

## **THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday, 21 Sept, 1997)**

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YANGON, 20 Sept Chairman Of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected and gave instructions on implementation of the projects for development of the regions located west of the Ayeyawady River yesterday.

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 senior military officers, the Senior General left Pyay for Padaung Township yesterday morning.

At Talokpin Station near Buyoe Creek in Padaung Township, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung briefed him on the natural resources in those regions and programmes for development of the agriculture sector.

Director-General of Irrigation Department U Ohn Myint also briefed him on the water resources lying between Padaung Township of Bago Division and Paletownship of Sagaing Division and potentials to build dams and reservoirs, and Managing Director of Myanma Agriculture Service U Sein Win on fertility of soil, arable land and appropriate crops.

Senior General Than Shwe said that while roads and bridges are being built to develop the regions west of Ayeyawady like those on the east, it is essential to properly utilize the land and mineral resources and implement dam and reservoir projects and hydro-electric power projects after conducting feasibility study so as to effectively tap the regions' water resources.

The Senior General and entourage went along Patheingyi-Monywa Highway in motorcade, and inspected potentials for regional development.

At Ngahlaingsan Village in Mindon Township, Director-General U Ohn Myint

briefed them on the irrigation projects to be implemented on the western side of the Ayeyawady.

The Senior General left instructions on conservation of forests in the region before they proceeded to Minbu in Magway Division. They were warmly welcomed by the Tatmadawmen and their families, departmental personnel, teachers, pupils, and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades at Padaung, Kanma, Mindon, Minhla, Ngaphe and Minbu.

Projects are being implemented to build dams and diversion weirs on Mann Creek, Mon Creek, Salin Creek, Yaw Creek and Mindon Creek to expand the irrigated crop acreage. Completion of these dams has resulted in an increase of 22,000 acres in Magway Division this year.

It is targeted to build dams and reservoirs to properly tap water resources in the regions of Magway Division lying on the western sector of the Ayeyawady. The river water pumping project, another option to supply water to the farms, will also be implemented simultaneously.

Of the 30 dam and reservoir projects undertaken by the Irrigation Department, 12 projects have been completed in Padaung, Mindon, Pwintbyu, Salin, Seikphyu, Pauk, Yezagyo and Myaing townships.

The 30 projects include Yintshay Dam Project and Mann Creek Dam Project in Ngaphe Township and Mon Creek Dam Project in Sedoktara Township which are under implementation.

South Yama Dam Project in Pale Township and Salin Dam Project in Salin Township are to be started very soon.

Feasibility study is being conducted to build Alonmyauk Dam in Kyangin Township, Pyuboke Dam, Thaledan Dam, Buyoe Creek Dam and Nyaunggaing Creek Dam in Padaung Township, Mindon Diversion Weir in Kanma Township, Minde Creek Dam and Pan Creek Diversion Weir in Thayet Township, Kinmonhsan Creek Dam in Hsinbaungwe Township, Pani Creek Dam and Diversion Weir and Kongyi Creek Diversion Weir in Minhla Township, Pyankyi Diversion Weir in Ngaphe Township, and Taungbo Creek Dam in Salin Townships.

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## **(2) Cold storages, fisheries processing commissioned into service**

YANGON, 20 Sept- In honour of the Anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Myanmar Beijing Fisheries Co Ltd and TT International Fisheries Co Ltd inaugurated one new cold storage each in Hlinethaya and Insein Townships today.

At the ceremony in West Gyogon, Insein Township, Managing Director of Myanmar Beijing Fisheries Co Ltd Mr Zhao Jing Guo briefed on the cold storage and presented commemorative pennants to Secretary-I Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Minister U Aung Thaung.

Afterwards, Deputy Secretary of the Development Committee of PRC Mr Cao Xue Kun extended greetings.

Minister U Aung Thaung, Mr Cao Xue Kun and Chairman of Myanmar Beijing Fisheries Co Ltd U Than Daing formally opened the cold storage.

The inauguration ceremonies were attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Member of Security and Management Committee Lt-Gen Aye Thoung, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, U Than Shwe and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Chairmans of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and guests.

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### **(3) Myanmar delegation leaves for Russian Federation**

YANGON, 20 Sept Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein left here this evening for the Russian Federation on a goodwill visit and to study railways services there at the invitation of his counterpart.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Ambassador of the Russia Federation Mr Gleb A Ivashentsov and heads of departments of the ministry.

The minister was accompanied by Director-General of Road Transport U Hla Aung, Managing Director of Myanmar Railways Thura U Thaung Lwin and four other members.

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### **(4) Members of armed groups exchange arms for peace in Taninthayi, Dawei**

YANGON, 20 Sept - While the State Law and Order Restoration Council is striving to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with the 12 political, economic and social objectives, it is warmly welcoming the members of armed groups who exchange arms for peace, and is also catering to the needs of their families.

Armed group members are continuously exchanging arms for peace individually and in group after realizing their wrongs.

