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YANGON, 21 Nov-The Special Refresher Course No 3 for Officers of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs concluded at Ohndaw Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service today with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Secretary-I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Also present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Labour Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein, Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Immigration and Population U Saw Tun, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, deputy ministers, senior military officers, Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads, Rector of CICS U Tin Tun and trainees.

Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt said today is the time to keep on maintaining peace and stability, and law and order which have been restored all over the country

including border areas, and to accelerate efforts for national development.

(2) Thanmyanthu Organization presents cash assistance to 50 in-service disabled Tatmadawmen

YANGON, 21 NOV Thanmyanthu Organization today provided cash assistance to the in-service disabled Tatmadawmen for the 18th time.

The ceremony held at the Defence Services Museum¹ on Shwedagon Pagoda Road this afternoon was attended by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of the [3urcau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Secretary-3 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, senior officers of the Ministry of Defence, departmental officials, the patron, the chairman and officials of Thanmyanthu Organization, wellwishers, disabled Tatmadawmen and guests.

In his address, Lt-Gen Tin Oo said Thanmyanthu Organization has provided cash assistance to the disabled Tatmadawmen for 18 times so that each of them can enjoy a salary of K 5,000 per month.

He said today, the State

peace and Development Council has been formed with the conviction to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the objective of the entire nation, in cooperation with the public.

It is the time the persons discharging national duties have to work seriously and enthusiastically with firm national political resolve, he noted. adding all people must also work hard with the leadership of the State Peace and Development Council with the strong determination.

He pointed out that it is essential for the nation to make economic progress to be able to keep up with the neighbours by the year 2000, and the government and people have to work seriously in the remaining three years of the Five Year Plan.

He said Tatmadawmen as well as the public strove with the spirit of sacrifice for prevalence of peace and stability, and the public providing cash assistance to the disabled Tatmadawmen show the unity of the Tatmadaw and people.

Secretary-3 Lt-Gen Win Myint also spoke.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Lt-Gen Win Myint, Patron of Thanmyanthu Organization Deputy Minister for Forestry and Director of Resettlement Col Thaik Tun, Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Col San Lin and Deputy Adjutant-General Col Ye Tun presented cash assistance and crutches to 50 Tatmadawmen.

Next, General Manager Maj Soe Hlaing (Retd) of Swe Myanmar Oil Dregs and

Products Trading presented K 500 to each of 50 disabled athletes.

Thanmyanthu Organization also donated cash to Mary Chapman School for the Deaf, Khawegyan School for the Blind and Kyimyindine School for the Blind.

The donations presented by wellwishers included K 20,000 worth clothes and K 1.7 million by U Sein Win-Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Myint Myint Yi (Shwe Yi Win Co), K 47,500 worth blankets and clothes and K 75,000 by Agga Maha Thiri Thu dhamma Theingi Daw Hse (Ngwe Hse Co) of Mandalay, K 100,000 by (Col Thein Han)-Daw Khin Shwe Hlaing, K 100,000 by Mr Chan, and K 100,000 by U Soe Win Maung and family of South Okkalapa Township, among others.

(3) YMBA hails National Day

YANGON, 21 Nov-Cash donations were presented to Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) which held a fun fair hailing the 77th National Day.

Present were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Director General of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Soe Win, Deputy Director-General of General Administration Department U Maung Win, chairmen of Pazundaung Township and Mingala Taungnyunt Township Peace and Development Council, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Thet Yi, members of Red Cross Society, chairmen of- Ward Peace and Development Councils and film stars.

Minister for Home Affairs . Col Tin Hlaing and Chairman of YMBA Maha Dhammajotikadhaja Myitzuthaka U Than Maung formally opened the fun fair. General-Secretary of YMBA U Khin Maung Lay explained about the ceremony.

Minister Col Tin Hlaing delivered an addresses and U Than Maung thanked the officials.

Then, cash donation ceremony for YMBA was held there.

Minister Col Tin Hlaing and Daw Khin Hla Hla and family donated K 20,000 for YMBA fund, Police Maj-Gen Soe Win and Daw Khin Khin Ohn and family K 10,000 and officials of MPF K 30,000.

U Than Maung accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to them.

(4) MIC Chairman receives Joint Managing Director of Kedah Cement Holdings Berhad

YANGON, 21 Nov Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Joint Managing Director of Kedah Cement Holdings Berhad of Malaysia Dr Khalid Ngah and party at his

office at 11 am today.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

(5) National Convention Convening Commission meets

YANGON, 21 Nov- National Convention Convening Commission held a meeting at the commission office this afternoon.

