

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday, 30 July, 1997)**

\*\*\*\*\*

- (1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Republic of Vanuatu**
- (2) Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the opening of Management Course No 11 for USDA Executives**
- (3) New, peaceful, modern, developed nation will soon emerge if all cooperate from their respective sectors**
- (4) CNN interviews Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw**
- (5) Minister for Forestry receives Vietnamese Trade Minister**
- (6) Minister for Transport receives ANA, KC general managers**
- (7) Deputy Premier receives Trade Minister of SRV**
- (8) Minister for H&T receives PDM President**
- (9) Minister for Religious Affairs receives Ambassador of Sri Lanka**
- (10) Opium seized in Nawnghkio, Shan State**
- (11) D-G of Labour Department arrives back from Jakarta**

- 
- (1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Republic of Vanuatu**

YANGON, 30 July-On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Vanuatu, which falls on 30 July 1997, 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 Jean Marie Leye, President of the Republic of Vanuatu.

- 
- (2) Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the opening of Management Course No 11 for USDA Executives**

YANGON, 29 July-Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address at the opening of Management Course No 11 for USDA Executives at the Pyidaungsu Hall of the Central Public Relations Unit in Hmawby at 9 am today.

In his address, Senior General Than Shwe said the opening of the eleventh course for USDA executives marked rejuvenation of the association and the State.

Excerpts from Senior General's address

USDA, is constituted mainly with youths to enable them to assume duties of the State efficiently and fully in future.

USDA was founded to train youths of all areas including rural areas to ensure the good future of State.

Stability and peace will prevail only after the build-up of the nation on firm political base.

Character of man is liable to be eroded in times of prosperity.

Cultural traditions and national prestige and integrity may be lost when a nation places too much emphasis on economic progress.

National culture will be affected adversely unless due attention is paid to social values.

Sovereignty is imperative to bring about political, economic and social progress.

Peaceful, modern and developed nation will emerge only after meeting political, economic and social needs.

The nation will not be in a position to establish the aspired political, economic and social systems if sovereignty is lost.

Attempts are being made in collusion to hinder the progress of ASEAN and keep it in disarray and divided.

There should be appropriate changes in the way of thinking and concepts in accordance with the changing times.

---

**(3) New, peaceful, modern, developed nation will soon emerge if all cooperate from their respective sectors**

YANGON, 29 July -Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, ministers and party inspected excavation of ancient Tagaung Town in Thabeik-kyin Township, rebuilding of Shwebonyadana Mingala Palace in Shwebo Township, University for Development of National Races in Sagaing Township and restoration of ancient heritage in Bagan-NyaungU Township yesterday and today.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Chairman of Mandalay Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials, they arrived Thabeikkyin by helicopter from Mandalay at 8 am.

On arrival at Tagaung, they were welcomed by Tactical Operations Commanders Col Hla Ngwe and Col Tun Kyi, local authorities, departmental personnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, local elders and people.

Director-General of Archaeology Department U Nyunt Han and Assistance Director U Pauk Pauk of Mandalay Branch briefed them on location of the ancient Tagaung, its area, progress in excavation work, finds and the Ministry of Education and the Archaeology Department's plans to jointly excavate and study the old city.

Myanmar Historians Dr Khin Maung Nyunt and U Maung Maung Tin, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, Myanmar Architect Tanpa-wady U Win Maung, Head of Office of the Strategic Studies Col Than Tun and local elders U San Wa and U Aw- Ba presented their knowledge on Tagaung with historical records.

## Sagaing

The Secretary-1, the ministers and party arrived in Sagaing where they were welcomed by Deputy Commander of No 33 LID Col Khin Aung Myint and family members.

They went to Shweminwun Ward and observed relic Buddha images found in ruined pagoda built- in early Konbaung Period.

## Mandalay

They then left Sagaing for Mandalay. In the evening, the Secretary-1 and party paid obeisance to Shwekyemyin Buddha image and Nanzin Hsutaungpyi Pagoda and donated cash.

This morning, the Secretary-1, the ministers and party inspected development in Mandalay.

## Bagan-NyaungU

The Secretary-1, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, left for Bagan-NyaungU Airport.

They were welcomed at the airport by commander of No 88 LID Col Aye Kyway, Kyaukpadaung Station Commander Col Kyi Win, Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt, military and civilian officials and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

They arrived back here this evening.

---

### **(4) CNN interviews Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw**

YANGON, 29 July - Myanmar has been accepted as member of the ASEAN on 23 July. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw was interviewed by CNN at his suite of Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, on 25 July.

The following is a tran-script of the CNN telecast of its interview U Ohn Gyaw on 29 July:

CNN's Maria Seressa spoke with Burma's Foreign Minister U Ohn Gyaw about some of these issues.

