

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday, 4 Nov 1997)

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(1) General Maung Aye receives Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army

YANGON, 3 NOV- Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye received Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army, Brig-Gen Douangchai Phichith and delegation of Laos at Zeya Thiri Beikman on Konemyinthta at 8 am today.

Present also were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operation and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of Laos Mr Ly Bounkham and Military Attache of Lao Embassy Col Dr Kenekeo Pholsena.

(2) ASEAN Steering Committee holds fourth meeting

YANGON, 3 Nov ASEAN Steering Committee held its fourth meeting at the Office of Commander-in Chief (Army) today attended by Chairman of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

The meeting was also attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Than Oo, deputy ministers, members of ASEAN Steering Committee and the National AFTA Unit, members of the committee for drafting policy for ASEAN economic ministers, Director-General of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads and officials.

First, Secretary of ASEAN Steering Committee Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe sought the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Next, Minister U Ohn Gyaw explained the meetings attended by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and tasks of the Committee.

Minister Brig-Gen Abel and officials also briefed on the meetings on economic affairs, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Maung Kyi on the ASEAN Social Development Award Scheme, and other ministers and deputy ministers on the meetings attended by officials of respective ministries.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said that after Myanmar has become an ASEAN member, officials must attend the meetings organized by the ASEAN for mutual cooperation and exchange of experiences as the first priority.

He said it is essential for Myanmar delegation members' to actively participate in the discussions with the aim of bringing about benefits for the nation.

At the meeting, Myanmar delegation members need to explain Myanmar's real political, international relations, economic and social situation so as to let others know the true situation in the country, he said.

He urged all to share their work experience at the Committee's meetings so as to effectively implement ASEAN tasks' and lay down future work programmes.

(3) Book on remarkable accomplishment of borderarea development projects to be published

YANGON, 3 Nov-A coordination meeting to bring out a commemorative book on the ninth anniversary of the Work Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races was held at the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Ministers Office, this afternoon. It was attended and addressed by Chairman of the Work Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

It was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for PBANRDA Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, member of the Security and Management Committee Brig-Gen Thaug Myint, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for PBANRDA U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, and the directors-general, managing directors and officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office and departments under various ministries.

Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General of the Department for the Development of Border Areas and National Races Lt-Col Thein Han emceed the meeting.

(4) Secretary-1 inspects work of Sinmalaik Shipyard

YANGON, 3 Nov- Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected work of Sinmalaik Shipyard of Myanmar Shipyards this evening.

Accompanied by officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Secretary-1 arrived at Sinmalaik Shipyard at 5.45 pm.

He was welcomed there by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, heads of departments and officials.

Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win and officials briefed the Secretary- 1 on docking of ships in the shipyard.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions to officials.

(5) Chief of Staff (Army) sees off Acting Chief of General Staff, Department of the Lao People's Army

YANGON, 3 Nov Acting Chief of General Staff Department of the Lao People's Army Brig-Gen Douangchai Phichith and delegation of Laos left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operation and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, 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, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than

and Tatmadaw officers, Ambassador of Laos Mr Ly Bounkham and Military Attache of Lao Embassy Col Dr Kenekeo Pholsena.

(6) Effective, timely repair of roads, bridges destroyed by heavy rains stressed

YANGON, 3 NOV - A meeting was held today for effective and timely repair of roads and bridges in Bago Division destroyed by heavy rains.

Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo said efforts should be made to effectively repair some of the sections of Bago-Zeyawady Road of Yangon-Mandalay Highway destroyed by heavy rains.

Damaged bridges and damaged sections of Zaungtu-Taikkyi Road and Letpadan-Hinthada Road should be rebuilt, he said.

The two roads are under construction at present.

He urged them to strive to complete Myitmakha River Bridge as scheduled and to put forward requirements.

The Superintending Engineer of Public Works explained in detail progress in building the bridge with the help of maps.

Managing Director of PW U Tint Swe and General Manager U Thant Zin said special groups have been formed and duties have been assigned in repairing the damaged roads and bridges, adding heavy equipment and other requirement are being provided to the respective sites.

