

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Saturday, 1 Nov, 1997)

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(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Algeria

YANGON, 1 Nov - On the occasion of the National Day of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, which falls on 1 November 1997, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Liamine Zeroual, President of the State of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

(2) Secretary-1 attends Communal Kathina of Tipitaka Maha Gandayontaik in Mayangon

YANGON, 31 Oct - The Communal Kathina Ceremony of Tipitaka Maha Gandayontaik was held at Thiri Mingala Anandagonyi five-storey building of Tipitaka Maha Gandayontaik in Ward 9, Mayangon Township this morning and attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt. Present were Myanmar Srilankayama Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Naninda and Shwekyin Thirimanda Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa, Presiding Sayadaw of Tipitaka Maha Gandayontaik Tipitakadhara Bhaddanta Sumingalalinkara and members of Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, Minister for Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung,

officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and wellwishers.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, ministers and officials received the Nine Precepts from the Shwekyin Thirimanda Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa.

Then, members of Sangha recited the parittas.

The Secretary-1, ministers and officials offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Rajindabhivamsa then delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1, ministers and officials offered soon to the Sayadaws.

Then, seven wellwishers donated K 298,000 for Tipitaka Maha Gandayontaik.

(3) Minister for Commerce meets departmental personnel

YANGON, 31 Oct- Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi met advisers, directors-general, managing directors and officers on special duty of the enterprises and departments under the ministry, state and division managers of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading and state and division engineers and assistant engineers at Head Office of MAPT this morning.

He gave instructions on departmental work.

(4) Ministry of SWRR holds first Communal Kathina

YANGON, 31 Oct - The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, under the auspices of Minister Maj-Gen Soe Myint and wife Daw Tin Tin Oo, held first Communal Kathina ceremony this morning.

Maj-Gen Soe Myint inspected padethabins.

The families of the minister, the deputy minister and staff of the ministry and departments under the ministry donated 44 padethabins.

(5) Myanmar Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation holds meeting

YANGON, 31 Oct - Union of Myanmar Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Ltd held annual general meeting at National Theatre this morning with an address by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe.

The JVC was set up with 55 per cent Government shares in 1993 to take over State-owned enterprises, he said.

At present, Government shares of the JVC amounted to K 275 million and private shares K 200 million, he said, adding plans are under way to increase private shares to K 225 million.

Its total sales in 1996/97 were valued at over K 1.16 billion up from K 876 million a year ago, he said.

He said the JVC has paid K 202.4 million as taxes to the Government within four years.

It will distribute 30 per cent of the value of each stock as profit to shareholders from its net profit of K 232.28 million in 1996-97, he noted. MSEC, jointly formed by Daiwa and Myanmar Economic Bank, has sold 40,000 B shares of the JVC under OTC system, he said. The remaining 5,000 B shares are scheduled to be sold in fiscal 1997-98, he added.

Plans are under way to encourage setting up of forest-based factories at Wataya in Shwepyitha Township and Dagon Myothit (South) Township, he said.

Chairman of the JVC U Lwin Sein also spoke.

He also presented K 5 million to Forest Department as funds for forest development.

Report of the Board of Directors and financial report were read at the meeting.

Officials of the Ministry of Forestry, guests, officials of the JVC and shareholders were present.

(6) Model villages set up to establish agro-based industrialized nation

YANGON, 31 Oct Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected Ingabo Palm Oil Farm of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise in Kyaikhto Township in Mon State yesterday.

The minister inspected an oil mill producing 200,000 viss of palm oil annually. It can mill two tons of palm per day.

Setting up of the factory in 1992 has eased transport difficulties as palm oil production was conducted mainly in Pukawzun in Taninthayi Division in the past.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Ket Sein and officials, they met farmers at Kawhtin Model Village in the township and discussed development of crop cultivation.

(7) Physiotherapy Wing opens at Jivitadana Hospital

YANGON, 31 Oct - A reception to mark the commencement of the functions of new Physiotherapy Wing donated to Jivitadana Hospital under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass Root Project (JGAGRP) with the sponsorship of Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi was held at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, departmental officials, diplomats, officials of the UN agencies, EC members of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital, specialists and guests.

Mr Yamaguchi spoke about the donation.

Later, Minister Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt presented a certificate of honour to Mr Yamaguchi.

The minister and officials later toured the ward.

Mr Yamaguchi presented medical equipment valued at \$ 65,200 to the hospital for the second time.

(8) Deputy Prime Minister receives Chief Executive of Premier Oil Plc

YANGON, 31 Oct Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Chief Executive of Premier Oil Plc Mr Charles Jamieson and party at his office this morning.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun and officials.

(9) Minister for Forestry receives Minister of Energy, Telegraphs and Posts Datuk Leo Moggie of Malaysia

YANGON, 31 Oct-Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe received Minister of Energy, Telegraphs and

Posts Datuk Leo Moggie of Malaysia and party, accompanied by Ambassador of Malaysia Dato Abdul Wahab Bin Harun, at International Business Centre this afternoon.

Present also were heads of departments under the ministry.

(10) National Convention Convening Commission meets

YANGON, 31 Oct-The National Convention Convening Commission held its meeting at the Commission Office today.

It was attended by Chairman of the Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairmen Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Commission members and Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, who was the special guest.

The meeting Chairman Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt delivered an address. National Convention Convening Work Committee presented matters pertaining to the National Convention, joined in by other participants.

The NCCC Chairman also looked into their requirements.

(11) MIC chairman receives Malaysian Minister of Energy, Telegraphs and Posts

YANGON, 31 Oct Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Minister of Energy, Telegraphs and Posts Datuk Leo Moggie of Malaysia and party, accompanied by Ambassador of Malaysia Dato Abdul Wahab Bin Harun, at his office this morning.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun and officials.

(12) Minister for Hotels and Tourism receives MD of J V Control Co Ltd

YANGON, 31 Oct Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Managing Director of J V Control Co Ltd Mr Rolf Eberhard von Bueren at his office this afternoon.

(13) Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw passes away

YANGON, 31 Oct Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Sangyoung Bagaya Kyaungtaik Vamsamedani Sarhintaik Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kondhana aged 68, vasa 48, passed away at the Sarhintaik at 10.15 am yesterday.

Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min, officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, district and township authorities, disciples of the late Sayadaw and devotees paid respects to the remains this morning.

They sought the Ovadacariya Sayadaws counsel on holding the crematorial rites.

Afterwards, the Committee for Holding Crematorial Rites was formed with the Commander of No 3 Military Region as chairman.

A cash donation ceremony will be held on 2 November for the crematorial rites which will take place on 4 November.

(14) Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies receives paleontologists of United States

YANGON, 31 Oct - Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win received Professor Dr Russell L Chichon of Iowa University and Dr Patricia Holroyd of California University of the United States at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence Services this morning.

Present also were Head of the Office of Strategic Studies Col Than Tun, General Staff Officer (Grade 1) Lt-Col Hla Min and geologists Professor Dr Tin Thein of Taunggyi University, lecturer Dr Aye Ko Aung of Dagon University and members of the team exploring fossils in Pondaung Region.
