International Theravada Buddhist Mission University to be set up for propagation of Theravada Buddhism

YANGON, 4 JULY - A coordination meeting on construction of the International Theravada Buddhist Mission University was held at the site office on Dhammapala Hill in Mayangon Township this morning.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt addressed the meeting. Minister for Religious Affairs Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Chairman of Yangon Division, Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Aung Khin, Director General of the Office of State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein, heads of departments and other officials.

Secretary 2 explains prevailing political situation, activities of internal and external destructive elements

YANGON, 4 July - Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo met officers and other ranks of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) of the Ministry of Defence and elaborated on the political situation prevailing in the country, what should be known about activities of internal external the destructive elements and the salient points which Tatmadawmen must observe, at the Ministry of Defence this morning. Present also were Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Vice-Adjutant-General BrigGen Than Tun, Vice-Quartermaster-General Bng-Gen Thein Tun and directors of the Ministry of Defence.

Minister for PBANRDA recounts Secretary-1’s clarification

YANGON, 4 July - Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint this morning recounted the clarification of the Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council on how Western powers had been aiding and abetting terrorism committed by certain organizations operating in
the guise of democracy’ and human rights by giving them assistance in cash and kind.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Tin, officials of departments under the ministry and personnel of the Minister’s Office, Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Department, numbering 320, attended ceremony at the Government Office meeting hall in the Office of Ministers.

(4) Secretary 1’s clarification recounted to SWD personnel

YANGON, 4 July -Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint this afternoon addressed a ceremony to recount the clarification of the Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council on how Western powers had been aiding and abetting terrorism committed by certain organizations operating in the guise of democracy and human rights by giving them assistance in cash and kind.

Deputy Minister BrigGen Maung Kyi recounted the clarification to the officials and personnel of Social Welfare Department at a head office on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road.

(5) 1997-98 cotton bale export value reaches $1.2m by June

YANGON, 4 July -Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung met paddy, beans, edible oil and industrial crop researchers at the Central Agriculture Research Centre, Yezin, yesterday.

He gave suggestions on production of quality crops for foreign markets and boosting production.

Today, he inspected construction of the Diamond Jubilee Dhammayon being undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the Yezin Institute of Agriculture.

He also inspected hostels and environs of the institute.

He later toured farms of the Agriculture Research Farm in Tatkon Township and also inspected land reclamation and establishment of projects farms for boosting production of corn and edible oil crops in Yamethin Township.

In Pyawbwe, he met cotton farmers and instructed them on production of quality cotton.

He inspected the Ginning Factory in Meiktila.

The ministry has exported $1.2 million worth cotton bales up to the end of June for 1997-98.
Minister inspects gantry cranes imported from PRC

YANGON 4 July - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win inspected three gantry cranes imported from the People’s Republic of China at Thilawa Port today.

The cranes will be used for the container wharf project, Myanmar International Terminal, Thilawa, being undertaken by C & P (Myanmar) Pte Ltd of Singapore.

At the port, he was welcomed by Managing Director U Tin Oo of Myanmar Port Authority, Chairman of Kyauktan Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Lu Maw, Commanding Officer of the Regional Battalion Lt-Col Zaw Weik and officials.

Myanmar delegation leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 4 July - A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel this morning left for Thailand to attend a meeting to review the resolutions passed at the Ministerial Meeting under the Programme for Promotion of Economic Cooperation between the Six countries in Mekong Region, from 4 to 6 July in Pattaya.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Finance and Revenue BrigGen Win Tin, Minister for Education U Pan Aung, Minister Counsellor of Thai Embassy Mr Uthai Silthom, officials of the Ministry and relatives.

The delegation comprises Director-General of Transport Planning Department U Aye Mu of Ministry of Rail Transportation, Director of Foreign Economic Relations Department U Maung Maung Lay and PSO to the minister U Tin Maung Htay.

Minister inspects Ywama Steel Mill

YANGON, 4 July - Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min, accompanied by Managing Director of No 3 Industry U Mya Soe, arrived at Ywama Steel Mill this morning.

He was welcomed there by General Manager U Nay Aung and other officials.

He inspected production of the mill.

Meeting officials, Lt-Gen Kyaw Min gave instructions on meeting the steel block production target.

He said there are some foreign companies to go into joint venture with the mill and coordination is being made in the national interest.

It is essential to meet production target so as to be self-reliant and properly distribute products to departments, he said.
(9) **U S professor calls on Minister for H & T**

YANGON, 4 July - Professor Karl Lian of International Hospitality and Tourism Institute, USA, paid a courtesy call on Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kwaw Ba at his this morning. Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and other officials were also

(10) **Minister for F&R receives Israel Ambassador**

YANGON, 4 JULY - Minister for Finance, and Revenue Brig-Gen Win Tin received Ambassador of Israel Mr Gad Nathan at his office today. Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyi Aye was also present.