

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 31 Oct, 1997)

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(1) Senior General Than Shwe receives Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand

YANGON, 30 Oct Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 10 am today.

Present together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State- Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

The Thai minister was accompanied by Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol.

(2) Secretary-1 receives Thai Foreign Minister

YANGON, 30 Oct Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 1 pm today.

Mr Prachuab was accompanied by Ambassador of Thailand Mr Poksak Nilubol.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department were also present.

(3) Secretary-1 receives local national races leaders

YANGON, 30 Oct Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received local national races leaders U Phon Kya Phu (Kokang) of Northern Shan State Special Region 1, U Mon Hsa La of Monko Region, U Kyi Myint of Shan State (East) Special Region 4, U Ma Htu Naw of Special Region 5 in Shan State (North), U Aung Hkam Hti of Northern Shan State Special Region 6 and U Tun Kyaw of Kayah State Special Region 2 at Tatmadaw Guest House in Ooyin Street at 3 pm today.

Present also were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, and heads of departments and other officials.

They discussed development of transport, education, health, agriculture and other sectors and narcotic drug eradication in their regions.

(4) Secretary-2 receives Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army

YANGON, 30 Oct Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo received Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army BrigGen Douangchai Phichith and delegation of Laos at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 8 am today.

Present also were Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base BrigGen Ba Htay Chit and Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut.

The guests were accompanied by Military Attache of Lao Embassy Col Dr Kenekeo Pholsena.

(5) Foundation laid for construction of Kandawgyi Tower

YANGON, 30 Oct - A foundation-laying ceremony for construction of Kandawgyi Tower, the joint venture establishment of the Labour Department of the Ministry of Labour and SN International Trading Co Ltd, was held at the site on Kandawgyi Ring Road, at the corner of Kyaikkasan Road and 132nd Street, this morning, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, member of the Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, departmental heads under the Ministry of Labour, officials of SN International Trading Co Ltd and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and Managing Director of SN International Trading Co Ltd U Hsan Yadana spoke.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt laid the silver casket studded with nine gems at the foundation.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister Brig-Gen Myo Thant, member of the Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Mayor U Ko Lay and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Aye laid the cornerstones.

The Secretary-1 then laid the inscription plaque and, together with the ministers, sprinkled scented water onto the foundation.

The proposed 12-storey Kandawgyi Tower Project will include showrooms, shops, offices and apartments equipped with modern facilities.

(6) Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand visits Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 30 Oct Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn was accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Poksak Nilubol and wife and Embassy staff.

They were welcomed at Shwedagon Pagoda by members of Board of Trustees.

The visiting minister and party paid homage to Buddha images at Ayonkhan Tazaung of Western Stairway and offered flowers, lights and incense to Buddha images.

The Thai minister signed in the visitor's book and donated cash to the pagoda funds.

In the afternoon, the Thai delegation proceeded to Kyaikhmawwun Pagoda in Kyauktan Township. They were welcomed by members of Board of Trustees there.

Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn and party paid homage to Buddha images and offered lights, flowers and incense.

Mr Prachuab Chaiyasarn signed in the visitor's book and donated cash towards the pagoda funds.

Members of Board of Trustees accepted the donations and presented a certificate of honour.

(7) First Intake graduates of University of Culture urged to perpetually promote, safeguard cultural assets

YANGON, 30 Oct - A dinner to mark the first convocation of the University of Culture was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this evening, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, departmental heads, members of the University Council, members of the Music, Drama, Painting and Sculpture Education Committees and the Management Committee, guests, graduates and their relatives.

(8) Chief of Staff (ARMY) hosts dinner in honour of Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army

YANGON, 30 Oct-Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo hosted dinner in honour of Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army Brig-Gen Douangchai Phichith and delegation of Laos at Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road at 7 pm today.

It was attended by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Vice Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen Thein Tun and senior Tatmadaw officers, Ambassador of Laos Ly Bounkham and Military Attache of Lao Embassy Col Dr Kenekeo Pholsena.

(9) Minister attends to needs of farmers

YANGON, 30 Oct Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung looked into the requirements of farmers of Waw and Thanatpin townships in recultivating crops in flood-affected fields during the rainy season.

Heavy rains had flooded some areas in the two townships of Bago Division.

Arrangements are under way to put the land which were flooded during the rainy season under paddy or cash crops such as beans and pulses he said

Farmers service personnel and local authorities should make concerted efforts to effectively use farm machinery and quality strains, to apply systematic and advanced methods and to ensure adequate water for crops in raising per acre yield, he suggested.

All should strive to increase per acre yield, to achieve sown acreage to the full, to extend mixed-cropping and to implement the agricultural objectives for the prosperity of farmers and the nation, he pointed out.

He also elaborated on the agricultural objectives and looked into their requirements.

The meeting in Waw w,as attended by over 3,000 farmers.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung also met members of Village Law and Order Restoration Councils and gave advice on management concerning crop cultivation and production.

Accompanied by officials, he observed harvesting and threshing of monsoon paddy and preparations being made to cultivate another crop at the harvested fields in Bago Township during his tour.

(10) University of Culture holds first convocation

YANGON, 30 Oct-The first convocation of the university of Culture was held at the Yangon University Convocation Hall today.

The university was founded and opened in 1993 with the aim of vitalization of patriotism, national consolidation and, preservation and safeguarding of Myanma culture.

In his address, Minister for Culture U Aung San said Myanma culture which was germinated many years ago has a great tradition, and the University of Culture was founded on the basis of the nations fine tradition and cultural assets.

He spoke of the importance of improvement of intellectual and cultural standard of people in building a modern and developed nation, and he pointed out the national duty of the graduates to prevent the counter culture from infiltration.

He said that in the very near future, Mandalay University of Culture will be opened and arrangements will also be made to open post-graduate courses.

He urged the first-intake students to uplift the prestige of the university and to always strive to be brilliant, and to discharge their duties with committed resolve for materialization of the social objectives upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

Afterwards, Rector U Maung Maung Khaing conferred BA (Music) on 40 graduates, BA (Drama) on 48, BA (Painting) on 51 and B-A (Sculpture) on 30.

Next, Professor (Admin) Daw Khin Hla Htay announced the appointment of the new graduates as staff of Department of Fine Arts, Department of Cultural Institute, Department of Archaeology, Central Institute of Civil Service, Mandalay City Development Committee, Higher Education Department, Basic Education Department, and Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

The graduates later paid respects to their teachers.
