured veteran sculptor U Han Tin at the International Business Centre (IBC) on Pyay Road this evening for his works 'Undivided Family Nest Remains Intact' and 'An Idyllic Habitat' to be displayed at IBC.

In his address, the minister said the IBC provides facilities of international standard for conferences, seminars and workshops and offices for international organizations and in other words, it contributes towards friendly relations, based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence, with other nations, especially in the region, for cooperation of mutual benefit.

He spoke of the formation of the Teaknet Centre with its base in Myanmar after a conference in the IBC as the nation is the major habitat of teak, the world's valuable wood, and a centre of dissemination of teak-related technology.

Arrangements were made to display sculptures, which will bring honour to the nation and portray conservation of rich forest resources, in the IBC, and assistance was asked from U Han Tin for sculptures depicting unity and development in forest sector based on the aims as prescribed in the national policy, he explained.

One of the sculptures is a brood of Aukshin birds (Indian pied hornbill) in a nest, which are by nature loyal and courageous, with a portrayal by analogy of the family of all the national races in Myanmar to live in fraternity spirit and friendly relations for ever. The sculpture, made from a teak root, is named 'Undivided Family Nest Remains Intact'.

The other is named 'An Idyllic-Habitat' which portrays wild animals in their natural habitat in the forest in which flora and fauna exist in a system of mutual benefit and dependence.

U Han Tin, together with his trainee sculptors, took more than three month to complete them.

The minister touched on sculpture, one of the ten traditional arts, and promotion of wood-based products and works of art.

He presented gifts to U Han Tin and adviser historian Dr Khin Maung Nyunt. Those present, including managing directors and directors-general of enterprises and departments under the ministry and other officials, viewed the two sculptures. A dinner was hosted for the occasion.

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**(4) Tatmadaw families, wellwishers present dry ration to Sarthintaik in South Okkalapa**

YANGON, 26 July Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) families and wellwishers presented dry rations to Ngwekyayan Pariyatti Sarthintaik in South Okkalapa Township, this morning.

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**(5) Minister inspects filling stations**

YANGON, 26 July Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, accompanied by officials, inspected sale and distribution of gasoline at filling stations in downtown and outskirts of Yangon today.

He gave instructions on the sale. The minister then met officials of Myna Petroleum Products Enterprise at the office of Rangoon Division MPPE and gave instructions on selling gasoline nation-wide under a new system.

He also inspected bowsers at storage centres of MPPE and transfer of oil to them.

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**(6) Minister for Construction inspects bridge projects in Rakhine State**

YANGON 26 July Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected bridge construction projects in Rakhine State today.

The minister, accompanied by officials, left here for Sittway by air this morning.

He was welcomed at Sittway Airport by Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Aung Htwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Superintending Engineer U Soe Myint of Rakhine State and officials.

The minister and party then inspected the 320-foot Kyauktan Suspension Bridge near Kyauktan Village, Sittway Township, and heard a report on arrangements for maintenance and repair of the bridge by Junior Engineer U Kyaw Maung.

The minister and the commander gave instructions. They inspected construction of Minchaung Bridge on Yangon-Sittway Highway and heard a report on earth work, building of piers and strength of personnel by Senior Engineer U Myo Chit of Division Construction Group 1.

Minchaung is one of the nine major bridges to be built on the highway. The minister called for preparations to start work as, so, on as construction equipment arrive there.

At the office of Division Construction Group, U Soe Myint briefed the minister and the commander on construction of the nine bridges Kinchaung Bridge in Ponnakyun Township, Yoechaung and Kissapanady bridges in Kyaukhtaw Township, Myaurgbwe Bridge in MraukU, Yamaung (Laymyo) River Bridge in Minbya Township, Yawchaung Bridge in Myaybon Township and Daletchaung -and Ohn Bridges in An Township and presented requirements of the projects.

Next, Senior Engineer U Aung Kyi of DCG 8 briefed them on construction of Padaung-Taunggup Road and plans to be implemented this year and Senior Engineer U Tin Htut of Thandwe on the plan for repairing of Taunggup-Thandwe Road and three bridges washed away by floods in the Thandwe area.

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#### **(7) Computer, equipment presented to Ministry of Health**

YANGON. 26 July Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd presented computer, printer, med-line CD ROM set, airconditioner and medical journals worth US \$ 10,000 to the Ministry of Health at the Department of Medical Science this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin, directors-general under the ministry, Regional Director Mr Alan Thompson and Country Manager Mr Viren Popli of Ranbaxy Laboratories and of official.

Col Than Zin accepted the donations from Mr Alan Thompson and thanked the donors.

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