

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday 20 Aug, 1997)

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(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Hungary

YANGON, 20 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 Arpad Goncz, President of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary which falls on 20 August 1997.

(2) General Maung Aye inspects building of Taunggyi Shwenyaung Railroad

YANGON, 19 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 yesterday morning inspected building of Taunggyi-Shwenyaung Railroad.

Brig-Gen Pyi Zon reported on progress of Taunggyi-Shwenyaung Railroad construction and Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein also presented report on work.

General Maung Aye gave necessary instructions and inspected scale model of the railroad.

General Maung Aye, together with senior military officers, inspected the Taunggyi-Shwenyaung section.

The General and party inspected mechanized construction of the railroad.

Chairman of Shan State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials reported on work.

The General, the ministers and senior military officers, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials, flew to Meiktila where they were welcomed by senior military officers and officials.

This morning, General Maung Aye and party visited No 1 Military Hospital (500-bed) where they were welcomed by Officiating Commandant Lt-Col Khin Maung Aye specialists and officials.

Lt-Col Khin Maung Aye reported on salient points of the hospital, extension of building and treatment.

General Maung Aye gave instructions and visited warded patients.

The General and party arrived back here by Tatmadaw flight at 10.40 am.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha inspected weather station in Taunggyi on 18 August. He also inspected the site for Taunggyi Tower of Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek microwave link.

On 17 August, Minister for Health U Saw Tun and specialists Professor Dr Kyaw Myint, Professor Dr Kyi Soe and Professor Dr Khin Maung Aye visited patients in surgical ward at the Sao San Htun Hospital and inspected welfare shop for hospital staff.

Minister U Saw Tun inspected nurses training school and met service personnel and trainees.

Ministers U Soe Tha and U Saw Tun met departmental officials in Meiktila District and Township, service personnel, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and officials.

Chairman of Meiktila District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Myo Myint reported on work done in district and townships and requirements.

The two ministers gave necessary instructions

Minister U Saw Tun inspected Meiktila District People's Hospital. He spoke of work in meeting with the Medical Superintendent, doctors, nurses and service personnel .

(3) MIC Chairman receives MD or Kerry Investment Management

YANGON, 19 Aug Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Managing Director Mr David R Walton Masters of Kerry Investment Management Ltd of Hong Kong and party at his office this morning. Also present were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Secretary of MIC Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

(4) Minister for Industry-1 receives Ambassador of Bangladesh

YANGON, 19 Aug Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Industry-1 Lt-Gen Sein Aung received Ambassador of Bangladesh Mr Jahangir Saadat at his office at 1 pm today.

Present were heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry. Afterwards, the Ambassador observed products manufactured by various industries being displayed on the ground floor of the ministry.

(5) Minister for Transport receives MD of Jaya Holdings Ltd

YANGON, 19 Aug Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win received a delegation led by Managing Director Mr Y M Pang of Jaya Holdings Ltd, Singapore, at his office at noon today.

Present also were Managing Director U Percy Maung Maung of Myanmar Shipyards and officials of the ministry.

(6) Minister for H & T receives MD of Moey Riverside Complex Co Ltd

YANGON, 19 Aug - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Managing Director Mr Chongcharern Thitadi laka of Moey Riverside Complex Co Ltd, Thailand, at his office at 2.30 pm today.

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

(7) Minister for A&I inspects irrigation projects in Magway Division

YANGON, 19 Aug Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, currently in upper Myanmar, left Bagan-NyaungU on 18 August morning to inspect irrigation projects in the western sector of Magway Division.

Accompanied by Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt and officials, he helicoptered to Yaw Creek Diversion Weir near Yebya Village, Pauk Township, where he attended to the needs for maintenance of the weir and gave instructions on irrigated paddy cultivation.

The minister then proceeded to Mone Creek Multipurpose Dam Project being undertaken by Construction Unit 8 of Irrigation Department in Sedoktara Township.

