

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday, 3 Nov 1997)

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(1) Rare paintings of Yadanabon Maung Su presented to National Museum

YANGON, 2 Nov - A ceremony to present Yadanabon Maung Su's paintings to the National Museum was held at the museum on Pyay Road here this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for Preservation of Cultural Heritage Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister at the Office of Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, Minister at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, departmental heads and guests.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said the works of professional artists and sculptors are being collected properly to be displayed at the National Museum as one of the programmes to preserve and safeguard Myanma cultural heritage.

He said that in carrying out this task, the ancient paintings and sculptures kept at Myanmar embassies were brought back, especially, those from Myanmar Embassy in London and handed over to the museum.

Ambassador U Win Aung of London sent back the ancient paintings of Yadanabon Maung Su which were kept at the embassy, he said, noting that these are rare paintings and thus presented to the National Museum.

He expressed belief that the eight gracious, immortal paintings of the doyen artist, mostly of national races, will add magnificence to the splendour of the museum.

He also spoke about the life of Yadanabon Maung Su who pursued his brilliant career as an artist and vocalist.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 handed the paintings to Deputy Minister U Soe Nyunt who, in turn, presented a certificate of honour.

(2) Secretary-1 looks into progress of construction at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 2 Nov Secretary--1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this afternoon inspected extension of Yangon International Airport and gave necessary instructions to officials.

On arrival at construction of the reception hall project at 1 pm, he was welcomed by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of departments and officials.

First, heads of departments and officials briefed the Secretary-1 on architectural design of reception hall, progress of work, planting of airport area and power supply of airport area.

The Secretary- 1 gave necessary suggestions.

The Secretary-1 then inspected completion of construction on the reception hall and left there in the afternoon.

(3) Secretary-1 pays respects to remains of Agga Maha Ganthavasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kondhanna

YANGON, 1 Nov - Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt paid respects to the remains of Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Sangyoung Bagaya Kyaungtaik Vamsamedani Sarthintaik Agga Maha Gantha

vasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kondhanna this evening.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt arrived at the Sarthintaik at 3.45 pm today.

They were welcomed by Patron of the Committee for Holding Crematorial Rites Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Chairman of the Committee for Holding Crematorial Rites Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min and committee members and officials.

The Secretary-1 and party paid respects to the remains of the Sayadaws.

Then, the Secretary-1 and party paid obeisance to Ovacariya Sayadaws.

The Secretary-1 and Minister Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt supplicated on holding the crematorial rites.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and officials paid respects to the remains of the Sayadaw again and left there.

(4) Secretary-1 inspects arrangement for construction of Maha Bandoola Bridge across Pazaungdaung Creek

YANGON, 2 Nov - Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt looked into arrangement for construction of Maha Bandoola Bridge across the Pazaungdaung Creek this evening.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command MajGen Khin Maung Than and officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Secretary-1 arrived at the Office of Passenger Transport Division No 12 of Road Transport in Pazaungdaung Township at 3 pm today.

He was welcomed by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, heads of departments and officials.

Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win, Vice-Admiral Tin Aye and officials briefed the Secretary-1 on plying of boat in the creek.

Then, Managing Director of Public Works U Tint Swe also briefed the Secretary-1 on arrangement for construction of Maha Bandoola Bridge across the Pazaungdaung Creek.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions and left there.

(5) New oil and gas field discovered off Taninthayi Coast

YANGON, 2 Nov - A new Oil and natural gas field has been discovered off Taninthayi Coast, said a report released by the Ministry of Energy today.

The report said the new well, Aung Zeya Test Well No 1, is located within Block M-12, 25 miles northwest of Yedagun Offshore Oil and Natural Gas Field and 200 miles west of Dawei, Taninthayi Division.

The well from which oil and natural gas can be extracted on a commercial scale has been drilled 12,387 feet deep since 6 September this year.

Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, accompanied by Brig-Gen Zaw Tun of Dawei Station and officials of the ministry, visited Aung Zeya Test Well No 1.

He arrived on "Stena Clydôe" drilling platform of the test well this morning and was welcomed there by Executive Engineer Mr William Roger of Texaco Exploration Myanmar Inc and officials of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.

