THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 19 Sept, 1997)

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YANGON, 18 Sept Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe attended inauguration of Nawade Bridge on Ayeyawady River near Mingyitaung Hill in Pyay Township this morning.

He also cordially greeted those who were present.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee to Ensure Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo said that of the five major bridges the State Law and Order Restoration Council is building across the Ayeyawady, Nawade Bridge, 4,180 feet long, was the first to be completed.

The other four major bridges on the river under construction at present are Bo Myat Tun Bridge near Nyaungdon Township and Maubin Bridge in Maubin Township in Ayeyawady Division, Anawrahta Bridge in Chauk Township, Magway Division, and Bala Mindin Bridge in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, he stated.

"The Government is building roads, railroads and bridges in the entire nation to help develop socio-economic life of all the nationalities and to narrow down the development gap among States and Divisions as nationalities can meet and understand each other more when easy access to all States and Divisions and regions has been ensured".

(2) Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council inspects Bwetgyi Bridge on Pyay-Aunglan railroad section

YANGON, 18 Sept Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, 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, Ministers and officials, left here for Pyay by Tatmadaw aircraft this morning.

The Senior General and party flew to Bwetgyi Bridge on Pyay-Aunglan railroad section which was opened on 14 September.

They were welcomed by Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Commander of No 88 LID Col Aye Kyway, officials and local residents.

Minister U Win Sein reported on the bridge, Managing Director of Myanma Railways Thura U Thaung Lwin on drainage and conditions and construction of the bridge.

Senior/ General Than Shwe gave necessary instructions and inspected photo documentary of the bridge.

The Senior General presented gifts to Senior Engineer U Maung Maung Thwin of Myanmar Rail ways.

The Senior General and party then inspected the bridge built near Kyaukse Village between Aunglan and Pyaloh Village.

The bridge, 1,360 feet long and 15 feet wide, has 16 spans.

The Senior General and party went to Pyay by helicopter. They inspected Nawade Sugar Mill to be built near Mya Village, five miles north of Pyay on the east bank of Ayeyawady River.

Minister Lt-Gen Myint Aung reported on arrangements for building of sugar mill, the present sugar mill and new ones.

Managing Director of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise U Myo Myint reported on location of the mill, production process and type of sugar, establishment of the mill, sugarcane cultivation, water availability, local sufficiency and export.

Senior General Than Shwe said sugarcane could be grown in some regions in west bank area of Ayeyawady River and further progress would be made in these regions on establishment of sugar mills.

(3) North Okkalapa BEPS 32 establishes model plantation with cash crops

YANGON, 18 Sept - Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt today joined in a tree-planting ceremony organized by North Okkalapa Township Basic Education Primary School 32 on the school's model plantation to honour the anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council this morning.

Also present were Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, military region commanders, district, township and ward authorities, departmental personnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary fire Brigades, township education officers school heads, members.of PTA and local residents.

Chairman of Yangon East District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aye Lwin explained that altogether 4,523 plants - 4,100 eugina plants, 53 coconut plants, 70 banana plants, 150 lemon plants and 150 guava plantshave been grown on the model plantation of the school.

Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung also explained the purpose of establishing the plantation set up with collaborated efforts, and arrangements being made for establishment of schools' model plantations in various townships.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said the day was auspicious as it was the anniversary day of the State Law and Order Restoration Council which coincided with the. day to mark founding of North Okkalapa BEPS 32 as an agro-based model school.

He said he has been touring the primary schools to fulfil the requirements to help acquire characteristics of schools, to inspect academic matters, and to see to the transport and welfare for teachers.

He said he has inspected over 60 primary schools so far to fulfil their requirements and also instructed departmental officials to do likewise in other schools.

He noted that by next year, North Okkalapa BEPS 32 will be turned into a model school as a result of systematic renovation, and establishment of the plantation on the fallow land of the school to grow cash crops and flowers.

The Secretary-1 lauded members of USDA, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, teachers, pupils, members of PTAs, and personnel of the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force for their united efforts for successful establishment of the school plantation.

.At the primary education level, the intelligence quotient between one pupil and another is not quite different, he said and pointed out the duty of teachers to nurture their pupils to be competent and pass their examinations as well as to be clever and patriotic and to keep discipline and possess Union spirit so that they will become good, clever students in the middle and high school levels.

