(1) Minister for Hotels and Tourism receives executives of Pacificwide Trading, Delta Resort

YANGON, 13 May- Managing Director Mr Dirk Niedermann of Pacificwide Trading Ltd of Hong Kong, called on member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at the ministry of Hotels and Tourism this evening. Mutual cooperation in General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt and Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein.

Similarly, Chairman Mr Jean Jacques Vellino of Delta Resort Ltd of France called on Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba at his office this evening. Mr Vellino reported on construction of resort hotel of international standard at Ngapali beach.

The minister explained opportunities, exemption on customs duty and tax relief. present at the meeting were Director General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt and Managing Director of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein.

(2) Commander-in-Chief (Air) receives Military Attache of Pakistan

YANGON, 13 May - Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe received Military Attache of Pakistan Lt-Col Zahid Hussain Khan, resident in Dhaka, Bangladesh, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 7.30 am today.

Present together with Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe were Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than and Colonel General Staff Col Myint Swe.
(3) Myanmar Delegation to attend 3rd Int’l Conference on the Future of Asia

YANGON, 13 May- Myanmar delegation led by Secretary of Myanmar investment Commission Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig.Gen Maung Maung this evening left Yangon to attend the 3rd International Conference on the Future of Asia to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister U Than Shwe, member of Security and Management Committee Brig-Gen Thaung Myint, Ambassador of Japan Mr Yoichi Yamaguchi, heads of departments and officials.

(4) Water purification system at SB-DAI Fish Breeding Station inaugurated

YANGON, 13 May-Water purification system at the SB-DAI Fish Breeding Station of the Special Investigation Department, Myanmar Police Force, at Aungthabye Yeyeiktha on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township was inaugurated this evening. The System was arranged with technical assistance of Daimex Inc of Japan.

At the opening ceremony held at the Yeyeiktha later, Director of SB Col Ba Hein and Mr Shunichi Talcenaga spoke. This was followed by a demonstration in cooking the fish of the SB-DAI Station.

(5) MAI, Air Mandalay sign interline traffic agreement

YANGON, 13 May-Myanmar International Airways and Air Mandalay Ltd signed an interline traffic agreement, which will unite the two airlines for full cooperation in the carriage of passengers, at the Head Office of Air Mandalay Ltd in Bahan Township here today. Present on the occasion were Chairman of MAI Board of Directors Col Tun Aung (Retd), Chairman Dr Tun Shin of Air Mandalay Ltd and members of Board of Directors and officials of MAI and Air Mandalay Ltd. Col Tun Aung (Retd) and Dr Tun Shin explained civil aviation.

Director (Operations) Wu Ling Siow of MAI and Managing Director Mr Eric Kang of Air Mandalay Ltd signed the agreement, under which MAI passengers will have easy transit to domestic flights by Air Mandalay.

(6) 26 members of armed groups exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 13 May Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Law and Order Restoration Council has been implementing- the 12
political, economic and social objectives after securing national reconsolidation and at the same time it has established settlements and reclaimed farmland for those who exchanged arms for peace so that they can earn a living with life security and peace of mind. Moreover, it is initiating small-scale commodity production undertakings agriculture activities for them while constantly fulfilling their requirements in education and health.

After realizing the genuine goodwill and correct endeavours of the government and that their atrocious acts will in no way serve the interests of the nation, members of the armed groups in the jungles have been exchanging their arms for peace individually or in groups. Between 1 April and 11 April 1997, 26 men of the armed groups exchanged their arms for peace. In the South-East Command area, Phado Mahn Pyi Thein of township administration, Ryaw Khu, Za Paraw, Saw Min Aye and PoLahe of township administration, Napoleon who was in charge, Saw Po Wah who was deputy in-charge and member U Ne Thwe of No 6 brigade, sergeant De Pa law (a) Athti Kaw and privates Saw Htaw Kale and Zaw Myint Htay of No 16 battalion, sergeant Saw Kyaw Yu, privates La Pa Paw and Hla Ko of No 17 battalion, of KNU, exchanged their arms for peace. They brought along five AK-47 automatic rifles, four M-16 automatic rifles, one carbine, one hand grenade, one land mine, one Icon walkie talkie and 49 rounds of ammunition. Similarly, company commander Thet Way of No 206 battalion and privates Thaung Sein and Nay Lin of No 216 battalion of ABSDF armed group exchanged their arms for peace bringing along with them two hand grenades.

In the Northern Command area, second lieutenant Aung Min, private Ma Kyi Kyi Aye and her daughter Ma Phun Nanda Aung of ABSDF No 701 battalion, cpl Aung Thein Naing, wife Ma Khawn Ja and daughters Ma Phyu Win Nu and Ma Ei Win Than of battalion headquarters brought along two hand grenades to exchange arms for peace.

In Eastern Shan State, MTA remnants Ai Kham and Kyaung Shan brought along one M-16 automatic rifle, one China-made sub-machine gun and 360 rounds of ammunition to exchange arms for peace.

Responsible personnel at the respective Tatmadaw camps extended a warm welcome to them and fulfilled their requirements.

(7) Antiques and fossils handed over to National Museum

YANGON, 13 May-The Office of the Strategic Studies this afternoon handed over two antiques, some fossils and implements of the Stone Age donated to the Pondaung region fossilized remains exploration team by the local people of Pale and Myaing Townships to the National Museum.
(8) Raw opium weighing over 21 Kilos seized in Nawngkhio

YANGON, 13 May - A combined group comprising personnel of Lashio anti-Drug squad, regional military intelligence unit and Customs Department, stopped and searched Ngwe Yanada Mann bus No Zamyinzwe/7146 which was coming from Namtu to Mandalay at the check point at the entrance of Nawngkhio at 3.30 pm on 18 April.

They found 11 packets of raw opium weighing 21.5557 kilos from three knapsacks of two passengers.

Action is being taken against the two passengers Aung Win, 33, son of U Thein Pe of Bawdwin Village, Namtu Township and Tin Aung, 28, son of U Thein Pe of the same village under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.