U Ohn Gyaw-We cannot stay isolated. We have, in fact, stayed nearly 25 years in isolation. What was the result? We were left behind. It's for equal mutual beneficial objectives. One is that we will learn the experience how to go about the successful establishment of economic System in the country as well as our domestic stability could contribute towards regional stability. These are the objectives. No more than that.

CNN -ASEAN delayed the membership of Cambodia when fighting broke out. What signal does this send to your government?

U Ohn Gyaw-ASEAN's attitude towards Cambodia is good-will. Of course,

the principal philosophy of ASEAN is constructive engagement or non-interference. If any given country is not in need of co-operation and advice, then it will be a constructive engagement. If that particular country is in need of co-operation, then when the welcome sign is there, ASEAN will help. That is what I see in ASEAN.

CNN-What is the situation of human rights in your country today?

U Ohn Gyaw - Human rights is a word used by people from outside. And there are places like Human Rights Commission in Geneva and the United Nations. Where do they get the information of our violation of human rights? From the opposition, from the dissidents, from the insurgents. When actually you come to visit our country, you'll see that we treat our people much more fairer than they treat them in the West.

CNN- Your government have been called the repressive military regime. What's your comment on that?

U Ohn Gyaw-The Armed Forces in our country have been the main disciplined institution before the independence and after the independence. So, the Armed Forces would like to hand over the power of the State to the properly established and properly organized group of people under the strong constitution.

from outside it would be seen that the constitution process is too slow. And, of course, to us what our objective is to have real unity among the national races. That is the reason why this particular period as you asked is very important and delicate in our contemporary history.

CNN-What is your government's stand on Aung San Suu Kyi? What role do you see her playing in the future?

U Ohn Gyaw-When she came back she came as an ordinary person. Later on, the situation in the country had given her certain opportunity not her opportunity, the opportunity of the political parties which were against the previous government, not the present government. That was the reason why she emerged as a figure. And this figure was recognized and promoted by the outside democratic circles. Of course, we are committed, as I have said, to have this democratic system whether she is there or whether she is not there. The system will be there. There are certain elements with the thinking that without her, there is no democracy, which is not true. With or without her, there will be democracy. With or without dialogue, there will be democracy. We are trying to build a system not with a person but with the people of the country.

---

#### **(5) Minister for Forestry receives Vietnamese Trade Minister**

YANGON, 29 July-The visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Minister of Trade Mr Le Van Triet called on Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe at International Business Centre this afternoon.

The delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan.  
Also present were officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

---

**(6) Minister for Transport receives ANA, KC general managers**

YANGON, 29 July- General Manager Mr M Saito of All Nippon Airways and General Manager Mr K Sato of Kanematsu Corporation Yangon Office called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win at his office this afternoon.

Also present were officials of the ministry.

---

**(7) Deputy Premier receives Trade Minister of SRV**

YANGON, 29 July-Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Minister of Trade of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Le Van Triet and party at his office this afternoon.

Also present were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin and Ambassador of SRV Mr Tran Viet Tan.

---

**(8) Minister for H&T receives PDM President**

YANGON, 29 July-Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received President Mr Kin Maung Lwin of Project Development and Management Southeast Asia (PDM) and party at his office today.

Also present were Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and Managing Director of U Soe Thein of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services.

---

**(9) Minister for Religious Affairs receives Ambassador of Sri Lanka**

YANGON, 29 July-Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Myanmar Mr K B Fernando called on Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt at his office this afternoon.

Also present were Deputy Minister U Aung Khin, Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Sann Lwin, Director of Religious Affairs Department Kauk Tin and Head of Office U Maung Maung Myint.

---

**(10) Opium seized in Nawnghkio, Shan State**

YANGON, 29 July- A team of members of the regional Defence Services Intelligence unit and Lashio Anti-drug Squad seized opium weighing

2.2862 kilos from a bus at the check point at the entrance to Nawnghkio in Shan State on 7 July.

The authorities found the opium on the Toyota bus, 3 Ka/ 8105, heading for Mandalay from Lashio.

They arrested passenger Mya Khaing to whom the opium belonged.

Mya Khaing is the son of U Tin Mya of Thephyu village, Hmawby Township.

Action is being taken against Mya Khaing under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

---

**(11) D-G of Labour Department arrives back from Jakarta**

YANGON, 29 July-Director-General of Labour Department U Tun Shwe arrived back here on 27 July after attending the Fourth International Conference on Health Development jointly sponsored by World Health Organization and the government of Indonesia held in Jakarta from 20 to 25 July.

He was welcomed at the airport by Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye and officials of Labour Department.

---