It was attended by Commission Chairman Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairmen Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Brig-Gen Myo Thant and members.

(6) Minister visits Ywama Steel Plant, Myanma Gems Enterprise

YANGON, 21 Nov Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and Managing Director of No 3 Mining Enterprise U Mya Soe, visited Ywama Steel Plant.

They were welcomed there by Plant General Manager U Nay Aung and officials. The minister toured the plant.

He gave instructions on production, systematically utilizing machinery, security matters and working for staff welfare.

This morning, the minister visited the Myanma Gems Museum. He was welcomed there by Deputy Ministers for Mines U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein, Managing Director of the Myanma Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and officials.

(7) 10 members, families of 6th KNU brigade, exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 21 Nov While the Government is striving to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with the 12 political, economic and social objectives, it is warmly welcoming the members of armed groups who exchange arms for peace, and it is also catering to the needs of their families.

Realizing that their destructive acts do not benefit the nation and perceiving the noble mind, genuine goodwill and correct endeavours of the Government, armed groups are exchanging arms for peace individually or in group.

Altogether 19 members including 10 members of No 6th brigade of KNU armed group and nine family members led by U Saw Pan Aye, bringing along with them eight weapons of all sorts and 270 rounds of ammunition, exchanged arms for

peace at the unit of Commander of Tactical Operations Command Col Han Tint, Kyeik Village of Kyainn-Seikkyi Township, on 18 November.

A ceremony to exchange arms for peace was held at the compound of the monastery of Kyeik Village, Kyainn-Seikkyi Township, on 19 November morning. It was attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Myint Aung, Kawkareik Station Commander Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Tactical Operations Commander Col Han Tint and commanding officers of regional battalions and over 500 people.

Commander Brig-Gen Myint Aung extended greetings to the armed group members led by U Saw Pan Aye. So far, there are 16 armed groups except KNU, which exchanged arms for peace. Efforts are being made to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. He urged the members of the armed group who exchanged arms for peace to work for national and regional development in cooperation with the Tatmadaw.

Then, U Saw Pan Aye and members handed over arms and rounds of ammunition individually to Commander Brig-Gen Myint Aung.

The commander greeted them and fulfilled their requirements.

It is learnt that there are still more members of armed groups to exchange arms for peace.

(8) Young Entrepreneurs Association of Malaysia concludes visit

YANGON, 21 Nov -The Young Entrepreneurs Association of Malaysia led by Vice-President Mr Stephen Anthonysamy left here by air this afternoon.

They studied economic opportunities of Myanmar for three days.

(9) Minister inspects Farm Machine Factory No 1

YANGON, 21 Nov-Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin inspected Farm Machine Factory No 1 of Agriculture Mechanization Department at Ninth Mile on Pyay Road this morning.

He inspected process of producing parts of 12 HP power tillers at the factory and gave instructions.

The minister spoke of the need to produce farm machinery and equipment to the satisfaction of farmers, to strive to be able to produce goods of better quality after reviewing weaknesses and advantages of the machines being used by farmers and to produce farm machines which can be sold at reasonable price to farmers.

Afterwards, the minister inspected Fruit and Vegetable Shop No 1 at the ministry at Ninth Mile.

He gave instructions on freshness, quality and price of the fruits and vegetables on display at the shop, meeting the manager and staff of the shop.

(10) Chinese Medical delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 21 Nov -Medical delegation led by Maj-Gen Li Chaolin of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China left here by air this morning.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Director of Medical Services Brig-Gen Mya Thein Han, Deputy Director of Medical Services Col Aung Naing, officials and Military Attache Senior Colonel Yaokui.

(11) Opium seized in Phekhon

YANGON, 21 Nov- A combined team of members of Defence Services Intelligence, Myanmar Police Force and Ward Peace and Development Council, acting on a tip-off, searched a godown in Zayanauk Ward, Phekhon, on 6 November morning.

The authorities seized 26.128 kilos of opium

from the godown belonging to U Nay Win, son of U Maung Maung Thin, Thaingbahan Street, Nyaunggon 2 Ward.

They arrested the owners of the opium, who are, Aung Dwe, son of U Nyein, of MyoU 2 Ward, Kawkareik, Thein Win, son of U Hla Maung, Konkha Ward, Bhamo, Ma Mya Lwin, daughter of U Yu Nyo, of Ashaysu Village, Mohnyin.

Action has been taken against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
