

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday, 21 Aug, 1997)**

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**(1) Secretary 1 receives Charge d' Affaires ai of US Embassy**

YANGON, 20 Aug Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Charge d' Affaires ai of Embassy of the United States of America Mr Kent M Wiedemann at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

With the Secretary-1, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department and Director-General U Khin Maung Win of Political Department were also present.

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**(2) National Convention Convening Commission meets**

YANGON, 20 Aug-National Convention Convening Commission held its meeting at the meeting hall of the commission this afternoon.

Present were Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt and Vice-Chairmen Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Brig-Gen Myo Thant and members.

National Convention Convening Work Committee and Management Committee reported on National Convention. Members of the commission gave suggestions.

Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt took part in the discussions and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Chairman.

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**(3) Minister for H&T receives MD of Esteemic International**

YANGON, 20 Aug Managing Director Ms Pei Tin Man of Esteemic International Co Ltd and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this afternoon.

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

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#### **(4) MS, Java Marine Lines Pte Ltd sign contract to build two ships**

YANGON, 20 Aug- Myanmar Shipyards of the Ministry of Transport and Java Marine Lines Pte Ltd signed a contract to build two 56-metre ships worth Singapore \$ 8 million at the meeting hall of MS this morning, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

Present were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Ministers at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Member of Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, Ambassador of Singapore Mr Patrick Choy Choong Tow, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental officials, Managing Director Mr Pang Yoke Min of Java Marine Lines Pte Ltd and members.

Managing Director of MS U Percy Maung Maung and Mr Pang Yoke Min spoke and signed the contract.

It is the fourth contract according to track record of MS. The 5th and 6th ships, 56 metres long and 13.6 metres wide with the depth of 5.2 metres and draught 4.5 metres each, will be built between 13 and 15 months.

The ships will be used in offshore drilling.

The contract to build two 640-ton landing crafts was also signed on 25 May this year.

According to Managing Director Mr Pang Yoke Min of Java Holding Group, some more ships worth Singapore \$ 50 million will be built at MS for increasing number of ships of Java Marine Lines.

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#### **(5) Construction of new sugar mills in Pyay, Aunglan townships under way**

YANGON, 20 Aug Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected implementation of a sugar mill project near Mya village five miles north of Pyay on Ayeyawady River bank yesterday morning.

Officials briefed him on construction of buildings of the mill and building of water supply systems for production lines, the mill and nearby sugarcane fields.

The minister looked into the requirements for early completion of the project and availability of raw materials as required.

Accompanied by officials, he also inspected mechanized production of

quality sugarcane strains, application of systematic sugarcane cultivation methods and capacity of digging machines.

On his way to Thayawady Township, he observed thriving paddy fields in western Bago Division. Bago Division has already put 190,000 acres under monsoon paddy this year.

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#### **(6) Myanmar delegation arrives back after attending Third Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee**

YANGON, 20 Aug- Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe arrived back here this evening, after attending the Third Meeting of Myanmar-Thai Joint Border Committee in Bangkok. The delegation left for Thai-land on 17 August.

While in Bangkok, Deputy Minister U Nyunt Swe paid a courtesy call on Princess Maha Chakri Siridorn at the Chitralada Palace at 4.30 pm on 17 August.

On 18 and 19 August, Myanmar delegation led by U Nyunt Swe and Thai delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Pitak Intrawrtayunt cordially discussed surveying of the boundary stretching over 2,000 kilometres. Both sides then signed an agreement.

Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at the airport by officials of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Survey Department and personnel of the Embassy of Thailand.

Myanmar- Ambassador Thailand U Hla Maung and personnel of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok attended the meeting as members of Myanmar delegation.

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#### **(7) Canadian Helicopters Executive V-P calls on Minister for Transport**

YANGON, 20 Aug- Executive Vice-President Ms Christine Baird of Canadian Helicopters and party called on Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win at his office this afternoon.