Managing Director of MOGE U Kyaw Nyein, Mr Roger and other officials briefed him on successful drilling of the well and the tests carried out for production.

After presenting gifts to foreign and local workers, the minister inspected computerized drilling control room and the burn-off.

(6) Minister for Foreign Affairs attends 17th Communal Kathina Ceremony of Tipitaka Kyaungdaw

YANGON, 2 Nov - A ceremony to mark birthday of Kyezudawshin Mingun Tipitakadhara Dhammabandagarika Sayadawgyi and 17th Communal Kathina Ceremony of Tipitaka Kyaungdaw were held at the Kyaungdaw in Sagawa Street, Dagon Township this afternoon.

(7) Concerted action urged for completion of YIA Runway Expansion Project

YANGON, 2 NOV - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win inspected Yangon International Airport Runway Expansion Project this morning.

He was welcomed at the project office by Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tin Aye and officials, Project Director Superintending Engineer U San Lwin of Public Works and Head of Water and Sanitation Department of Yangon City Development Committee U Zaw Win.

Superintending Engineer U San Lwin explained to the minister that about 5,000 quarries need be piled each day for completion of the project within one year and half

He said concerted efforts are being made to meet the deadline, and plans are also under way to implement the project day and night.

He also briefed him on progress of work, financial accounts, work being carried out with the help of 53 heavy equipment, fuel oil supply and future tasks.

Director-General U Tin Aye presented supplementary report on the completed work and future tasks.

Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win said the Head of State is specially interested in the YIA Runway Expansion Project and desires effective implementation of tasks.

He spoke of the need for proper utilization of project funds, expediting tasks for completion of the project as scheduled, prevention of loss and wastage of fuel oil and effective cooperation with the related departments.

Next, Head of Water and Sanitation Department of YCDC U Zaw Win presented report on shifting of the water pipeline from the project area, water supply for the project and other measures.

Later, the minister and party inspected the work in progress.

(8) Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 2 Nov - A Myanmar delegation led by Director-General U Khin Maung Myint of the Personnel Affairs Department under the Civil Service Selection and Training Board left for Malaysia by air this evening to attend ASEAN Case Studies Workshop 1997 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 3 to 8 November.

(9) Myanmar entrepreneurs delegation leaves for three ASEAN nations

YANGON, 2 NOV-A 24member Myanmar entrepreneurs delegation led by Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Producers Association U Htein Win left here by air for three ASEAN member nations-Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. They will study industrial and business enterprises and explore investment opportunities there.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by personnel of the Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry and relatives.

(10) Minister visits glass factory, Ayeyawady Division Fisheries Department

YANGON, 2 Nov - Acting Minister-for Industry-1 Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung, accompanied by Deputy Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Maung Nyo, Managing Director of Myanma Ceramics Industries U Than Shwe, Director U Aye Mauk and officials, visited the glass factory in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division, this morning.

They were briefed by U Than Shwe on a brief account of the factory, work being carried out and work programme to be implemented.

Factory Manager U Min Han reported on production of the factory, distribution, expenditure and income and work done for staff welfare.

U Aung Thaung gave instructions on production to meet domestic needs, marketing to earn foreign currency, working for staff welfare in accord with rules and regulations without fail and minimizing losses and wastages.

Then, the minister and party inspected samples of windscreen produced by the factory on an experimental basis.

Afterwards, they inspected the factory.

The minister and party then proceeded to Ayeyawady Division Fisheries Department in Patheingyi.

He met employees of Division and District Fisheries Departments and Livestock and Veterinary Departments.

Head of Ayeyawady Division Fisheries Department U Ba Thaw reported on auction of fisheries in Ayeyawady Division, land reclamation for breeding of prawn in Pyawon District and collection of revenues for fishing equipment licences with charts.

Director of the Fisheries Department U Hla Win gave a supplementary report.

Head of Division Live stock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Khin Maung Sit reported on matters relating to fisheries.

The minister gave instructions on imparting knowledge and carrying out organizational work to increase the number of breeders, especially of prawn breeders and providing necessary assistance to enable the breeders to get land and loans.

After that, the minister and party inspected the breeding farms.

Next, they went to Pathein Soft Drinks Factory of Myanmar Foodstuff Enterprise in the afternoon.
They inspected production of soft drinks and ice.
