

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday, 15 Dec 1997)

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YANGON, 14 Dec - Families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers donated dry rations, edible oil, robes and cash to Sarthintaiks in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, at the respective Sarthintaiks this morning.

Present were Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, member of the State Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Forestry Col Thaik Tun, Vice-Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials and donors.

At the ceremony to offer robes and set up trust funds for Aungsaungwya Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Shwepyitha Township, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Maha GandavaWaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sujata.

The Secretary-2, the commander and ministers offered alms to Sayadaws.

The Secretary-2 offered 95 sets of robes donated by the State Peace and Development Council to the Presiding Sayadaw.

Brig-Gen Lun Maung accepted K 100,000 donated by the families of the Tatmadaw and wellwishers toward the trust funds of the Sarthintaik.

Other cash donations included K 100,000 by Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, K 200,000 by U Thein Win and Daw Than Yin.family of Shwepyitha Township, K 100,000 by Daw Mya Kyi and family of Strand Road, K 105,000 by Township Development Committee (Roads/Bridges), K 100,000 by U Kyaw Win and Daw Khin Swe Oo, K 50,000 by KN U Tin Win and Daw San Win, K 100,000 by Yangon City Development Committee, K 31,276 by U Tin Win of Pabedan Township, K 10,000 by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, K 10,000 by residents of Ward-2 and K 29,690 by residents of Ward 6/12 totalling over K 1 million.

At the ceremony to offer robes and set up trust funds for Aungthawta Nunnery,

the congregation received the Eight Precepts from Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwokyin) Presiding Sayadaw of Thukhitayamatawya Kyaungtaik Bhaddanta Panac,akka.

The Secretary-2 offered 65 sets of robes donated by the State Peace Development Council to Presiding Nun Sasanadhaja Dhammacariya Vinayadhara Missionary Dhammakathika Daw Yu Sanda.

The commander and ministers presented over K 400,000 donated by the families of the Tatmadaw and wellwishers for the trust funds of the Nunnery.

Then, merits gained were shared.

At the ceremony to offer robes and set up trust funds for Shwepyitha Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Presiding Sayadaw of the Sarthintaik Tipidakadhara Bhaddanta Nagita administered the Five Precepts.

The Secretary-2 the commander and ministers offered alms to Sayadaws.

The Secretary-2 offered 76 sets of robes donated by the State Peace and Development Council to the Presiding Sayadaw.

The families of the Tatmadaw, departments and wellwishers donated about K 1.5 million for the

Dhammayone under construction at the Sarthintaik and trust-funds. Similar ceremony was held at Dhammathukha Pariyatti Sarthintaik at noon.

Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejinda invested the congregation with Five Precepts.

The Secretary-2 and party offered 58 pairs of robes donated by the State Peace and Development Council to Sayadaws.

Officials offered dry rations and edible oil donated by families of the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association to the Presiding Sayadaw. The departments and welwishers also donated 35 bags of rice, 20 viss of edible oil and K 213,000 for trust-funds.

Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejinda delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained for the good deeds.

(2) Minister for Transport inspects wharves at Yangon Port

YANGON, 14 Dec - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected wharves and projects at Yangon Port today.

He arrived at Ahlon Wharf 2 Construction Project being undertaken by Asia World Company Ltd this morning and was welcomed there by Deputy Minister for Transport Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Director-General of Transport Department U Khin Maung Myint, U Maung Kyay of Asia World Company Ltd and officials.

General Manager U Hlaing Swan of Myanmar Port Authority briefed him on the types of wharves, U Maung Kyay on construction of Ahlon Wharf 2 and future plans, Navigation Chief Officer U Win Aye of Myanmar Five Star Line on Thakayta Wharf and work undertaken there, and Adviser to MPA U Tin Ohn on Thakayta Port Project.

He inspected Ahlon Wharf 2 Project, and freight-handling and maintenance work at Htidan Wharf 1.

He later inspected Sule wharves and warehouses and left instructions on prevention of loss and wastage and maintenance of wharves.

(3) Minister for Commerce discusses new paddy purchase systems in Kungyangon, Twantay

YANGON, 14 Dec - Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than together with Deputy Minister Commodore Myo Tint and officials coordinated tasks for paddy purchase and inspected rice mills in Kungyangon and Twantay Townships yesterday.

He met rice dealers, millers, farmers and members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils at the Township Peace and Development Council Office.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the government has to purchase paddy to distribute rice to service personnel, Tatmadawmen, social welfare organizations, project workers, prisoners and patients and this year, paddy will be purchased by three systems.

He said these purchase systems are to be applied for convenience of farmers, and as paddy is to be purchased at the prevailing prices, farmers need to sell quality paddy.

The minister and party later met members of District, Township and Ward Union Solidarity and Development Associations at the Township Law Office.

Afterwards, they inspected No252 100-ton Rice Mill before proceeding to Twantay.

