

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday, 12 Nov 1997)

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(1) Sports Coaching Diploma Course No 4 concluded

YANGON, 11 Nov-Sports Coaching Diploma Course No 4 of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education, Ministry of Sports, concluded at the institute and Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary- 1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt delivered an address and presented the Model Trainee Award.

Also present were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, member of the Security and Management Committee Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Minister for Labour MajGen Saw Lwin, AdjutantGeneral Lt-Gen Win Myint, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, presidents and personnel of Myanmar sports federations, Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department Col Hla Myint Kyaw, Officer on Special Duty at the Ministry of Sports Col Thaug Htaik, adviser Col Ngo Ciin Pau, Principal of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education U Kyaw Soe Myint, trainees and wellwishers.

(2) Secretary-1 inspects construction of world class swimming pool

YANGON, 11 Nov - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected construction of a world class swimming pool in Dagon Myothit (North) and renovation of Dagon Myothit MyoU Pagoda and gave necessary instructions to officials this evening.

Secretary- 1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win and officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, arrived at the construction site of the swimming pool. They were welcomed there by department heads and officials.

Then, the Secretary- 1 was briefed by Brig-Gen Sein Win and officials on arrangements for swimmers to be able to undergo training and finishing work.

The Secretary- 1 gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 cordially conversed with new generation swimmers undergoing training at the swimming pool.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Dagon Myothit MyoU Pagoda.

At the Dhammayon of the pagoda, Chairman of the Committee for Construction of Dagon Myothit MyoU Pagoda Commander of No 2 Military Region Col Hsan Hsint reported on arrangements for extended construction work.

Later, the Secretary-1 inspected charts and scale models, and gave instructions.

Next, the Secretary-1 paid homage to Buddha images in the Dhammayon.

After that, the Secretary-1 inspected arrangements for extended construction work at the pagoda.

(3) 53rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Organizing Leading Committee meets

YANGON, 11 Nov-The 1998 53rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Organizing Leading Committee held its second coordination meeting at the Hall of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

Also present were Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Culture U Soe Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Health Col Than Zin and members of the Leading Committee, the chairmen and members of the Work Committee and work groups and guests.

(4) Harvesting of monsoon paddy in Bago Division inspected

YANGON, 11 Nov-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung, Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi and officials inspected saplings at nurseries of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Semainggon, Bago, this morning.

Minister Lt-Gen Myint Aung inspected cultivation of monsoon paddy along the road and went to Agriculture and Livestock Breeding High School in DaikU where the minister was welcomed by principal, teachers and students.

The minister inspected successful cultivation of monsoon paddy and met teachers and students.

The minister also inspected harvesting of monsoon paddy and tilling for double cropping in DaikU and Nyaunglebin Townships. Altogether 2.1 million baskets of paddy have been obtained from over 30,000 acres in Bago Division.

The minister witnessed harvesting of paddy in Alekhin Agriculture Farm in Kyauktaga Township and met local farmers. Members of District and Township

Law and Order Restoration Councils, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Auxiliary fire Brigade and farmers took part.

The minister inspected harvesting of paddy with the use of machines in Khingyi Model Village.

The two ministers met departmental officials, members of Village Law and Order Restorations Councils and farmers. They discussed harvesting and threshing with the use of machines and arrangements for farmers.

(5) Myanmar delegation arrives back from PRC

YANGON, 11 Nov Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Forestry U Aung Phone arrived back here today after attending Signing and Launching Ceremony of International Network for Bamboo and Rattan held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe, officials of PRC Embassy and heads of departments.

Member of the delegation Deputy Director of Forest Department U San Lwin 2 also arrived back on the same flight.

(6) Deputy Prime Minister receives Director for Asia in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany

YANGON, 11 Nov Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Director for Asia in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr Hans Dieter Scheel and party accompanied by Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany Dr Wolfgang Wiesner at his office this afternoon.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Director-General U Khin Maung Win of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

(7) Economic progress of Myanmar explained

YANGON, 11 Nov-Economic progress of Myanmar was explained at a meeting organized by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and the ASEAN Business Forum led by ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Ajit Singh at Sedona Hotel this morning.

Executive Director of ASEAN Business Forum Mr Khoo Hock Aun extended greetings.

Minister for NPED Brig-Gen Abel spoke of economic progress and opportunities in Myanmar.

Next, Secretary-General Dato Ajit Singh spoke.

Officials of various ministries discussed undertakings of respective ministries and economic reforms.

