

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday, 10 Nov 1997)

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YANGON, 9 Nov -The 8th Communal Kathina of families of Defence Services Intelligence was held at Tatmadaw Dhammayon on Arzarni Road this morning, 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 State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita and member Saya-daws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, 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 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 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 Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Mayor, senior Tatmadaw officers of the ministry, deputy ministers, heads of departments, guests, officers, other ranks and families of Defence Services Intelligence.

Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing and dignitaries received the Five Precepts from the Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita.

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 Daw Mya Mya San, Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Dr Khin Win Shwe, Lt-Gen Tin Oo and Daw Khin Than Nwe and dignitaries offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Secretary Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

After the ceremony, soon was offered to members of the Sangha.

(2) Secretary-I attends opening ceremony of Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa (MITT)

YANGON, 9 Nov - The opening ceremony of Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa (MITT) was held at the Terminal Thilawa in Kyauktan Township at 3.45 pm today, attended by Secretary:1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa (MITT) was constructed under BOT agreement reached with Myanma Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport. Present were Attorney General U Tha Tun, Ministers at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Lt-Gen Min Thein, Ministers at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung and U Khin Maung Yin, 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 Labour Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, heads of departments, officials of the ministry, Managing Director of Hutchison Port Holding Ltd Mr John Meredith and officials, ambassadors, other officials and guests.

(3) Minister visits hydroelectric power projects in Shan State

YANGON, 9 Nov Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, together with member of the Central Executive Committee Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe and Patron of Shan State (East) USDA Chairman of Shan State (East) Law and Order Restoration Council MajGen Thein Sein, met executives and USDA members from Monghsat District at the meeting hall of Monghsat District USDA, eastern Shan State, on 7 November morning.

Present also were BrigGen Win Sein of Monghsat Station and Chairman of Monghsat District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aung Htay and members.

U Khin Maung Thein elaborated on tasks of the association and development work of eastern Shan State region, U Than Shwe on establishment of the association and its duties and responsibilities and Maj-Gen Thein Sein on undertakings of

Shan State (East) USDA.

U Khin Maung Thein, U Than Shwe and Maj-Gen Thein Sein attended to the requirements of the executives.

(4) 61st Kathina of Universities Buddhist Association (Yangon)

YANGON, 9 Nov-The 61st Kathina of Universities Buddhist Association (Yangon) was held at the Universities Dhammayon in Kamayut Township this morning.

Minister for Education U Pan Aung presented alms to the members of the Sangha.

Present were ViceChairmen of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and member Sayadaws, Kantha Kyaung Sayadaw of Shukhintha Ward in Thakayta Township, members of the Sangha, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Than Nyunt, Chairman of Universities Buddhist Association (Yangon) Rector of Yangon University Dr Tin Aung Aye, the rectors of universities and institutes, pro-rectors, principals, heads of departments and students.

(5) Minister inspects sugar mill project in Pyay

YANGON, 9 Nov-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, accompanied by officials, inspected the site for sugar mill that can process 2,000 tons of sugarcane a day near Mya Village, five miles north of Pyay on 8 November.

The minister inspected construction of approach road, planting of teak trees along the road and storage of water for cultivation of sugarcane.

The minister was conducted around the site by officials. He inspected arrangements for pumping water from Ayeyawady River, construction of water tank and Zayitchaung embankment and cultivation of sugarcane on 200 acres.

The minister spoke of the need to complete the mill coming June, extend cultivation acreage and cultivate sugarcane for increased income of farmers.

The ministry is building sugar mills to contribute toward economic development and a total of 11 sugar mills are under implementation in Yangon, Bago, Magway and Mandalay Divisions.

The minister inspected successful cultivation of monsoon paddy in Pwepyay Farm in Thegon Township.

He also inspected Kanthaya Farm in Taikkyi Township and Central Model Paddy Farm in Hmawby Township.

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Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister Lt-Gen Myint Aung explained five objectives of MIDC and assistance of technology and cash and supply of raw materials in meeting with industrialists in Pyaw industrial zone.

The minister witnessed electrification in Yintaikkwin mechanized farm and opening of library. Chairman of Township Law and Order Restoration Council reported on economic and social progress of the village. He discussed establishment of model mechanized village in building a industrialized nation.

He inspected farm and General Enterprise Cooperative Society and library.