Also present were Managing Director Lt-Col Aung Nyunt of Myanmar Airways and officials of the Ministry of Transport.

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#### **(8) Raw opium seized in Nawnghkio**

YANGON, 20 Aug A team of officers seized six packets of raw opium, weighing 4.5053 kilos, put in a plastic bag and hidden in a bag of lime, from a passenger in a Namlan Mandalay bus at Nawnghkio contraband checkpoint on 29 July afternoon.

The team included Defence Services Intelligence agents, Lashio anti-drug squad members and personnel of Customs Department.

They were checking buses leaving for Mandalay when they searched the bag of Daw Aye Kyi, 55, daughter of U Htang Sai, of Kyaukgu Street, Aunglan Ward, Namlan, who was in Hilux Ah/8682.

Nawngkhio Police Station has opened a case against her.

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### **(9) Heroin seized in three townships in Yangon Division**

YANGON, 20 Aug Acting on a tip-off, Yangon anti-drug squad, together with witnesses, searched a taxi (Toyota Corolla La/ 3804) near a gas filling station on Yangon-Insein road on 11 July and seized from it 0.018 kilo of heroin and two plastic syringes.

Three residents of Insein Township Zaw Lwin Oo (a) A Nge Lay, son of Tun Win, of East Ywama Ward, Kyaw Thein, son of U Mya Maung, of West Ywama Ward, and Hla Myo Nwe, son of U Thein Lwin, of East Gyogon Ward were found in the car.

On searching Zaw Lwin Oo's house, the squad members further found 0.0123 kilo of heroin. Insein Police Station has booked the three and Shwe Ni, son of U Bo Nyunt, of North Okkalapa Township, suspected of peddling heroin, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

#### Hline

Similarly, the Yangon antidrug squad members searched Daw Sein Aye's house on Maga Street, Ward 10, Hline Township, on 14 July and found Daw Than Myint in the act of throwing away a packet, which was exposed to be 0.0127 kilo of heroin.

Daw Than Myint was found together with Daw Sein Aye and Ma Myint Myint Aye. One woman and four men, who came into the house while they were searching it, were also exposed to be drug addicts.

The five persons are Ma Myint Myint Cho (a) Ma Cho, daughter of U Hla Bu, Thiha (a) Khin Maung Yin, son of U Tin Sein, Thiha, son of U Thura, Kyaw Swa Win Maung (a) Maung Naing, son of U Tun Maung, and Naing Lin Aung, son of U Bo Htwe.

Hline Police Station has booked the eight persons under the same law.  
Hlinethaya

After interrogation of Daw Sein Aye, the squad members searched the house of Aung Than (a) Aung Khaing on Shwe Watun 7th Street, Thauγγyι North Ward 12, of Hlinethaya, and seized 0.002 kilo of heroin tucked away in the bedroom wall.

Thauγγyι Police Station has booked them under the same law.

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### **(10) Two women seized with raw opium in Mandalay**

YANGON, 20 Aug Members of the Mandalay Railway Police Force Arrested two women on platform No 4 at Mandalay RAILS way Station together with 14.12 kilogrammes of raw opium on 14 July evening.

The opium was found in a hidden compartment in each of two containers, each with about 1 viss of cooking oil, in two plastic baskets.

The women are Ma Khin Khin Wai, 36, and Ma Cho Cho Lwin, 30, of Ward 6, Mogaung.

Mandalay Railway Police Station has booked the two under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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**(11) Over 24 kilos raw opium seized in Mandalay**

YANGON, 20 Aug Members of Mandalay No 8 Police Station searched two suspicious-looking persons on 33rd Street (between 81st and 82nd Streets) in Mandalay and found 24.25 kilos of raw opium hidden in eight cardboard boxes, put in their plastic bag, on 16 June.

The police station has booked the two Yaung Phu, 38, son of U Yu Shin, of Hmanlar Ward, Namhkam, and Ma Htang Lan Mei, 23, daughter of U Htang Huei, of Ward 5, Lashio, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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