

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 1 Aug, 1997)

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YANGON, 1 Aug-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 Arnold Koller, President-of the Swiss Confederation, on- the occasion of the founding of the Swiss Confederation which falls on 1 August 1997.

(2) Secretary-1 receives national race leader of Kachin State Special Region 2

YANGON, 31 July -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 received national race leader of Kachin State Special Region 2 U Zaw Hmaing and party at Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road, this afternoon.

Present also were U Lamon Tu Jai, U Sai Phone, Dr La Ja, Dr Tu Ja, peace negotiators U Khun Myat, U Zabwe Jung and U La Wom.

They discussed development of transport, education, health and other sectors in the region.

(3) Secretary-2, ministers explain fulfillment plans for development of Yangon (East) and Dagon Industrial Zones

YANGON, 31 July - Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo elaborated on measures for industrial development at a meeting with industrialists of Yangon (East) and

Dagon Industrial Zones in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this afternoon.

Also present were Chairman of the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee (MIDC) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, MIDC members Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Chairman of the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee (MIDWC) Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of, Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun, members of the MIDWC and subcommittees, Commander of No 2 Military Region Col Hsan Hsint, Chairman of Yangon (East) District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aye Lwin, chairmen of Township Law and Order Restoration Councils and guests.

(4) Implementation of Paunglaung Hydel Power Project coordinated

YANGON, 31 July - A Meeting was held at 6.30 pm today to coordinate progress in implementing the Paunglaung Hydel Power Project with an address by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

The project is located in Pinyinmana Township.

He stressed the need to make collective preparatory arrangements concerning the project, which is being jointly implemented by the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and to present requirements .

Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein briefed the meeting on progress in implementing the project and future programmes.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung explained building of the dam and plans to cooperate.

Participants presented functions sectorwise.

The Secretary-2 gave suggestions.

The meeting at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was also attended by Chairman of Bago Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office and the respective ministries.

(5) Minister inspects pipeline laying work at Yadana Natural Gas Project

YANGON, 31 July - Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, together with Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Dawei Station, French Ambassador Mr Bernard Pottier, General Manager of Total Myanmar Exploration and Production Co Mr F Rafin and officials of the ministry, this morning arrived at Semi-submersible Pipelaying Vessel SEMAC-1, which is carrying out

deep-sea pipeline laying work at Myanmar Offshore Yadana Natural Gas Project of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise.

Managing Director of MOGE U Kyaw Nyein, Project Manager of TMEP Co Mr D Bernier and Mr Sullivan in charge of SEMAC-1 reported on working programme with charts.

The minister gave instructions.

Mr D Bernier and Mr Sullivan presented photographs and other relevant data to the minister.

The minister presented gifts to foreign and Myanmar staff.

The minister and party inspected preparations for welding pipelines, welding work, examining pipelines with X-ray machines, coating of joints of pipelines and process of laying pipelines.

The minister and party also inspected the computer control room and left in the afternoon.

About 40 miles of 36-inch diameter gas pipe-line has been laid inland. Out of about 216 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline to be laid offshore about 10 miles have already been laid at the beginning of March and the SEMAC-1 will lay the remaining length. The pipe line laying work will be completed within the months.

(7) Minister for CPT inspects communications facilities in Magway Division

YANGON, 25 JULY-Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha inspected communications facilities in Magway Division from 25 to 27 July.

Accompanied by the Commander of No 101 LID, the Deputy Commander and officials, he attended the treeplanting ceremony of Pakokku District Union Solidarity and Development Association held at the association's plantation near Ngaphaungkan Village in Pakokku Township on 25 July morning as a gesture hailing the membership of Myanmar in ASEAN.

It was also attended by local people, Tatmadawmen and USDA members totalling 450.

He then inspected a reservoir which was breached near the plantation and gave instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected construction of Pakokku Post Office, met officials and employees of Township Post and Telegraph Office and called for exceeding the set income target of respective communications stations and their efforts in departmental work in order to win the confidence of the public.

He then inspected pakokku Exchange, Microwave Station and construction of Pakokku Meteorology and Hydrology Station and gave instructions on future tasks.

On 26 July, the minister inspected Yesagyo Microwave Station, Auto Exchange, installation of microwave channels in the coverage of Mandalay-Pakokku microwave link, laying of cable lines and installation of phone lines in the town.

He then met local authorities and executives of Yesagyo Township USDA and fulfilled the requirements of the township association.

In Gangaw Township, he discussed construction of a telephone exchange in Kyaw Village with officials.

Afterwards, he went to Ponnya Hill where Ponnyataung Microwave Station is being constructed and inspected construction of the microwave tower there. The microwave station is included in the coverage of the new Mandalay-Kalay-Hakha microwave link. He also inspected construction of Pyanattaung Microwave Station near Gangaw and gave instruction for timely completion of the project.

On 27 July morning, local officials briefed the minister on choosing of plot for construction of a microwave station in Gangaw.

After inspecting plots designated by the local officials, the minister chose a plot for the project.

Later on, the minister met secretaries and executives of Gangaw, Htilin and Saw Township USDAs and held discussions.

(8) 40.38-mile Pyay-Aunglan Railroad near completion

YANGON, 31 July-Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein today inspected construction of Bwetkyi Bridge near Myakyaukse Village between Aunglan and Pyalo covered by Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan West Yoma Railroad Project.

At the construction site, the minister was briefed on progress of work by Deputy General Manager U Aung Thein of Myanmar Railways.

He gave instructions on effective supervision, long-term durability of the bridge, prevention of loss and wast-age in construction, completion of the bridge on schedule and worksite safety.

Of the 341 bridges to be built along Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi section of Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan West Yoma Railroad,Project, Bwetkyi Bridge that will be 1,360 feet long with 16 spans, each 85 feet wide, was built beginning October last year.

Construction of all 15 piers and two approach structures and fixing of 64 prestressed beams have been completed. Building of concrete flooring has been finished 50 per cent, accounting for 95 per cent completion of the entire bridge.

Afterwards, Minister U Win Sein inspected fixing of rails near Pyibinhla Village on the 40.38-mile Pyay-Aunglan section.

On Pyay-Aunglan section, earth work has been completed cent per cent, laying of chippings 86 percent, laying of sleepers 73 percent and fixing of rails on 18 miles.

Personnel of Myanma Railways with the help of Tatmadawmen, built and opened Bagan-Kyaukpadaung Railroad on 11 February 1997 and Aunglab-Taungdwingyi Railroad on 22 May 1997.

(9) Minister for Finance and Revenue receives Ambassador of Australia

YANGON, 31 July - Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin received Ambassador of Australia Ms Lyndall Alexandra Mclean at his office this morning.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyi Aye was also present.

(10) Commander-in-Chief (Navy) receives Defence and Army Attaches of Embassy of USA

YANGON, 31 July - Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye received Defence and Army Attaches of the Embassy of the United States of America Col Donald R Moran, who has completed his tour of duty in here, and his successor Col John A Nash at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

Present also were Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and Colonel General Staff (Admin/Operation) of Commander-in-Chief's (Army) Office Col Myint Swe.