Altogether 43 armed group members led by commandant U Soe Wai of Myaik-Dawei Nyinyutyay TatU, KNU organizer-incharge Phado Maung Wah (a) Kyaw Thein of Mawtaung Township, and sgt Naung Mei of No 1 company of No 11 battalion and 284 family members exchanged arms for peace at Theindaw military camp in Taninthayi Township on 16 and 17 September, bringing in 50 assorted arms, 1,804 rounds and nine mines.

On arrival at Taninthayi Jetty on 19 September, they were accorded a warm welcome by townspeople led by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung, district and township authorities.

A ceremony to swap arms for peace was later held at Taninthayi Township Basic Education High School.

Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung extended greetings to them.

Cash assistance for them included K 100,000 by International Fisheries Enterprise (Taninthayi) Co Ltd, K 100,000 by Proprietor U Maung Thwe of Taninthayi Division hiawtaung Region Phyto Cane Trading, K 50,000 by U Paw Sein and K 50,000 by U Lin Kyi.

On 3 and 5 September, 10 armed group members led by sgt Saw Shar Bi of No 2 company of No 10 battalion of No 4 brigade, two members led by sgt Saw Bo Hsa Hsai of No 1 company of No 10 battalion, and 42 family members exchanged arms for peace bringing in seven assorted arms, 117 rounds and two grenades.

A ceremony to exchange arms for peace was held at Taungthonlon Basic Education Primary School in Dawei township on 16 September.

Commander of Tactical Operations Col Chit Than, Secretary of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Tin Tun and General Manager of Heinda Mines U Maung Maung presented cash and household utensils to them.

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#### **(5) Rice, cash and food donated for flood-hit villages**

YANGON, 20 Sept-Employees of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and well-wishers presented 126 bags of rice, K 52,200 and food supplies for 245 households from three flood-hit village tracts Pyinbongyi Village tract, Wanbeinn Village-tract and Taungphayayyi Village-tract at Maniketha Hsandawshin Kyaungtaik in Wanbeinn Village, Daysunpa, Bago Township, this morning.

Present were Director General of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein and officials, Managing Director of Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Trading U Aung Kyi and employees, Col Maung Maung Dwe (Air) of the Ministry of Defence and families, donors and flood victims.

On 1 September, Lt-Col Pe Nyein, U Aung Kyi and well-wishers also donated 103 bags of rice, 200 viss of edible oil, K 336,600 and relief supplies.

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#### **(6) Minister for Cooperatives receives Young Nam Rent-a-Car Chairman**

YANGON, 20 Sept Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung received Chairman Mr Chong Chang Kyo of Young Nam Rent-a-car Co Ltd and New Crown Travel Co Ltd of the Republic of Korea and party at his office yesterday.

Also present were Director-General U Maung Hti of Cooperatives Department, Director-General Dr Than Htaik of Cottage Industries Department and Managing Director Daw Khin Swe Soe of Cooperative Export Import Enterprise.

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### **(7) Kyaikwaing Youth Training School inspected**

YANGON, 20 Sept Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint inspected Kyaikwaing Youth Training School yesterday.

He was welcomed there by Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Than Po, Director Lt-Col Khin Aung, Principal of the School U Win Zaw and officials.

After inspecting construction work in the school compound, he gave instructions on completion of work as targetd, school hygiene, cleanliness and academic matters.

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### **(8) 28 armed group members exchange arms for peace**

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Twenty-eight members of armed groups who exchanged arms for peace were pvt Shaung Shu Ar Laung of Kalahsoe Armed Group with one short gun and three rounds in the Western Command area; rations officer Myint Shwe of No 3 company of No 2 brigade of KNU in the Southern Command area; sgt Soe Win of No 17 battalion of No 6 brigade of KNU, pvt Ah Myaing, cpl Ko Paik of Kyaikdon, pvts Saw Lwin, Thein Kyi, Jinna, Baw Thaw, E Pa, Shwe Kan, Shan Lu, Han Kyi, Maung Myint, Phado He and Tin Zaw Oo, pvt Han Nyein of, intelligence unit of No 6 brigade, pvt Sein Htwe Hlaing, Soe Myint, Thauk Kya and Ah Pho of No 16 battalion, pvt Thein Dan of Dupalaya district, and pvt Ah Boke and Ah Tun of village defence unit in the South-East Command area; sgt Saw Pe (a) Saw Ei Nu, l/cpl Saw Pei Khee (a) Saw Phyo Khin and their wives of No 2 company of No 10 battalion with one M 16 automatic, two magazines and 30 rounds in Taninthayi Division.

warm welcome was accorded to them at respective military camps.

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### **(9) Film stars stage fund-raiser variety entertainment**

YANGON, 20 Sept - Patron of Holding Committee for the Fifth Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Khin Win Shwe attended the fund-raiser variety show of film stars at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street at 7 pm today.

It was jointly sponsored by Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions Fund-raising Sub-Committee and Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon.

On arrival at National Theatre, the Secretary-1 and wife were welcomed by Chairman of Leading Committee for the Fifth Myanmar Traditional Performing

Arts Competitions Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Tin Soe and officials, Chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon U Sein Tin and EC members.

Present also were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement MajGen Soe Myint and wife, Minister at the Office of Chairman of the-State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and wife, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe and wife, member of the Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt and wife, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win and wife, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and wife, Mayor U Ko Lay and wife, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife.

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