

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Tuesday, 16 Dec 1997)

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YANGON, 15 Dec Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, currently in Kuala Lumpur, attended the ceremony where His Majesty Yang di Pertuan Agong and the Queen of Malaysia received Heads of States and high level officials and their wives of ASEAN nations at Istana Negara Palace yesterday evening.

The Heads of States and high level officials and their wives arrived at the palace at 4.30 pm and were welcomed by the Yang di Pertuan Agong and the Queen.

They had a souvenir photo taken together with the Yang di Pertuan Agong and the Queen.

Present on the occasion were Prime Minister Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia, Senior General Than Shwe, Sultan Hassanah Bolkuah of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Ali Alatas of Indonesia, Prime Minister Mr

Khamtay Siphandone of Lao People's Democratic Republic, President Mr Fidel V Ramos of the Republic of the Philippines, Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong of the Republic of Singapore, Prime Minister Mr Chuan Leepai of the Kingdom of Thailand and Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and their wives.

Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe called on his Malaysian counterpart Dr Mahathir in Majestic 111 Hall at Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel at 11.30 am.

The Senior General was accompanied by Secretary- I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt.-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel and Ambassador of Myanmar to Malaysia U Saw Tun. Together with the Malaysian Prime Minister were Minister of Foreign Affairs Dato Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad

Badawi, Minister of International Trade and Industry Dato Seri Rafidah Aziz and senior officials.

At 6 pm, Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong called on the Senior General at Majestic I Hall of the hotel.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Minister U Ohn Gyaw and Minister Brig-Gen Abel and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore Professor S Jaya Kumar were also present.

The Senior General and party attended the dinner hosted in their honour by staff and families of Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur at the Ambassador's Residence on 13 December.

They arrived at the residence at 7.30 pm and were welcomed by the ambassador, Military Attach Col Htay Win, staff and their families.

The Secretary-1 met them and explained the purpose of the visit, history of the friendly relations between Myanmar and Malaysia, endeavors to further strengthen bilateral relations which have been promoted since the Senior General's visit to Malaysia in 1996, the need to further extend bilateral relations based on common interest by diplomats, the present developments in the national stability, national economy and social conditions, formation of the State Peace and Development Council to accelerate momentum of work for the nation to get abreast with other ASEAN nations, the Council's endeavors for establishment of a peaceful modern and developed nation, which is the national goal, in accord with the State's political, economic and social objectives.

They then enjoyed the dinner together, the embassy staff and families.

Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented souvenirs to the staff and families.

They rested for the night at Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel.

(2) General Maung Aye attends parade to mark Myanmar Air Force's Golden Jubilee

YANGON, 15 Dec - A parade to mark Myanmar Air Force's Golden Jubilee was held at Mingala-don Air Force Base this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than attended the ceremony and delivered a speech.

Present also were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-

Gen Tin Oo, Secretary-3 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Win Myint, Deputy Prime Ministers Vice Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, members of the State Peace and Development Council, ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers, Senior Officers of the Air Force and their wives, Base Commanders of Air Force Base and guests.

First, Commander-in Chief (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than formally opened the ceremony.

Then, General Maung Aye, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Secretary-3 Lt-Gen Win Myint, the Deputy Prime Ministers, the ministers and senior Tatmadaw officers and guests toured the exhibition and signed in the visitor's book.

Later, a lunch was held to mark the conclusion ceremony of Myanmar Air Force's Golden Jubilee.

(3) Ensuring smooth river transport, prevention of erosion, cultivated land from floods coordinated

YANGON, 15 Dec-A coordination meeting on ensuring smooth river transport along the rivers and preventing erosion and cultivated land from flooding was held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation this afternoon, addressed by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt -Gen Tin Oo.

Present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Forestry Col Thaik Tun and departmental officials.

The Secretary-2 said river beds in Myanmar have been silted and there were floods and embankments broke and some cultivated areas were flooded. Banks near towns and villages eroded and waterways became silted, he added.

He spoke of the need to make long-term arrangements for ensuring smooth transport on waterways and preventing erosion and cultivated land from flooding, especially to implement Ayeyawady River Upgrading Project.

Ministries concerned have to undertake their tasks and the Secretary-2 called for suggestions.

Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on loss of land and repair of dam and embankment and Minister Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe on arrangements for maintenance of waterways.

Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint reported on maintenance of waterways and projects to renovate embankment in Ayeyawady Division and east and west regions of Bago Division with the aid of charts and Director-General of Waterways Department U Pe Than on maintenance of waterways on Bhamo Yangon route.

Next, Commodore Nyunt Thein, Ministers Brig-Gen Lun Maung and U Khin Maung Thein, the deputy ministers and officials took part in the discussions.

The Secretary-2 urged officials to implement the guidance given by Senior General Than Shwe at the meeting 2/97 of Special Projects Implementation Committee in cooperation with the ministries concerned.

(4) Hospitals inspected in Yangon

YANGON, 15 Dec-Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo inspected Yangon East Hospital this afternoon.

The minister was welcomed by Director-General of Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Deputy Director-General Dr Wan Maung and officials.

Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Myint reported on hospital, treatment, diagnosis, measures, cost sharing system, breastfeeding, welfare and cleanliness. The minister inspected operation theater, paying-wards and wards.

He went to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital where Medical superintendent Dr Ba Tin reported on strength of staff and their activities.

The minister inspected operation theater, National Eye Bank, Yangon Intentional Eye Bank and wards.

The minister spoke of endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council, implementation of health projects for longevity and serving the nation.

(5) Chinese Writers Delegation visits Hlawga Wildlife Park

YANGON, 15 Dec Members of Chinese Writers Delegation led by Honorary Member Mr Yang Yiyan of Writers Association of PRC, currently here under the cultural exchange programme, accompanied by Deputy Chief Editor U Soe Myint and Editor U Khin Maung Lay of Sarpaybeikman, visited Hlawga Wildlife Park this morning.

They were welcomed by Administrator U Hla Aye and official who conducted them round on conservation of forest and animals.

Then, the delegation toured the park.

The Chinese delegation also visited the library of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana on Kaba Aye Hill in the afternoon.

They were welcomed by Director U Maung Maung Lay, Librarian Daw Yin Yin Myint and U Myint Soe who conducted the delegation round on library and museum.

(6) Minister visits rice and bran oil mills

YANGON, 15 Dec Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, accompanied by Deputy Minister Commodore Myo Tint and officials, visited No 05 Kwinkyaung 100-ton Rice Mill and 360-ton Rice Processing Plant in Ahlon Township and No 01 Bran Oil Mill in Hline Township under Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading yesterday morning.

They were welcomed by mill and plant managers and officials.

The minister inspected the mills, plant and warehouses.

In meeting managers and officials, the minister stressed repair and maintenance of machinery to run the mills at full capacity according to the set objectives and innovation and invention of substitute spare parts, and called on service personnel to discharge assigned duties day and night for the improvement of quality of products, abide by worksite discipline, keep mills and warehouses clean, exercise constant vigilance for security and take fire prevention, measures.
