

## **THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday, 9 Nov 1997)**

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- (1) State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Cambodia**

YANGON, 9 Nov-On the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia which falls on 9 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 Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk King of Cambodia.

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- (2) Senior General and Madame Than Shwe attend 44th Communal kathina of Ministry of Defence**

YANGON, 8 Nov - The 44th Communal Kathina of families of the Ministry of Defence was held at the ministry at 9 am today, attended by Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Present also were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita and member Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, members of the Sangha of Alanpyaphaya Kyaung totalling 45 members of Sangha, 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, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the AttorneyGeneral, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection

and Training Board, deputy ministers, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief, (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, senior Tatmadaw officers of the ministry, families of the ministry and invited guests.

Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita administered the Five Precepts.

Members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

Senior General and Madame Than Shwe offered Kathina robes and alms to the Myingyan Sayadaw.

Then, General Maung Aye and wife, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and wife, Lt-Gen Tin Oo and wife and dignitaries offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirindabhivamsa delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

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### **(3) Coordination meeting on International Traditional Boat Race 1997**

YANGON, 8 Nov-A coordination meeting on organizing International Traditional Boat Race 1997 was held at National Indoor Stadium 1 in Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, senior military officers, officials of Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, departmental heads, officials and guests.

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### **(4) Secretary-2 visits Indian Trade Exhibition**

YANGON, 8 NOV-Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo visited Indian Trade Exhibition this afternoon.

The Secretary-2, accompanied by Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Director of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence Col Thaik Tun, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Brig-Gen Aung Hlaing, Chief Technical Officer (Navy) Col Paw Tun and Chief technical Officer (Air) Col Hlaing Bwa, on arrival at the exhibition

organized by India Trade Promotion Organization and Indian Embassy in Yangon, was welcomed by Ambassador of India Mr Shyam Saran and officials of India Trade Promotion Organization.

The Secretary-2 and party inspected Indian product such as chemicals, indigenous medicine, garments, construction materials, hotel/restaurant equipment, plastic pipes, personal goods, pharmaceuticals, bicycles and bicycle spare parts, automobiles and tractors parts, diesel engines, pumps, three-wheel pickup van and three-wheel motorcycles, tractors and cranes for over two hours.

The Secretary-2 was conducted round by the Indian Ambassador and Managing Director Mr KT Chacko of ITPO. He left the exhibition at 3.40 pm.

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#### **(5) Ministry of Commerce holds Communal Kathina**

YANGON, 8 Nov- The 27th Communal Kathina of the Ministry of Commerce was held at Nikengaryat Pitakathonbon Sarthin Kyaungdawgyi in Ward-26, Dagon Myothit (South), this morning.

Present were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Sobhita, Secretary Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara, lecturer Sayadaws and student monks totalling 150.

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#### **(6) Renovation of Shwe Wa Tun Hotel in Bago inspected**

YANGON, 8 NOV-Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein and officials, inspected renovation of Shwe Wa Tun Hotel in Bago on 7 November.

The minister was welcomed by Deputy Commander of No 77 LID Col Kyaw Shwe and departmental officials.

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#### **(7) Ministry of Cooperatives holds Communal Kathina**

YANGON, 8 Nov-Under the patronage of Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, the 15th Communal Kathina offering ceremony of departments, enterprises and associations of the ministry was held at the Cooperatives Dhammayon on Gyardawya Street in Bahan Township this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Director-General U Maung Hti of Cooperatives Department, Deputy Director-General U Than Aung, Director-General Dr Than Htaik of Cottage Industries Department, General Manager U Myo Than of Cooperatives Exports Enterprise, other officials,

service personnel of townships and Yangon Division Cooperatives departments, members of board of directors, executives and service personnel of the Central Cooperative Society, Cooperative Cartels, township Cooperative associations and Yangon Division Cooperative Syndicate.

First, Bhaddanta Pannasami of Thuwunna Kyaungtaik of North Okkalapa Township administered the Five Precepts.

Minister U Than Aung and heads of departments presented Kathina robes and offertories to the Sayadaws.

The members of the Sangha delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

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### **(8) 118 KNU members swap arms for peace in Thandaung**

YANGON, 8 Nov -With the aim of building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the State Law and Order Restoration Council Tatmadaw Government is implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives and extending warm welcome to those who swap arms for peace with open mind for national reconsolidation.

The Government is today fulfilling the livelihood and social needs of their families.

Realizing that their years-long destructive acts do not benefit the nation and understanding the Government's goodwill and commitment for national development, members of the armed groups have been exchanging arms for peace individually or in groups.

Altogether 118 members of KNU armed group led by leader of Thandaung Township special unit major Saw Phe Re Mo (a) Saw Ar Di and deputy company commander of No 3 company of No 2 brigade Saw Gwe Hmu swapped arms for peace together with 124 family members, bringing in 33 assorted arms, 5,240 rounds of ammunition and 38 assorted mines at Leiktho military camp in Thandaung Township yesterday.