In the evening, Brig-Gen Abel hosted dinner in honour of the ASEAN Secretary-General and members of the mission at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

The Secretary-General of ASEAN and members of the Union of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry will discuss role of the private sector in ASEAN economic cooperation.

The members of ASEAN Business Forum will observe economic undertakings, industries and industrial zones in Yangon Division.

(8) 98 Thai prisoners go home

YANGON, 11 Nov-A ceremony to hand over of 98 Thai prisoners to Thai authorities was held in Insein Central Jail this morning.

Their jail terms were suspended according to the Criminal Procedure Code Section 401 (1).

The handover came after discussions between 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 and Commander-in-Chief (Army) of Royal Thai Army General Chetta Thanajaro during his visit to Yangon on 6 November.

Present were heads of departments of ministries concerned and officials, Thai Defence and Army and Air Attache Col Ongard Ratanawichai and Deputy Director-General Col Gongsak Phanitchakul of Public Affairs Department of Ministry of Defence of Thailand. Director-General of Prisons Department U Kyaw Dun said the Thai prisoners were being sent home after suspending their jail terms due to friendly relations between Myanmar and Thailand and Defence Services of both countries.

The list of 98 Thai prisoners, their cash and belongings were handed over to Col Gongsak Phanitchakul through Director U Ohn Kyaw of Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The prisoners left by special flight of Royal Thai Army, seen off by Deputy Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and other officials.

(9) 1997 Annual Programme Review Meeting of Myanmar-UNICEF Country Programme of Cooperation 1996-2000

YANGON, 11 Nov- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and its Myanmar partner agencies are holding the 1997 Annual Programme Review meeting of the Myanmar-UNICEF Country Programme of Cooperation 1996-2000 at the Department of Medical Research on 11 and 12 November.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel delivered an address at the opening session.

It was followed by statements from UNICEF Regional Director Dr Pratima Kale and UNICEF Representative in Myanmar Dr Juan Aguilar.

The Myanmar-UNICEF Country Programme of Cooperation for the Period 1996-2000 consists of six programmes and 17 projects with the total budget US \$ 32.5 million from UNICEF General Resources and an additional US\$ 23.5 million to be raised in Supplementary Funds for the five-year programme cycle. Nearly 43 per cent of this combined total is intended to support the Health and Nutrition programme.

The Annual Programme Review highlights not only major achievements but also key constraints encountered during the second year of implementation of the five-year country programme cycle. The review process involved jointly analysis by major departmental counterparts and UNICEF, of progress achieved for Policy Planning and Monitoring, Advocacy, Information and Communication, Health and Nutrition, Education, Early Childhood Development, and Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation programmes. The recommendations will be used in formulating project plans of action for 1998.

A video programme on UNICEF in Myanmar entitled "Children: Gems of Myanmar" was next presented to the participants.

(10) Heroin refinery and paraphernalia seized in Shan State

YANGON, 11 Nov- Acting on information given by members of Defence Services Intelligence that heroin was being produced in the forest in Hsenwi Township, Shan State, a combined team of members of Tatmadaw columns led by No 2 Tactical Operations Commander of North-East Command Col Than Maung, the local DSI unit and Lashio Anti-Drug Squad found a suspicious looking man with an M-22 rifle at Namkhaik (map ref: T-998984) on 1 November.

They seized the rifle, a mule and 51 packets of heroin weighing 150 kilos from the suspect, Aik Taung.

The team led by Col Than Maung combed the Namkhaik area on 2 November, found a heroin refinery in a ravine (map ref: U-121875) and seized paraphernalia used in refining heroin. The refinery included four big huts, one small hut, 75 gallons of spirit and nine bags of lime, five bags of sodium carbonate.

On 3 November, the combined team combed the area (map ref: U-125877) and found precursor chemicals and one air compressor in a bush. The chemicals were 10 gallons of acetic anhydride, four gallons of spirit and some sodium carbonate.

On 4 November, the team also found 211 five-gallon containers with unidentified liquid, five bags of lime, six bags of sodium carbonate, four bags of charcoal powder, one bag of sodium salt and some paraphernalia used in refining opium and a man, one Gan Phan, 34, with an M-21 rifle at a place (map refs: U-059848 and U-061859).

The authorities seized the chemicals and paraphernalia found in the above-mentioned cases. Action will be taken against the two according to law.

(11) MD of APT Travel Service calls on Minister for H & T

YANGON, 11 Nov Managing Director Anant Prasertsit of APT Travel Service Co Ltd of Thailand called on member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this afternoon. Present were Director-General U Khin Maung Latt and Managing Director U Soe Thein and officials.
