

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 7 Nov 1997)

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YANGON, 6 Nov - Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received General Chetta Thanajaro, Commander-in Chief (Army) of Royal Thai Army and party at Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road at 10.30 am today.

They discussed friendly relations between the two countries and between the two Armies and economic cooperation for mutual economic development.

Present . also were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials.

After the meeting. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt replied to the queries of the reporters of Thailand.

Then, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt hosted lunch in honour of General Chetta Thanajaro and delegation at Tatmadaw Guest House.

It was attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and Tatmadaw officials.

(2) Commander-in-Chief (Army) of Royal Thai Army arrives

YANGON, 6 NOV - At the invitation of Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, General Chetta Thanajaro, Commander-in-Chief (Army) of Royal Thai Army and party arrived here this morning by air.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials and Military Attache of Thai Embassy Col Ongard Ratanawichai.

General Chetta Thanajaro and party, accompanied by Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials, visited Shwedagon Pagoda at 10 am today.

They were welcomed there by members of Board of Trustees.

General Chetta Thanajaro and party offered flowers, lights and incense to Buddha Images of Aryonkhan Tazaung at Western Stairway of the Pagoda. General Chetta Thanajaro signed in the visitor's book and donated cash towards the pagoda funds.

In the afternoon, accompanied by Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials, General Chetta Thanajaro and party arrived at the Office of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone Administrative Committee in Hlinethaya Township

They were welcomed by Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of the Human Settlement and Housing Development Department and officials.

At the Anawrahta Hall, Director-General U Arnt Kyaw extended greetings and Deputy Director U Tun Lin briefed the Thai delegation on the project of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and housing development.

Then, Thai General and party visited factory of Myanmar Megasteel Industries Ltd, Nawade Garden Housing Project and FMI Padethabin City Housing Project.

They then proceeded to Yangon International Airport and left there by air in the afternoon.

(3) Deputy Prime Minister receives President of Tokiwa Corporation

YANGON, 6 NOV Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral

Maung Maung Khin received President of Tokiwa Corporation Mr Naoyuki left Soga and party at his office this morning.

Present also were officials of Government Office and Myanmar Investment Commission Office.

(4) Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs tours Maubin

YANGON, 6 NOV Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha toured Maubin today.

At Maubin District Law and Order Restoration Council Office, he discussed the project for AsiaEurope underwater cable communications project at his meeting with officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

He later inspected Maubin Exchange Carrier Station, Microwave Station and Auto-Radio Telephone Station, and later selected the site for building a communications station that will monitor tasks for the Asia-Europe underwater cable communications project.

He met staff of Maubin District Post Office and gave suggestions on efficient postal services.

(5) Forest-based industries set up to boost value-added exports

YANGON, 6 NOV - Forest-based industries are being set up to export more value-added products instead of logs, said Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe today at a wood-based factory in Dagon Myothit (South) Townsh,ip.

The ministry is providing all-round assistance to produce world class value-added goods, establishing forest-based industries with investments of entrepreneurs and Myanmar Timber Enterprise, he noted, saying the Government is encouraging private value-added factories.

Machines which are suitable to domestic raw materials, technologies used at the factories and the type of products should be selected to import, he said during his inspection at the factory which was set up by cent per cent investment of Sanfoco Wood Industries.

The minister observed production of furniture components and floorings.

Officials of the factory briefed him on raw material and power supply, production of value-added goods, marketing, extension of investments and plans to manufacture luxury type furniture.

Accompanied by officials, he inspected manufacturing of finger joints, table tops and parquets and production of finished-goods with moulder machines at a wood-based industry of Forest Products Joint-Venture Corporation.

At his meeting with members of the Board of Directors, he lauded the corporation, which is a government and private joint venture, for its accomplishments.

(6) Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to build 2,000-ton sugar mill near Tabuhla Diversion Weir

YANGON, 6 NOV - Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint - Aung inspected cultivation and production of crops and departmental functions in the townships west of Bago Division today.

On his way to Tabuhla Diversion Weir east of Okkan, Taikkyi Township, he inspected monsoon paddy fields.

After inspecting the weir's regulation of water, he selected the site for construction of a sugar mill of Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise.

