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(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to King of Bhutan

YANGON, 17 Dec On the auspicious occasion of the National Day of Bhutan, which falls on 17 December 1997, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, King of Bhutan.

(2) Progress in short time and perpetuation of territorial integrity mainly due to correct policies of government

YANGON, 16 Dec-Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo met heads of department of the Ministries and service organizations at the meeting hall on the first floor of the Yangon City Development Committee Office here at 1 pm today and discussed departmental functions.

Present at the meeting were Minister for Labour Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, 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 Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Ko-Lay, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Vice-Chairman of departments of the Ministries and services organizations.

(3) Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Exhibition and Competition open

YANGON, 16 Dec-The opening ceremony of the 1997 Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Exhibition and Competition was held at Myepadethakyun in Bahan Township this morning.

The exhibition and competition was held with the following objectives- to cultivate the interest of the citizens in the cultivation of vegetables,

fruits and flowers which will eventually lead to commercial production as the technology is widely adopted; to bring about new and improved varieties of vegetables, fruits and flowers; to make available enough amount of high quality produce for internal use and to export the surplus to earn more foreign exchange.

Present were Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, members of the State Peace and Development Council, Ministers, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, ambassadors, officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, specially invited guests and contestants.

(4) Secretary-2 attends meeting on sale -and -distribution of diesel for summer paddy cultivation

YANGON, 16 Dec-Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt.-Gen Tin Oo addressed a coordination meeting on sale and distribution of fuel for summer paddy cultivation in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Energy this afternoon.

Present were Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig Gen Khin Maung and U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Tun, Deputy Ministers for Energy U Tin Tun and Brig-Gen Thein Aung, secretaries of State/Division Peace and Development Councils and department heads.

The Secretary-2 said it is the time strenuous efforts have to be made for cultivation of summer paddy, and stated that in Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and Mon State, summer paddy is cultivated mainly, and in other divisions and states, summer paddy cultivation depends on availability of water. He stressed the need to make coordination and arrangements for timely sale and distribution of diesel to farmers from the areas where paddy cultivation is carried out with pumped water.

The minium need of fuel should be asked for in accord with sown acreage, he noted.

He added as is known to all, fuel locally produced and purchased with foreign exchange is being distributed with a view to fulfilling the need of domestic consumption. U Kin Maung Thein explained distribution of diesel needed for summer paddy cultivation. Then, the ministers, deputy ministers, secretaries of State/Division Peace and Development Councils and officials took part in the discussions. The Secretary-2 attended to their requirements.

(5) Minister for Commerce receives President Director of PT Semen Cibinong

YANGON, 16 Dec- Minister for Commerce Maj-Gen Kyaw Than received Chairman of Mynamar Economic Holdings Ltd Maj-Gen Than Oo, President Director Mr Hashim and party of PT Semen Cibinong of Indonesia at his office this afternoon.

(6) Resident Representative of WHO calls on Minister for Health

YANGON, 16 Dec-Resident Representative of WHO Mr Klaus Wagner called on Minister for Health Maj-Gen Ket Sein at his office at 2 pm today.Present were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and officials of the ministry.

(7) PRC Ambassador calls on Minister for Industry-2

YANGON, 16 Dec-Ambassador the People's Republic of China Mr Liang Dong called on Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe at his office this morning. They discussed bilateral economic and industrial cooperation. Present were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 U Thein Tun and Head of Office U Chit Lwin.

(8) Minister for Information receives Ambassadors of Singapore, India

YANGON, 16 Dec - Minister for Information Maj-Gen Kyi Aung received Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow at his office at 2 pm today.He also received Ambassador of the Republic of India Mr Shyam Saran at his office at 3 pm.Present were Deputy Ministers for Information U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Chief Editor of the New Light of Myanmar U Kyaw Min and Head of Office U Khin Maung Myint.

(9) President of Kiseki Corporation calls on Chairman of MIC

YANGON, 16 Dec President of Kiseki Corporation of Singapore Mr K Inoue and party paid courtesy call on Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin at his office at 3 pm today.Present were officials of the Commission.

