

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 29 Aug, 1997)

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(1) General Maung Aye tours Yadana Offshore Natural Gas Project

YANGON, 28 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 toured Yadana Offshore Natural Gas Project today.

He was accompanied by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe and General Manager Mr H-Madeo of TOTAL Myanmar Exploration and Production Co.

The General and party arrived at Offshore Rig 2 of Yadana Natural Gas Project of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy, this morning.

They - were 'welcomed there by officials and personnel of MOGE, foreign technicians and personnel.

(2) DG of DISD of Malaysian Armed Forces and Datin Doreena visit Mandalay, PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 28 Aug -Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Staff Division of Mataysian Armed Forces Lt-Gen Dato Maulub Bin Maamin and Datin Doreena and party currently here at the invitation. of Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, visited Mandalay and PyinOoLwin yesterday and Myanma Gems Museum, Gems Mart and Bogyoke Aung San Market this afternoon.

Accompanied by Head of the Office of Strategic Studies Col Kyaw Thein and

wife, they arrived Mandalay Airport at 9.30 am yesterday.

They were welcomed there by Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife Dr Tin Lin Myint and officials.

(3) Tatmadaw delegation leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 28 Aug - High-ranking Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein left here by air this afternoon for Indonesia to participate in goodwill golf meet of ASEAN Countries' Defence Ministers and to study factories of Sampoerna Co at the invitation of Minister of Defence Gen Edi Sudradjat of Indonesia and Sampoerna Co.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by member of Security and Management Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Aye Thoung, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Ambassador of Republic of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Maj-Gen A Poerwanto Lenggono and Military Attache Col Yohanes Albertus Hasearyo, officials and relatives.

The delegation comprises Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and Col Nay Win of the Ministry of Defence.

(4) Minister for Commerce inspects factories of Myanmar Rice Engineering, Eastern Queen Cane Furniture

YANGON, 28 Aug - Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi inspected production of spare parts for rice mill at the factory of Myanmar Rice Engineering Co Ltd of Myanmar Agriculture Produce Trading in Thakayta this morning.

He was welcomed there by General Manager Col Chit Khaing, General Manager U Moe Paw and officials.

U Moe Paw briefed the minister on production of spare parts for 250-ton rice mills and five- and 10-ton rice mills designed and innovated to be suitable for Myanmar rice production.

The minister spoke of the need to increase momentum of Myanmar rice engineering undertakings and carry out extensive work and gave instructions on fire prevention, worksite safety, sanitation and welfare of the 'employees.

He also inspected the factory of Eastern Queen Cane Furniture Company Ltd in the township.

Managing Director of General Merchandise Trading U Thein Tun and officials briefed the minister on production of rattan-ware.

The minister solved difficulties being encountered by the company workers and looked into requirements of purchase of raw materials and sale of canewares in local and foreign markets.

He gave instructions on sanitation of the factory and welfare of the workers.

(5) University students invited to 'My Vision of ASEAN in the Year 2020' essay contest

YANGON, 28 Aug - The ASEAN Secretary-General's Office in Jakarta will sponsor an essay contest on 'My Vision of ASEAN in the Year 2020' in commemoration of the 30th Founding Anniversary of ASEAN.

University students of ASEAN member countries may enter the contest. The ASEAN 30th Founding Anniversary Commemorative Essay Contest Organizing Committee in Myanmar has been formed with Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt as chairman.

Under- and post-graduate and full- and part-time students, who are Myanmar citizens and are attending universities, institutes, degree colleges and colleges in 1996-97 and 1997-98 academic years are eligible.

The essay must be typewritten in English within 2,000 words on A-4 size Paper. The entrant's name, year, roll number, major, name of institution, date of birth, address and telephone number, if any, must be written on the right top of the first page. Each student is to send one entry only.

The entrant must send the manuscript together with two passport photos and a self-declared statement that the entry has been written by himself or herself and is not a prizewinning and published work.

Materials to study are facts about ASEAN and its member countries and messages sent by Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Ajit Singh to the 30th Founding Anniversary observance ceremony.

First prize is US \$ 5,000, second US \$ 3,500 and third US \$ 2,000.

The entry is to be addressed to U Saw Lwin (Director of Higher Education Department), Secretary of Essay Contest Organizing Committee on Thaton Road, Yangon, not later than 16 September 1997.

(6) 230 bag-pipes for Myanmar Tatmadaw

YANGON, 28 Aug, On behalf of the Commander-in Chief of India Armed Forces, Ambassador of India Mr Shyan Saran presented 230 bag-pipes to Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon.

Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Colonel General Staff (Army) Col Myint Swe and Defence Attache Indian Embassy Col Jasbir Singh were also present.

(7) Heroin, raw opium seized in Mandalay, Nawnghkio

YANGON, 28 Aug- Mandalay anti-drug squad seized 2.448 kilos of heroin from Ma Khin Ma Ma on 33rd Street (between 81st and 82nd Streets) in Mandalay on 15 August evening. The heroin was put in 99 plastic soap containers which were covered with snacks and put in a teak trunk.

Interrogation led to the arrests of Ma Htu Htaung, who was found together with heroin, and Ma Lwe Zin, suspected heroin owner.

Mandalay Police Station No I has booked Ma Khin Ma Ma, 38, daughter of U Sein Tun, of Myitnge, Ma Lwe Zin, 27, daughter of U N Hkun Nu of Chanayethazan Township, and Ma Htu Htaung, 40, daughter of U La San Gaung, of Phakant under the Narcotic Prugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

A team comprising Lashio anti-drug squad, Defence Services Intelligence agents and PyinOoLwin Railway police on 7 August seized 2.0618 kilos of raw opium from Shin Kuna, or Sai Win, a passenger on a Lashio-Mandalay train at Nawnghkio station.

Nawnghkio Police Station has booked Sai Win, 24, son of U Aung Win, of Pankyin Village, Kyaukrne Township, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

The team seized 156,000 tablets of Metamphetamine, weighing 12.7374 kilos, from an Isuzu Trooper (9/ Ka-5588) at Supaung checkpoint at Nawnghkio on 12 August. The tablets were kept in a hidden compartment in the petrol tank. Nawnghkio Police Station has booked four persons in the car - Yon Kyauk (a) Myint Kyaw, 26, son of U Yan Yuin, of Myothit Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Li Kyin Shin (a) Kyaw Tun, 28, son of U Lauk Ke, of Chin Shwe Haw Myothit, Kunlong Township, Psung Thein, 28, son of U San Lun, of Pansan Nam village, Kunlong Township, and Aik Lian, 20, son of U Kyan Te, of Peik Swe Ward, Mogok.

(8) USDA executives tour Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 28 Aug Trainees who had completed Management Course No 11 for USDA Executives visited Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and bridge construction projects yesterday morning.

Accompanied by course in-charge Lt-Col Aung Kyi Tun, chief instructor Maj Kyaw Kyaw Soe and supervisors, they toured the industrial zone.

Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Secretary of Yangon North District Law and Order Restoration Council Maj Tun Myint and Director of DHSHD U Tin Win Hlaing explained salient points of the zone.

They then visited Bo Myat Tun Bridge (Nyaungdon) Construction Project and Maubin Bridge Construction Project in Ayeyawady Division.

Officials briefed them on points of the projects.

(9) Minister for Transportation inspects completed Bwetgyi Bridge on West Yoma Beltway Railroad

YANGON, 28 Aug Minister for Rail Transportation 14 Win Sein inspected the completed 1360-foot Bwetgyi Bridge on Pyay-Aunglan section of West Yoma Beltway Railroad (Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan Railroad) being built this morning.

Accompanied by officials of Myanma Railways, the minister arrived at the bridge construction site where General Manager (Civil) of MR U Kyaw Hsan briefed him on the completed bridge.

The minister called for provision of systematic supervision of officials for ensuring long-term durability of the bridge, minimizing of loss and wastage in fuel oil and materials by spending money properly and continuous inspection for safety.

Of 341 bridges on the Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi section, the present Bwetgyi Bridge is 1,360 feet long and has 16 85-foot spans and 15 piers. It was installed with 64 prestressed concrete frames. Construction of the bridge commenced in October 1996. Now the project has completed centper-cent.

The minister also inspected building of Shwedaga Station on PyayAunglan section and laying of rail track.

In building of the railroad section, 100 per cent of earth work, 100 per cent of building bridges, 47.25 per cent of Laying tracks, 95.38 per cent

Or laying chipping, 86.66 per cent of laying sleepers and 55.56 per cent of building stations have completed so far.

With the efforts of Tatmadawmen and MR personnel, Bagan-Kyaukpadaung section was successfully opened on 1 February and Aunglan Taungdwingyi section 22 March.

It is scheduled to open Pyay-Aunglan section in September this year.
