

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday, 18 Aug, 1997)

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YANGON, 17 Aug - Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) - General Maung Aye attended the round-breaking and related ceremonies for Maha Kanbawza Pyi Nyein Aye Pagoda in Kunhing Township in southern Shan State this morning.

State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Nyaungshwe Kangyi Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Chairmen Sayadaws of Shan State and Township Sangha Nayaka Committees and other members of the Sangha, totalling 54, attended the ceremonies.

Also present were Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Religious Affairs, Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt and senior officials.

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- (2) Curriculum development for World Theravada Buddhist Missionary University coordinated**

YANGON, 17 Aug - A coordination meeting to discuss curriculum development for the World Theravada Buddhist Missionary University was held at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin, Kaba Aye, this afternoon, attended by Secretary-1 of the- State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddharnma Jotikadhaja Maha Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Sagaing Hills Thitagu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanissara, Dawbon Pyathat Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Sadd-hamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Siddhaya, ProRector Sayadaw of the State Pariyatti Sasana Tekkatho (Yangon) Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vannita and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Neminda, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office and the Ministry of Religious Affairs and other officials.

(3) MEC Chairman inspects primary schools in North and South Okkalapa Townships

YANGON, 17 Aug Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning inspected No 1 and No 2 Basic Education Primary Schools in South Okkalapa Township and No 3 and No 18 Basic Education Primary Schools in North Okkalapa Township.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected the primary schools in South Okkalapa and North Okkalapa Townships at 8.30 am.

He was welcomed by Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of department, members of district, township and ward Law and Order Restoration Councils, Township Education Officers of South Okkalapa and North Okkalapa Townships, headmistresses and teachers, members of Parent-Teacher Associations, members of the Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations and students.

School heads Daw Khin Win of BEPS 1, Daw Wan of BEPS 2 in South Okkalapa Township, Daw Tin Yi of BEPS 3 and Daw Khin Nwe Win of BEPS 18 in North Okkalapa Township reported on salient points of the schools, strength of teachers, number of pupils, academic affairs and pass rate, renovation of schools and requirements.

Deputy Minister Col Kyi Maung and officials also briefed him on relevant points.

The Secretary-1 fulfilled requirements on renovation of schools buildings.

He spoke of arrangements for pupils to be educated and good natured starting from basic level, for personal hygiene and sanitation, teaching without wasting time, raising the pass rate, preparation for smooth running of schools, trips to grassroots levels and coordinating with officials at different levels for requirements and ensuring supply of clean water.

The Secretary-1 presented books and stationery to outstanding students.

Then, the Secretary-1 left BEPS 18 in North Okkalapa Township.

(4) Myanmar delegation leaves to attend Third Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee

YANGON, 17 Aug Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe left here by air this morning for Thailand to attend the Third Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee .

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the

Ministry of Defence and Survey Department and officials of the Thai Embassy.

Myanmar delegation includes officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence and Survey Department.

Myanmar delegation led by U Nyunt Swe will discuss bilateral boundary matters with Thai delegation led by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Ml Pitak Intrawiyant.

(5) 1471st Prophet's Day observed

YANGON, 17 Aug-The 1471st Prophet's Day was observed at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Director-General U Arnt Maung of Department of Religious Affairs, members of the 1471st Prophet's Day Observance Committee and Muslim elders were present.

Haji U Hla Tin, who chaired the meeting, and patron of the Observance Committee U Thein spoke.

Deputy Minister U Aung Khin addressed the ceremony.

Vice-Chairman U Aye Lwin and U Myint Thein read from the Koran.

(6) Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation on tour

YANGON, 17 Aug - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, during his tour of Pyinmana, inspected sugar mills . of the Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise in Pyinmana yesterday morning.

The minister inspected maintenance and repair of machines, workshop and laboratory of Pyinmana No 1 Sugar Mill.

He gave instructions on purchase and installation of new machinery to produce quality sugar for export.

He also inspected Pyinmana No 2 Sugar Mill, which has been undergoing maintenance and repair, and production by a small mill.

He called on officials to strive for qualitative and quantitative improvement in sugar production and gave instructions on arrangements for purchase and milling of sugarcane.

Afterwards, the minister proceeded to the Yezin Central Agricultural Research Department in Pyinmana Township, and inspected cultivation of hybrid corn of good quality, model plot for sugarcane strain, ground-nut and sesamum crops and quality of new hybrid paddy strains.

(7) Minister for Industry-2 tours MHI industries in Magway, Bago Divisions

YANGON, 17 Aug - Minister for Industry-2 MajGen Kyaw Than toured the factories and workshops of Myanmar Heavy Industries from 15 August till today.

He was accompanied by Acting Managing Director of MHI U Khin Maung and officials.

He arrived at No 2 Industry of MHI in Minhla, Magway Division, on 15 August and met divisional, district and township authorities, the factory manager, personnel and workers, members of Minhla Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

The minister spoke about the current political situation, the Government's efforts for stability of State and national reconsolidation, Myanmar's admission to ASEAN and the four-pillar system for progress of the agriculture sector.

Yesterday, the minister and party inspected tractors, dredgers and trailers manufactured by No 2 Industry of MHI, research and innovation, and production work.

Meeting factory personnel, he gave suggestions on the industry sector's support for realization of the agriculture sector's aims.

He presented cash awards to the personnel and workers who strove for manufacturing import-substitute machinery.

He proceeded to No 4 Industry (Htonbo) of MHI in Padaung Township, Bago Division.

Meeting the managers of the MHI industries, he discussed production work, research and development and welfare.

(8) Shwenyaung-Nawngkhio road to link southern and northern Shan State

YANGON, 17 Aug Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, together with Ministers and senior military officers, yesterday inspected preparations for construction of Shwenyaung Yaksauk-Kyaukgu-Taungkhkam-Kangyi-Nawngkhio road linking southern and northern Shan State and start of construction of the road.

General Maung Aye, the Secretary-2 and party left Bahtoo Tatmyo for Kyaukson Village, Yaksauk Township, by helicopter. The Taunggyi section of the road will begin at the village.

Officiating Tactical Operations Commander of No 55 LID Lt-Col Thein Win and Shan State Superintending Engineer U Ohn Kyaing of Public Works reported on selection of the site for Yaksauk-Kyaukgu-Kyaukson-Tarpalanchaung (Taunggyi section), tasks and arrangements for bridges to be built.

Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Commander of No 55 LID Brig-Gen Than Tun also reported on work. General Maung Aye gave instructions.