They also briefed the meeting on allotment of funds and progress in building Zaungtu-Taikkyi Road, joined in by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

Director-General U Pe Than of Waterways Administration Department reported on measures to be taken to prevent bank erosion at Myitmakha during the rainy season and future programmes.

Secretary of Bago Division Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Htein Win and Chairman of Thayawady District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Myint Than explained plans to repair damaged parts of Zaungtu-Taikkyi Road and Letpadan-Hinthada Road in cooperation with PW beginning first week of January 1 1998.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo looked into their requirements.

(7) President of Daewoo Corporation calls on Minister for Energy

YANGON, 3 Nov President of Daewoo Corporation Mr Byung Ho Kang of the Republic of Korea paid a courtesy call on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office this morning.

Present also were Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint.

(8) Myanmar Daewoo Construction Machinery Co starts machinery rental service

YANGON, 3 Nov - A ceremony to launch construction machinery rental service of Myanmar Daewoo Construction Machinery Co Ltd was held at the company building, 230, Thanhlyetson, Botahtaung Township, this morning.

Present were Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun, Commodore Khin Aung of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters, senior military officers, directors-general, managing directors and officials under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Kyung Bo Choi and embassy staff, President of Daewoo Company Mr Byung Ho Kang and members of the Board of Directors, construction entrepreneurs and guests.

Managing Director of Road Transport U Maung Maung Naing and Mr Byung Ho Kang formally opened Myanmar Daewoo Construction Machinery Co Ltd.

(9) MD of Andaman Vegas Resort Co calls on Minister for Hotels and Tourism

YANGON, 3 NOV - Managing Director of Andaman Vegas Resort Co Ltd of Thailand Mr Chain S Wong and party paid a courtesy call on Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this afternoon.

Also present were Managing Director U Soe Thein, Deputy Director-General U Naing Bwa and officials.

(10) Acting Chief of General Staff Department of Lao People's Army visits Mandalay, PyinOoLwin

YANGON, 3 Nov Acting Chief of General Staff Department of the Lao People's Army Brig-Gen Douangchai Phichith and delegation of Laos, together with Director of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute Col Ye Htut, left here by air for Mandalay on 31 October.

They were welcomed there by Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor Col Sein Win Aung and Tatmadaw officers and proceeded to PyinOoLwin by car.

They arrived at Defence Services Academy and were welcomed by Commandant of DSA Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and officials who conducted them round the Defence Services Academy.

Brig-Gen Douangchai Phichith then signed in the visitor's book and exchanged souvenirs with their counterpart.

The delegation then inspected convocation hall of the DSA, laboratory, hostel and physical test of the trainees.

They proceeded to Defence Services Institutes of Technology and they were welcomed by Commandant of DSIT Col Win Myint, professors and lecturers who explained on the Institute of Technology.

Brig-Gen Phichith signed in the visitor's book and exchanged souvenirs with the commandant.

The delegation visited the institute and Botanical Gardens in PyinOoLwin.

Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint hosted dinner in honour of Brig-Gen Phichith and party at PyinOoLwin Tatmadaw Guest House in the evening and exchanged souvenirs.

The delegation visited Myanansankyaw Shwenandaw and Hsutaungpyi Buddha Image in Mandalay on 1 November morning.

Brig-Gen Phichith signed in the visitor's book and donated cash to pagoda funds.

The military delegation visited Theingishwewa Silk House in Amarapura Township and also paid homage to Maha Myat Muni Image.

Brig-Gen Phichith signed in the visitor's book and visited Yadanapura Handicrafts Beikham .

In the afternoon, the delegation left Mandalay for Magway Division.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt and Tatmadaw officer, heads of departments and officials.

In the evening, BrigGen Phichith visited Amanda Pagoda.

Then, the delegation visited archeological museum and U Ba Nyein's lacquerware industry.

In the evening, Chairman Col Thein Nyunt hosted dinner in honour of the delegation at BaganNyaungU and exchanged souvenirs.

They left BaganNyaungU by air for Yangon on 2 November morning.

Brig-Gen Phichith and party visited Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda. Col Ye Htut conducted them around.

The delegation visited Bogyoke Aung Sun Market, Shanghai Department Store and Shwedagon Pagoda.

They donated cash towards the pagoda funds and members of Board of Trustees presented a certificate of honour.