(10) Manager of Marubeni Corporation calls on Minister for Energy

YANGON, 16 Dec-Manager of Marubeni Corporation of Japan Mr H Sagara and party called on Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein at his office this morning.Present were Deputy Ministers U Tin Tun and Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Director-General U Soe Myint of the Energy Planning Department.

(11) Minister for F& R meets Company Tax offices on companies

YANGON, 16 Dec-Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun, accompanied by Deputy Director General of Internal Revenue Department U Soe Thein and officials met staff of company tax office this morning and inspected its functions.

The minister spoke of tax collection from companies, making efforts for realizing the targets and taxation.Internal Revenue Department established tax

collection office on companies separately in 1990 to levy taxes from companies founded under Myanmar Companies Act, branches of foreign firms, local and foreign joint ventures and foreign companies permitted by Myanmar Investment Commission.

(12) 46 more exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 16 Dec Forty-six more members of various armed groups exchanged arms for peace at the respective military command areas from 1 to 28 November.

They are among the many members of armed groups who have realized the Government's sincere goodwill and have been exchanging arms for peace with the Tatmadaw.

Kyaw Lin (a) Shwe Kyee with the rank of 2ndlt and pvt Kyaw Kyaw Min of ABSDF (Central) exchanged arms for peace in Northern Command areas.

In South-East Command area; wo-2 San Aung (a) Hmat Kyi, pvt Ma Thein Myint of medical unit, brigade 1 of KNU, leader Saw Pan Aye, pvts Saw Hla Kyi, Saw Ba Sein, Saw Tu Htwe, Saw Ahle, Saw Kawwi, Sein Maung, Saw Phathama, Maung Khin, Saw Aung Htwe of guerilla unit, brigade 6 and sgt Saw Nay Htoo of battalion 16, brigade 6 exchanged arms for peace bringing along with them one BA-72, four M-16s, one AK-47, one M-2, one M-21, one .30 carbine, four magazines, 57 rounds of ammunition.

U Yu Nwe, vice-chairman of Myawady region of ABSDF armed group and pvt Hashim (a) Sein Maung, commander Ye Win Lay of battalion 214, platoon commander Nan Do Tan and pvt Saw Khu Htoo (a) Soe Paing exchanged arms for peace in the area bringing along with them one .32 pistol, one magazine and ten rounds of ammunition.

In Coastal Region Command, capt Saw Kawt Taya of battalion 11, brigade 4, KNU armed group, Nateindaung administrative member Saw Chukyia, leader of Kakaunkni region Saw Taw Lok, pvt Saw Htaw Nayday, Saw Khu Ba (a) Saw Naing Naing, wife Naw Thaphaw and daughter Naw Lu May, leader of Mawpadu region Saw Khu Lu, leader of Hsinswechaung region Saw Pan Yaung, pvt of Pyathatchaung region Saw Bce Bee, Saw Bila, Saw He Nyaw, I/cpl Saw Soe Naing of battalion 10, wife Naw Phaw Htoo, daughter Naw Pan Ngepo and Naw Soe Htoo Htoo, pvt of Kyaukhtu region Saw Nyunt Sein (a) Saw Po Kya Bai, Thinbonchaung region hardcore Saw Kyi Win exchanged arms for peace bringing along with them seven M-16s, one AK-47, two carbines, one M-21, one M-22, one pistol, 12 magazines, 58 rounds of ammunition, three hand grenades, one M-14 mine.

Pvt Tun Aye of battalion 203, ABSDF armed group, wife Maw Maw Yu, daughter Phyo Thanda Tun and son Maung Nyein Zaw also exchanged arms for peace in the area.

In North-West Command area, pvt Hlan Khalan of CNA armed group exchanged arms for peace.

In Western Command area, pvt Kyaw Aye of AA armed group together with one revolver and four magazines, pvt U Maung Tha Aung of ALP armed group and pvt

Ibrahim of Tawh Tawh armed group together with one gun and eight rounds of ammunition exchanged arms for peace.

They were warmly welcomed by officials who are rendering assistance.

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