He inspected tunnelling work being carried out for diversion and power generating which are vital sectors of the project and heard reports on progress of work.

Officials briefed the minister on work related to generating power.

The minister gave instructions and presented K 250,000 to the personnel.

With the efforts of Myanmar engineers, personnel of Irrigation Department are carrying out construction of a 3,540-foot tunnel round the-clock for its early completion. It was originally scheduled to complete within one and half years. So far, the tunnelling has completed up to 1,340 feet. The project will complete in February next year.

Next, the minister went to Ngaphe and inspected implementation of Mann Creek Reservoir Project there.

Officials briefed him on arrangements for ensuring effective irrigation in the region before the completion of the project.

The minister then inspected Saddan Reservoir Project in Myothit Township. The project is being carried out in order to start operation before October. The reservoir will be capable of storing 25,000 acre-feet and irrigate 10,500 acres including 4,500 acres of paddy.

Later, together with Col Thein Nyunt, he attended a ceremony to drive in stakes of the sugar mill to be constructed by Myanma Sugar Enterprise near Pyinbinhla village, Duyingabo, Aunglan Township.

At the ceremony, he received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw U Kela of Sasana Yeiktha Kyaungtaik, Chairman Sayadaw of Aunglan Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, and then presented offertories to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the ministers and officials drove in stakes.

(8) MCWA provides stipend to poor students in Pathein

YANGON, 19 Aug- Pathein Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association presented stipend and school uniforms to the poor students at Eya Shwewa Hall in Pathein township on 17 August.

Present were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Law West Command Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and wife, Patron of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Myo Oo, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Maung Nyo, departmental officials, EC members of Township MCWA, teachers and students. The commander spoke on the occasion.

Altogether 13 organizations and two wellwishers presented K 280,000 to wife of the commander and officials.

Officials presented K 105,000 and school uniforms worth K 120,000 to 374 students of high, middle and primary schools.

Battalions and units under SW Command provided K 460,000 for 2,030 students on 16 August.

The commander presented the flag to leader Major Maung Maung Win of Mya Nan Eya Anyeint troupe that represents SW Command at Eya Shwewa Hall.

(9) Minister inspects Pinle Laymyit Bridge in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 19 Aug Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected Pinle Laymyit Bridge in Labutta and Myaungmya townships in Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

Accompanied by officials, he heard a report on preparatory works, progress in building of the main bridge on Myaungmya side, completion in building of upper structure, installation of steel cables on Labutta side, flooring and plans to install towers and to build approach roads presented by Senior Engineer U Ba Wan.

The minister gave suggestions, stressing the need to cooperate with local authorities and to make efforts to ensure worksite safety.

He inspected progress in building of approach structure and piers and installation of steel cables on Myaungmya side and building of approach structures and piling for building of piers and towers on Labutta side.

The bridge linking Labutta and Myaungmya townships will be 1,300 feet long when completed. The main structure will be 600 feet long. It will be a reinforced concrete suspension bridge.

(10) Minister clarifies points to promote investments in Myanmar

YANGON, 19 Aug A meeting to promote investments in Myanmar was held at the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration here at 2 pm today.

Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung explained salient points. He said he had already explained points regarding procedures to make investments, exemption or tax holiday and land lease.

He said volume of foreign investment conducted according to the Foreign Investment Law had increased. This, he said, had been due not only to efforts of the MIC but also to that of the ministries concerned. Foreign investment had increased more than four fold over past year, he said. At the

same time, he added, volume of investment of Myanmar citizens had risen about eight times. He called for concerted efforts to attract more foreign investment this year.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung also clarified points to be followed for mutual interest on land lease and submitting proposals for doing business. He urged the ministries concerned to supervise the projects to see that they were implemented according to targets.

Next, representatives of various ministries asked questions.

The meeting was attended by officials of MIC Office and representatives of 15 ministries and three organizations.