Meeting the managing director of MSE and officials, the minister gave suggestions on the plans for water supply to the new sugar mill and sugarcane farms, reclamation of land for expansion of sugarcane cultivation acreage, use of machinery in farming and distribution of quality strains.

The new sugar mill capable of milling 2,000 tons per day to be built near Tabuhla Diversion Weir is covered by the ministry's project to establish nine new sugar mills this year.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung proceeded to Tharrawady Agriculture Institute where he was welcomed by Chairman of District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Myint Than and officials, the Principal of Agriculture Institute, teachers and students.

He heard reports on the institute's classes and farms set up for welfare.

This year, the institute worked on 40 acres- 17 acres under monsoon paddy with the help of machinery yielded 126 baskets of undried paddy per acre and 23 acres grown by transplanting method 60 baskets of undried paddy per acre.

The minister later inspected the hostels of the institute.

At Saya San Hall of the institute, teachers and students sought the minister's counsel.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung next inspected Tharrawady Jute Grading and Baling Factory.

He discussed cultivation of jute in Tharrawady District meeting the managing director of Myanmar Jute Industries and officials, the factory manager and staff.

During this financial year, a total of 3.2 million viss of jute has been purchased from the district which cultivated on 18,000 acres.

After inspecting the factory, Lt-Gen Myint Aung went to the farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Letpadan Township.

He inspected the pilot farms where various strains of paddy are grown and rice gardening.

He met divisional, district and township agriculture supervisory committees and discussed cultivation of crops.

(7) "Thallawady-3" double-decker starts serving on Chindwin River

YANGON, 6 Nov "Thallawady-3" shallow draught double-decker started her maiden voyage on the Chindwin River today.

An inauguration ceremony to mark the commencement of the service at Mindauk Jetty in Monywa was attended by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Commander of NorthWest Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Managing Director of Inland Water Transport U Tun Aung Myint, officials and local people.

The minister and the commander formally opened the double-decker's first journey by cutting a ribbon.

The boat, 37.4 metres long and 8.5 metres wide with a draught of 1.9 metre, was built locally at a cost of \$ 1.5 million.

It can cruise 10 nautical miles per hour with 250 passengers and 60 tons of cargo. The boat has air-conditioned first-class cabins with TVs.

Earlier, the minister inspected the runway at Monywa Airport.

Lt-Gen Thein Win proceeded to Mandalay and inspected the local sailors basic short-term course at Mandalay IWT Office, Yadanabon Dockyard, hovercraft jetty and Mandalay Airport.

(9) Ministry honours medal winners in international rowing tournaments

YANGON, 6 Nov-Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries honoured three oarsmen of the ministry who won medals in international rowing tournaments and winners in the ministry's golf championship at the Aquarium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township yesterday evening.

Acting Minister for Industry-1 and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung presented K 100,000 each to the three rowers-Ko Myat Khaing, Ko Kyi Than and Ko Myo Myint Oo.

The winners in the ministry's golf championship were also presented prizes by the minister and Deputy Minister U Aung Thein.

The three rowers were members of Myanmar rowing team which won two gold in 22-oar event of Macao invitational rowing tournament, one bronze in 22-oar event of Hong Kong world invitational rowing tournament and one gold and three silver in XIX SEA Games.

(10) Minister inspects Seikkan Township Industrial Zone, Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 6 NOV- Minister for Construction MajGen Saw Tun inspected Seikkan Township Industrial Zone in Dagon Myothit (South) this morning.

He was welcomed at the industrial zone office by Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and officials.

U Arnt Kyaw briefed the minister on set-up of Yangon and plans for development of new towns-Dagon Myothit, Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha and Shwepaukkan and current progress of construction projects.

Officials of Asia World Tusta, Yuzana, Joint-Venture 5, Service International Olympic Jar Bu and Yamawady construction groups also briefed him on conditions of their housing projects currently being carried out.

The minister instructed them to coordinate with DHSHD for the requirements.

The minister said the construction groups will undertake their projects, targeted to complete within two years, adding that a new modern town would emerge here on completion of the projects.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the hall being built by the department in the industrial zone.

(11) Minister for Hotels and Tourism receives MD of Eastern & Oriental Express Limited

YANGON, 6 Nov Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Managing Director of Eastern & Oriental Express Limited Mr Nick Varian and party at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Director-General U Khin Maung Latt, Managing Director U Soe Thein and officials.