

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Friday, 14 Nov, 1997)

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- (1) Senior General and Madame Than Shwe attend Communal Kathina of Taunggyi Pariyatti Sarthintaik**

YANGON, 13 Nov-The Communal Kathina of Taunggyi Pariyatti Sarthintaik was held at Sarthintaik on Thathana Yeiktha Street in Bahan Township 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 together with merits sharing ceremony for Thawtuzana Kyaungsaung No 4 three-storey building.

Present also were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Mah a Saddhamma Jotika Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita and member Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Taunggyi Pariyatti Sarthintaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Uttama and members of the Sangha, Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko Lay, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Secretary of YCDC U Kyaw Win and committee members, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, well-wishers and others

- (2) Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces of Indonesia arrives on goodwill visit**

YANGON, 13 Nov - At the invitation of Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Indonesia General Feisal Tanjung and wife and delegation arrived here by special flight at 11.30 am to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

General Feisal Tanjung and wife and delegation were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye and Daw Mya Mya San, Chief of the Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe and wife, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint and wife, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla and wife, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife, Commandant of the National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung and wife, Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono and wife, Military Attache Col Hary Bambang and wife, and embassy staff.

General Maung Aye and General Feisal Tanjung took the salute of the Guard of Honour and later inspected it.

Together with General Maung Aye and wife and entourage, General Feisal Tanjung and wife and delegation left for Tatmadaw Guest House.

Accompanied by Commandant of the National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, Ambassador of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono and Military Attache Col Hary Bambang, the visiting Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Indonesia General Feisal Tanjung and party visited the Memorial to Fallen Heroes this afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for the Memorial to Fallen Heroes Commandant of Defence Services Records Office Col Myo Myint and committee members.

(3) General Maung Aye hosts dinner in honour of Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces of Indonesia General Feisal Tanjung

YANGON, 13 Nov Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye and Daw Mya Mya San hosted dinner in honour of Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Indonesia General Feisal Tanjung and wife and delegation members at Zeya Thiri Beikman on Kone-myyitha at 7 pm today.

It was attended by Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Chief of Bureau of Special Operations 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, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla and their wives, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Maj-Gen (Police) A Poerwanto Lenggono and wife and Military Attache Col Hary Bambang and wife.

Before and during the dinner, Fine Arts Department of ,Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with classical songs.

After the dinner, Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with traditional dances.

(4) Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association presents \$ 23,640 for restoration of ancient pagodas in Bagan

YANGON, 13 Nov-Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association today presented \$ 23,640 for restoration of ancient religious monuments in Bagan.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt delivered an address at the ceremony which was held at Sedona Hotel at 6 pm.

He said:

It gives me much pleasure to say a few words on this auspicious occasion, and to welcome the Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association headed by Mr Kenichi Hoshina.

Myanmar and Japan have historically maintained a very strong bond of friendship, trade relations go back to the late 19th century (1893) when Japanese businessmen first started businesses in Myanmar. Japan exported to Myanmar manufactured products while Myanmar exported agricultural products, timber, industrial metals and minerals. This trading partnership grew tremendously, making Japan Myanmar's leading trading partner in the East.

Looking back at history we may very well note the ties of friendship between Myanmar and Japan during Myanmar's struggle for independence from the British Colonialist. After the Second World War, Myanmar gained her independence on 4 January 1948. Both countries continued to work closely with each other, and rendered support in the most needed sectors for social and economic development.

Unfortunately, Myanmar, even before her independence, started to face internal insurgency. There were many motives for these insurgencies, fired from both within and abroad. The Myanmar Tatmadaw, with great vigilance and sacrifice fought to preserve her independence, her national integrity and the unity of her people and progressed well in doing so.

In 1962, Myanmar changed her political and economic system. Though with the best of intentions, this change did not succeed and, in 1988, there was internal unrest and violent demonstrations. The situation turned into one of lawlessness and anarchy, whereby once again the Tatmadaw had to step in to take control and stabilise the country.

As I have said many times before some big Western countries with various objectives have blatantly interfered in the internal affairs of Myanmar. Without really seeing or finding out the true facts of what is happening here, using the pretext of human rights and democracy they are attempting to destabilize the country and subject it to their whims and fancy. This dangerous move is designed to suit their interest and those few who are subjected to their whims and fancy. Myanmar with set goals and objectives has met this challenge dauntlessly and will continue to do so. We have friends and since we firmly believe in the principles of truth and justice so we shall be victorious.

Friends, while you are in Myanmar see for yourself, "For seeing is Believing". The prospects for the future are bright and promising and we have extended our warm friendship to all our friends.

In conclusion I thank you in anticipation for your warmth and friendship and for your generous donation for the restoration of religious monuments in Bagan. I wish you a pleasant stay in Myanmar.

Leader of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Kenichi Hoshina and Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi also spoke.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt accepted the cash from Mr Hoshina, who presented it on behalf of the association.

The Secretary-1 also presented him a souvenir.

Dinner was hosted in honour of the guests.

(5) Secretary-1 receives VP of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association

YANGON, 13 Nov Secretary y-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Vice-President of Japan- Myanmar Friendship Association Mr Kenichi Hoshina and party at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning.

Present also were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi.

(6) Coord meeting on full capacity operation of cement factories

YANGON, 13 Nov - A coordination meeting on full capacity operation of cement factories was held at the Ministry of Industry1 this morning.

It was attended by Acting Minister for Industry-1 and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Than Nyunt, Managing Director U Than Shwe of Myanmar Ceramic Industries, and officials.

U Than Shwe presented a report on operating Thayet and Kyangin cement factories at full capacity.

Deputy Minister U Than Nyunt took part in discussions on the report.

The minister gave instruction on producing and importing spare parts for the factories.

(7) Minister inspects construction of hostels of University of Culture

YANGON, 13 Nov - Minister for Culture U Aung San inspected construction of two hostels and a mess of University of Culture in Dagon Myothit (South) this morning.

Each hostel can accommodate 150 students.

Director-General U Tin Htoo of Fine Arts Department and the rector of the university and officials of Public Works briefed the minister on the project.

He called for concerted efforts for allround development of the university and realization of its objectives, meeting officials and faculty members of the university. _____

(8) Minister for Religious Affairs receives President of Lao National Construction Front

YANGON, 13 Nov - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt received member of the Political Bureau Central Committee President of Lao National Construction Front Mr Oudon Khatthiya and delegation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, accompanied by LPDR Ambassador Mr Ly Bounkham, at his office this morning.

Present also were Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Work Committee U Aye Maung, Joint-Secretary U Thaung Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Arnt Maung, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin and officials of the ministry.

They discussed mutual cooperation in religious affairs between the two countries.

They explained the progress of convening National Convention, development project and cultivation of main crop in Myanmar.

(9) Deputy Minister for A&I arrives back from 29th FAO Conference

YANGON, 13 Nov Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, the leader of Myanmar delegation attending the 29th FAO Conference in Rome, Italy, arrived back here by air yesterday evening together with delegation member U Sein Win.

They were welcomed back by FAO Resident Representative Mr Kumar Upad Hyay, departmental heads and families.

While in Rome, the Myanmar delegation called on Director-General of FAO Mr Jacques Diouf on 8 November.

They discussed arrangements for hosting the 24th FAO Conference of Asia and the Pacific Region in Myanmar.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung delivered an address on investment in boosting of food production and agriculture and irrigation projects in Myanmar.

The remaining delegation members are still attending the conference.