The ceremony to exchange arms for peace was held at the sports ground of Leiktho Village Basic Education High School this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Bago Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung, representative of Kayin State Law and Order Restoration Council Kayin State Education Officer U Saw Ra Dei, Commander of the Air Base Brig-Gen Kyaw Aung, Tactical Operations Commander of Western Command Col Aung Naing Tun, township and village authorities, townspeople and peace negotiators.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Kyi Aung said the day was auspicious for peace is dawning upon the regions of Leiktho, Thaukyaykhat and Htithasaw of Thandaung Township, Kayin State.

He said the Tatmadaw and all people heartily welcomed leader of Thandaung Township special unit major Saw Phe Re Mo (a) Saw Ar Di and KNU members and deputy company commander of No 3 company of No 2 brigade Saw Gwe Hmu and members and urged them to work actively together with the Tatmadaw in the regional development projects.

He pledged to provide full security to the members and families who exchanged armed for peace.

Thandaung Township special unit leader U Saw Phe Re Mo also spoke words of thanks.

The commander later presented cash assistance and other supplies provided by the Government to U Saw Phe Re Mo.

The ceremony ended with a Kayin don dance.

After the ceremony, the commander cordially met with representative of Kayin State Law and Order Restoration Council Kayin State Education Officer U Saw Ra Dei, township authorities, departmental officials, peace negotiators and religious leaders.

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## **(9) Minister visits hospitals in Dawei**

YANGON, 8 NOV Member of the Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Health U Saw Tun, accompanied by Director-General of Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Director-General of Medical Science Department Professor Dr Mya Oo, Professor Dr Han Saw of Mandalay Institute of Medicine, Professor Dr Maung Maung of Children's Hospital, arrived at Dawei from Myeik on 6 November evening.

They were welcomed at Winwa Village, Thayetchaung Township, by BrigGen Zaw Tun of Dawei Station and senior military officers, members of Taninthayi Division, District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils, department heads and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The minister and party went to Yebyu yesterday morning.

He met members of USDA, department heads and members of Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade at the meeting hall of Township Law and Order Restoration Council.

Later, the minister inspected Yebyu Township Hospital.

The professors accompanying the minister treated inpatients.

They proceeded to Thayetchaung where they were welcomed by officials.

The minister visited the township hospital and gave encouragement to patients. The professors treated them.

Next, the minister met members of USDA and department heads at the meeting hall of Township Law and Order Restoration Council.

Afterwards, the minister and party arrived at Dawei People's Hospital at 2.00 pm.

The minister gave encouragement to in-patients, and the professors treated them.

Later, the minister met members and executives of Division, District and Township USDAs at City Hall of Dawei at 2.30 pm, and attended a cash donation ceremony.

Secretary of Division USDA U Kyaw Kyaw Htay accepted K 264,000 presented to funds of the association by donors.

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### **(10) Minister for A & I inspects sites for sugar mills**

YANGON, 8 Nov-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected harvesting and threshing of monsoon paddy with the use of machine along Letpadan-Pyay Road on 6 November.

The minister inspected Natmaw Water Pump Factory of Water Resources Utilization Department in Shwedaung Township and discussed pumping water from Ayeyawady River with officials.

The minister inspected Grading and Bailing Factory of Myanmar Jute Industries, warehouses, office of Myanmar Agriculture Service and purchase of cotton.

On 7 November, the minister went to Hsathwa Village in Taungdwingyi where he was welcomed by Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt and sugarcane growers.

The minister explained investment for economic development, assistance and fulfillment for agricultural development, arrangements for more production of paddy, beans and pulses, cotton and sugarcane and cultivation of oil crops for edible oil sufficiency.

He called for participation in establishment of sugar mills project that contributes toward increase of income of farmers and job opportunities and

regional development.

Col Thein Nyunt also called for participation in the project for national and individual interest and reported on arrangements.

The minister replied matters relating to cultivation and purchase of sugarcane.

The minister chose the sites for sugar mills in Taungdwingyi, Sinpaungwe and Aunglan Townships and inspected construction of the sugar mill that can mill 2,000-ton a day in Duingabo, Aunglan Township.

The minister also chose the site for another sugar mill in Kyaw Swa and inspected production of cotton, and cotton oil at ginning mill.

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### **(11) SID's fifth Communal Kathina**

YANGON, 8 NOV-Under the auspices of Director of Special Investigation Department Col Ba Hein and wife, the fifth Communal Kathina of SID was held at Aungthabye Avenue this morning.

It was attended by Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Professor Daw Kyu Kyu Swe, Secretary Daw Nyo Nyo, directors-general of departments, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives and deputy director-general, commander of Police Battalions Control Command and senior police officers and their wives of Myanma Police Force, other ranks and their wives.

Saddhamma Yanthi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kundalabhivamsa of Mayangon Township administered the Five Precepts. Then, members of the Sangha recited the Darittas.

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