

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Wednesday 2 April, 1997)**

\*\*\*\*\*

- (1) Prime Minister of LPDR Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and delegation conclude visit**
- (2) Merlion Inter-trade Co Chairman calls on Minister for Hotels and Tourism**
- (3) KMB officials call on MIC Secretary**
- (4) Myanmar delegation arrives back from Indonesia, Vietnam**
- (5) Working Group Meeting on Women's Health and Development Country Profiles continues**
- (6) Illegal timber seized in Hlegu Township**
- (7) Five drug traffickers get life imprisonment**
- (8) MD of Start Point International calls on Minister for sports**

---

**(1) Prime Minister of LPDR Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and delegation conclude visit**

YANGON, 1 April - Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and delegation, who were in Myanmar at the invitation of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, left here yesterday morning and arrived at Tachilek Airport in eastern Shan State at 10.15 am yesterday.

The LPDR Prime Minister and delegation left Taunggyi for Heho by helicopter. In the Airport Lounge, the visiting couple and the Commander and wife exchanged gifts. They sprinkle water on one another hailing the Thingyan Water Festival.

The visiting Prime Minister and family also doused water on the Commander and wife, military officers, State/District and Township Law and Order Restoration Councils and departmental personnel who were there to see off the guests. Traditional dances were also presented.

The special plane carrying LPDR Prime Minister and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone and delegation left Heho Airport for the LPDR at 4 pm today.

---

**(2) Merlion Inter-trade Co Chairman calls on Minister for Hotels and Tourism**

YANGON, 1 April-Chairman of Merlion Inter-trade Co Ltd Mr Drake Poh and party called on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office at noon today.

They discussed construction of a world-class hotel and resort on Palu Jitan and Palu Nyai islands Kawthoung District with the investment of \$ 40 million.

Also present were Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and officials.

---

**(3) KMB officials call on MIC Secretary**

YANGON, 1 April-Director Mr Joned Yasin of Kulim Malaysia Berhad Co Ltd and party called on Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister at the Office of Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung at the office of MIC this morning.

They discussed establishment of rubber plantations and production of rubber products.

Also, present were officials of MIC.

---

**(4) Myanmar delegation arrives back from Indonesia, Vietnam**

YANGON, 1 April - Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi arrived-back here after visiting Indonesia and Vietnam at the invitation of Mr Tungki Ariwibowo, Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Indonesia and Mr Le Van Triet, Minister of Trade of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

---

**(5) Working Group Meeting on Women's Health and Development Country Profiles continues**

YANGON, 1 April-The Working Group Meeting on Women's Health and Development Country Profiles continued for the second day at the auditorium of the Department of Medical Research this morning.

It was attended by the WHO Secretariat, representatives from various countries, advisers and research team members of Myanmar Women's Health and Development Group. Guidelines for completion of women's health and development country profile as regards the country's situation and status of women were discussed.

The delegates visited Shwedagon Pagoda and donated cash and they also visited the site of Wayzayanta Housing Project being undertaken by Eikhsitan Co under the hut to high-rise scheme.

---

**(6) Illegal timber seized in Hlegu Township**

YANGON, 1 April-Staff Officer of Hlegu Township Forest Department and party led by Assistant Director of Yangon North District Forest Department seized illegal teak and pyinkadoe in Mington Village in Hlegu Township on 18 March.

The seizure includes over 10 tons of sawn teak, two tons of pyinkadoe and 1.4 tons of other sawn timber.

Legal action is being taken against U Soe Naing, U Maung Tin, U Maung Htaung, U Mar Din, U Aung San, U Kyaw Myint and U Kyaw Win of Mington Village according to law.

---

**(7) Five drug traffickers get life imprisonment**

YANGON, 1 April Muse District Court has sentenced life imprisonment to five narcotic drug traffickers who were caught while trafficking 3.53 kilos of heroin from Tima to Muse.

The court handed down sentences to Shwe Tun Oo, son of U Aung Hmat, Yan Lon, son of U Yan Wun Lu, Yan Yon Yan, son of U Yin Kyeehsan, Kyan Hsai, son of U Kyan Tartet and Magan, son of U Yan Chan Lwin under section 19 (a) on 19 February.

They were arrested by Tatmadawmen of a regional battalion on 24 November 1996 at 3 am while trafficking the heroin concealed in a fuel tank of a car they were riding. Shwe Tun Oo was at the whed of the car with plate No 2Ka/5757.

Muse police booked them under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

---

**(8) MD of Start Point International calls on Minister for sports**

YANGON, 1 April-Managing Director Mr Steven Tan of Start Point International Pte Ltd of Singapore called on Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win at his office this afternoon. They discussed sports..

Also present were Director-General Col Hla Myint Kyaw of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials of the ministry and the company.

---