Meeting farmers, rice dealers and millers, and departmental personnel at Twantay Township Peace and Development Council, the minister spoke about the new paddy purchase systems.

He also gave suggestions to the Township USDA members on the tasks for allround national development.

The minister and party inspected No 202 50-ton Rice Mill before returning to Yangon.

(4) Appointment of Ambassador of Austria agreed

YANGON, 15 Dec-The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Dr Georg Znidaric as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Austria to the Union of Myanmar in succession to HE Dr Nikolaus Scherk. Dr Znidaric was born on 30 August 1941 and obtained Doctor of Law from the University of Vienna in 1968. He joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1970 and has served in various capacities in the Austrian Foreign Ministry and at Embassies in Budapest, Ankara, Nairobi, Lebanon and Ivory Coast.

Dr Georg Znidaric is married and has two children. He is concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Thailand and Myanmar, with residence in Bangkok.

(5) Advanced Training Course 1/97 for Skilled Construction Workers for dispatch to Singapore opens

YANGON, 14 Dec Opening ceremony of Advanced Training Course I/97 for Skilled Construction Workers for dispatch to Singapore jointly organized by Labour Department and Sinmar Tech Co Ltd was held at Pinlon Hall of Labour Department in Ward 43 in Dagon Myothit (North) this morning, with an address by Minister for Labour Vice-Admiral Tin Aye.

Present were Minister for Hotels and Tourism MajGen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, directors-general under the Ministry of Labour, officials of Sinmar Tech Co Ltd and guests.

Minister Vice-Admiral Tin Aye said investment and technology are needed in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and Labour Department is producing skilled workers for human resources development.

Director-General of Labour Department U Tun Shwe and Chairman of Sinmar Tech Co Ltd Mr Khoo Swee Kok spoke.

The one-month course is being attended by 98 trainees. Experts of Construction Industry Development Board will test their skills.

Singapore-recognized certificates will be presented to qualified trainees and arrangements have been made for their employment in Singapore.

(6) Cornerstone laid for construction of three-storey Thathanayanthi Kyaungsaung

YANGON, 14 Dec-The cornerstone laying ceremony for construction of three-storey Thathanayanthi Kyaungsaung of Maha Bodhi Pariyatti Sarthintaik was held there in Yankin Township this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin, Commander of No 2 Military Region Col Hsan Hsint, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aye Lwin, Chairman of Township Peace and development Council U Kyaw Swa and members member of Board of Trustees and wellwishers.

At the auspicious time, Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Bodhi Pariyatti Sarthintaik Bhaddanta Panditabhivamsa laid the casket containing nine precious gems.

Then, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials laid the cornerstones.

Later, wellwishers donated cash K 1.7 million for the building to Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials.

(7) Myanmar second in Chiangmai World Women's Weightlifting C'ship

YANGON, 14 Dec Myanmar women's weightlifting contingent which won two golds, two silvers and two bronzes in the 11 th World Women's Weightlifting Championships in Chiangmai, Thailand, arrived loack here by air today.

Myanmar contingent won 505 points in the 41nation events and stood second.

The contingent headed by President of Myanmar Women's Weightlifting Federation U Myo Nyunt was welcomed back by Directors of Sports and and Physical Education Department Lt-Col Than Zaw and U Maung Win, other officials, President of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Dr May May Yi and EC members, officials of MWF and their relatives.

(8) Minister for Electric Power inspects installation of new transformers

YANGON, 14 Dec Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut inspected installation of a new 300 KVA transformer in Ward 7, South Okkalapa, this morning.

Meeting township officials, members of Ward Peace and Development Councils and residents, he discussed maintenance of the transformer, replacement of old cables with new ones, proper power supply and measures for fire prevention.

He later inspected the site designated for installation of a new transformer at the corner of Anawma and Kawliya Streets in Ward 13.

Next, he inspected the new 300 KVA transformer installed at the top of the 4th Street in Sanpya Ward in Thingangyun Township and its capacity, the new transformer on Yangonhit Bayintnaung Road, and installation of new lamp-posts and meter boxes.

(9) Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation tours Shan State, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 14 Dec-Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung discussed purchase of sugarcane with service personnel at Shwenyaung Sugar Mill in southern Shan State on 11 December.

He inspected milling and sugar production and potato and ginger plantation in Heho Farm in Kalaw Township.

The deputy minister inspected maintenance and water supply in Thettaw Reservoir and Hlinetet Canning Factory in Thazi Township.

On 12 December, the deputy minister inspected storage of water in Nyaungyan Minhla Lake, replacement of modern sluice gates and met member of Village Peace and Development Council and farmers.

The deputy minister inspected renovation of regulating dam in Samon Reservoir. On 13 December, he discussed the aims and tasks of the association and participation in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation in meeting with EC members of Union Solidarity and Development Association in Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Tatkon, Pyinmana and Lewe Townships.