He stressed the importance of the pupils' self-cleanliness and school hygiene, and pointed out their duty to keep the school environs clean in cooperation with district, township and ward authorities and well-wisher organizations.

He urged all schools to emulate North Okkalapa BEPS 32 for emergence of model schools.

(4) Secretary-1 inspects primary schools in Pazundaung township

YANGON, 18 Sept Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected Basic Education Primary Schools No 2, 5, 9 and 8 in Pazundaung Township this afternoon.

The Secretary-l, on arrival at the primary schools, was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of departments members of District, Township and Ward Law and Order Restoration Councils, the director-general of Basic Education Department and officials, the Township Education Officer, school heads, teachers, members of Parent-Teacher Association members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and pupils

Headmaster U Win Hlaing of BEPS No 5, U Myo Naing of BEPS No 9, U Maung Manng Nge of BEPS No 8 and U Myint Saw of BEPS No 2 reported on salient points of the schools, strength of teachers, number of pupils, academic matters, pass rate, renovation of the schools and requirements.

Deputy Minister Col Kyi Maung e and officials gave supplementary reports.

The Secretary-l spoke of uplift of pupils' education standard, development of their intelligence, cleverness and observance of discipline.

He then inspected academic matters renovation of the schools and left BEPS No 2 in the evening.

Directors U Khin Maung and U Hla Maung of Modern City Construction Co donated K 100,000 to No 8 BEPS.

(5) Extension of Yangon Inter'l Airport, greening of environs inspected

YANGON, 18 Sept-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected extension of Yangon International Airport and greening of its environs this morning.

On arrival at the site for. VIP Reception Hall of the airport, the Secretary-1 was welcomed by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of departments and officials.

Officials reported on fencing along the runway, construction of parking lot, putting up of lampposts, architectural model of the VIP Reception Hall, arrangements for interior and exterior decoration of the hall, progress of work, arrangements for supply of drinking water in the airport, greening of its environs, power supply and installation of telephones.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions and inspected construction of the VIP Reception Hall.

(6) Sedona Hotel (Mandalay) holds pre-opening ceremony

YANGON, 18 Sept - In honour of the Anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council pre-opening ceremony of Sedona Hotel (Mandalay) was held at Sedona Hotel (Yangon) on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this evening.

Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Aye, Director-General U Khin Maung Lat of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, other officials, General Manager Mr Horst J Soeller and officials of Sedona Hotel (Mandalay) and guests were present.

Ml Soeller extended Meetings.

Then, Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba spoke.

The guests were briefed on the new hotel with the aid of slides.

Sales Manager Mr Jimmy Yeo introduced sales staff with the guests.

(7) Production sharing contract on lead-zinc ores signed

YANGON, 18 Sept-A production sharing contract on lead-zinc ores in Panlon region, Hopang Township, northern Shan State, was signed by No 1 Mining Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines and Tarfu Mining Co Ltd at the Ministry of Mines this morning.

Present were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba, Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission. Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, the directors-general and managing directors, Managing Director of Tarfu Mining Co Ltd U Kyin Wan.

Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Min said the ministry is endeavouring for economic and technological progress through more exploration of natural resources, cooperation with local and foreign experts and fulfilling local needs and export.

Implementation of such contract will bring about development of lead and zinc production and regional development, he said.

The minister spoke of exceeding target, working in unity to overcome difficulties, adhering to rules and regulations of forest department in moving away of trees and avoiding environmental pollution.

Managing Director of No 1 Mining Enterprise U Soe Myint and Managing Director U Kyin Wan also spoke and signed the contract.

The minister presented work permit to the Tarfu Mining Manager.

(8) Specialists of Stanford University Medical Centre treat DSOH patients

YANGON, 18 Sept - A team of ear, nose and throat specialists led by Dr Willard E Fee, Jr of the Stanford University Medical Centre of the United States, which is here under arrangements made by Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, has been operating on patients at the 500bed Defence Services Ortho-paedic Hospital since 16 September. Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han and Commandant Col Than Myint of DSOH visited them and attended to their needs.

The operations continue tomorrow.