(6) Minister inspects sections of Yoma Belt Railroad

YANGON, 9 Nov-Minister for Rail Transportation U Win Sein, accompanied by officials of Myanmar Railways, inspected railroad sections along Yangon-Aungmye-Hsatthwa-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan Belt Railroad on 6 November.

Senior engineers and managers reported on salient points pertaining to the sections.

The minister gave instructions.

Yesterday, at the worksite office of building Taungdwingyi-Magway Railroad, the minister and party inspected the site designated for construction of Magway Railway Station.

Division Commander of No 88 LID Col Aye Kywe, Tactical Operations Commander Col Sein Than and Deputy General Manager (Civil) of Myanmar Railways U Moe Naing reported on selection of the axis for Taungdwingyi-Magway Railroad with charts.

The axis comprising Taundwingyi-Ywadowgyi section and YwadowgyiMagway section totals 52.40 miles.

There are four big bridges between Taungdwingyi and Ywadowgyi and five between Ywadowgyi and Magway, each of which is over 100 feet long, and 176 small bridges along the railroad section.

The axis designated between Taungdwingyi and Pahtanago in 1972 is used again for construction of the railroad section between Taungdwingyi and Ywadowgyi.

In this section, earth-banks and bridges had been built, and work for laying rails has not been completed yet.

Altogether 26.38-mile axis between Taungdwingyi and Ywadowgyi from the old one is used again and 26.02-mile axis between Ywadowgyi and Magway is a new one.

Then, the minister and party inspected places between HlyaungdawU Village and Shabinhla Village, and gave instructions.

(7) Minister for Health tours Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 9 Nov-Minister for Health member of the Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Saw Tun, accompanied by Director-General of Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Director-General of Medical Science Department Dr Mya Oo, Surgeon Dr Han Saw and Paediatrician Surgeon Dr Maung Maung, arrived at Myeik by air on 5 November afternoon. They, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Thura Thiha Thura Sit Maung, senior military officers from Myeik Station and officials, visited Myeik District People's Hospital at 2.00 pm.

The minister and party were briefed by Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist Dr Maung Maung on the hospital.

The minister and party gave encouragement to inpatients.

He gave instructions on providing health education, prevention and treatment, and attended to the requirements of the hospital.

The specialists accompanying the minister treated the in-patients.

Later, the minister, the Chairman of Division Law and Order Restoration Council and party met departmental personnel and members of USDA, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik at 3.30 pm.

He clarified political, economic and social situations.

He said it is necessary for all to, with dynamic patriotism, participate in work benefiting the State for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

The specialists spoke of facts about longevity and being free from disease, dissemination of health information and education, prevention and treatment.

The minister, the chairman of Division Law and Order Restoration Council and party then inspected the three-story building of Myeik District USDA in Seiknge Ward in town.

They inspected the special clinic opened at the building and gave necessary instructions.

(8) Spirulina being produced from natural lakes in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 9 NOV - Acting Minister for Industry-1 and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung inspected the spirulina production station at Twintaung-inn, Butalin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, on 7 November.

Managing Director U Kyaw Myint briefed him on history of Twintaung-inn and production of Spirulina blue green algae.

Other officials also briefed him on production of the Spirulina which is sent to Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries for manufacturing Provimin restorative.

The minister gave suggestion on manufacture of Provimin restorative at MPI, marketing locally and abroad, proper supply of raw materials, systematic management for long-term production of Spirulina and dissemination of modern technology.

Later, he inspected the Spirulina under a microscope, production process and density of Spirulina in the lake.

Spirulina, major ingredient in Provimin restorative manufactured by Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries, is systematically produced from the natural lakes such as Twintaung-inn in Butalin Township, Yaykha-inn in Sagaing Township and Twinma-inn and Taungpyauk-inn in Kanni Township.

Experiments show that the spirulina found in those natural lakes is the same as that of restorative manufactured in Japan, the United States, Europe and Mexico.

After developing the manufacturing method, MPI of the Ministry of Industry-1 started test manufacturing on 11 January 1988 and began marketing of Provimin restorative locally in January 1989.

Minister U Aung Thaung also visited Karuna Clinic in Myothit Ward, Alon Tatmyo, Monywa, and Yaykha-inn, one of the spirulina-producing stations in the division.

Meeting officials there, he discussed potentials for production of spirulina.
