(1) Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) receives Chief of General Staff (Army) of the Armed Forces of Bangladesh

YANGON, 22 Aug  Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-chief (Army) General Maung Aye received Chief of General Staff (Army) of the Armed Forces of People's Republic of Bangladesh Maj-Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain and party at Tatmadaw Hall, Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinttha, at 4 pm today.

Present also together with General Maung Aye were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of the Office of Strategic Studies and Director of Defence Services Intelligence Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Chief of Bureau of Special Operations and Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Tin Ngwe, Adjutant General Lt-Gen Win Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Tin Hla, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commandant of the National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung.

The guests were accompanied by Ambassador of Bangladesh-Mr Jahangir Saadat and Defence Attache of Bangladesh Embassy Brig-Gen Nasiruddin Sarwar.

(2) Secretary-1 receives European Parliament Member

YANGON, 22 Aug  Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Member of the European Parliament Mr JL Janssen van Raay at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence at 8 am today.
Also present together with the Secretary- 1 were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department and Director-General U Khin Maung Win of Political Department.

(3) Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army, delegation visit Mandalay, Bagan-NyaungU

YANGON, 22 Aug The visiting military delegation of Bangladesh led by Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Maj-Gen Mohammad Arxwar Hossain left here by Tatmadaw special flight on 20 August morning to visit Mandalay.

They were welcomed at Mandalay Airport by Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and senior Tatmadaw officers.

The guests then proceeded to PyinOoLwin where they visited Defence Services Academy and Defence Services Institute of Technology.

DSA Commandant BrigGen Soe Win Maung and Rector of DSIT Col Win Myint and faculty members welcomed the delegation and conducted them round DSA and DSIT.

Maj-Gen Ye Myint hosted dinner in honour of the guests at Tatmadaw Guest House in PyinOoLwin.

Yesterday morning, they arrived in Mandalay and visited famous places Asia Centre Golf Driving Range, Myanansankyaw Shwenandaw, U Thein Tun and Family Gold Embroidery Industry and Yadanapura Handicraft Sales Centre.

In the afternoon, the visiting Major-General and party went by Tatmadaw flight to Bagan-NyaungU where they were welcomed by Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt and military and civilian officials. Col Thein Nyunt hosted lunch in honour of Maj-Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain and party.

After visiting Bagan Archaeology Museum and Ananda Pagoda, the guests left Bagan for Heho by air.

At the Heho Airport, they were welcomed by Acting Commander of Eastern Command Commander of No 55 LID Brig-Gen Than Tun and senior Tatmadaw officers. In the evening, Brig-Gen Than Tun received the guests at the Eastern Command Headquarters and hosted dinner in their honour at Thanlwin Hall.

Brig-Gen Than Tun presented gifts to the guests after dinner.

This morning, the guests played golf at Ayethaya Golf Course in Taunggyi.
They arrived back here in the afternoon.

On 19 August morning, the visiting Bangladeshi military delegation visited Memorial to Fallen Heroes where they laid a flower basket together with the Guard of Honour Company of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air).

Commander of No 4 Military Region Col Myo Myint and officials welcomed them.

Maj Khin Maung Kyi of Guard of Honour Company explained the Memorial to Fallen Heroes to Maj-Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain who signed in the visitors' book later.

The visiting delegation then visited, the Shwedagon Pagoda where they were welcomed by Director-General of Religious Affairs U Arnt Maung and Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Saw Hla Min and members of Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Maj-Gen Mohammad Anwar Hossain signed in the visitors' book and donated cash to the pagoda.

In the afternoon, they visited Myanma Gems Museum and Gems Mart and the Durga of King Zafar Shah.

(4) Work for fast development of South Dagon Industrial Zone coordinated

YANGON, 22 Aug A coordination meeting between Myanmar Industrial Development Committee and executives of the South Dagon Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd was held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation today, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo.

It was also attended by Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Lt-Gen Myint Aung and members Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than and Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, officials of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Office and respective ministries, and Chairman of Yangon East District Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Aye Lwin.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo said a modem and developed nation is being built with the agriculture sector as the mainstay.

He said Myanmar Industrial Development Committee was formed with officials of respective ministries to provide support and to be able to step up work for industrial development.

He stressed the importance of achieving parallel development in two crucial sectors, agricultural and industrial, to be able to build a developed nation.
Industrial zones, he pointed out, play a crucial role for Myanmar's industrial development and it is essential to strive for successful undertakings and fast development of South Dagon Industrial Zone.

Lt-Gen Myint Aung also spoke about establishment of industrial zones in Yangon and Mandalay, tasks for successful undertakings in South Dagon Industrial Zone and disbursing of loans to industrialists.

Officials of the South Dagon Industrial Zone Development Co Ltd presented reports on requirements in power supply and transport, and difficulties.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Lt-Gen Myint Aung, U Tin Tun and departmental officials looked into the requirements and gave suggestions.

A general round of discussions followed.

(5) Greetings extended to Myawady Anyeint contestant troupes

YANGON, 22 Aug-Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Second and Myawady Anyeint Competition Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Chief of Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo extended greetings to the contestant artistes at No 1 Transit Centre on Bayintnaung Road this afternoon.

Also present were members of the-Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee Minister for Culture U Aung San and Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chairman of the Leading Committee Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein and members, officials of various work committees, and managers, dancers and comedians of 21 competing anyeint troupes.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo said he felt pleased to meet the contestant artistes to the Second Myawady Anyeint Competition and wished them good health and realization of their aims.

He said that after assumption of State duties, the State Law and Order Restoration Council is building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and properly implementing the 12-national objectives upholding Our Three Main National Causes non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The 12 national objectives include the task for uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, he said, noting that in accord with that objective, efforts are being made for revival and promotion of Myanmar fine arts such as motion picture, music, theatrical art, painting and sculpture.

He said efforts are also being made for revival of anyeint theatre and uplift of living standard of anyeint artistes.
He spoke of the need for the contestant anyeint troupes to be united and to exchange their outlook and experiences and urged them to show their talented skills at the competition and compete with nationalism and patriotism.

Minister U Aung San and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than also spoke.

**National Convention Convening Commission meets**

YANGON, 22 Aug The National Convention Convening Commission held it meeting at the Commission Office this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairman BrigGen Myo Thant and members.

Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt delivered an address.

Various subcommittees presented reports pertaining to the National Convention which were discussed by the Commission members.

**Raw opium, heroin seized in Nawnghkio, Lashio, Muse**

YANGON, 22 Aug Personnel of Lashio and Nawnghkio anti-drug squads and intelligence units seized 4.5051 kilos of raw opium from a passenger travelling from Hsipaw to Lashio on 29 July.

The culprit was Daw Aye Kyi, 55, daughter of U Htan Hsai, of Lonkhin Alesakhan, Phakant Township, and was nabbed at Nawnghkio Checkpoint.

A similal case was exposed by Lashio anti-drug squad which searched a Mongyaw-Lashio bus near Mongtin Village in Lashio Township on 29 July.

Ma La Phai Ywe, 44, daughter of U La Mai Shaung, of Momauk Township, carried 3.6742 kilos of raw opium in five pineapples.

On 12 August, Muse anti-drug squad seized 6.532 kilos of raw opium from Yan Kya Hsaik, 26, son of U Yan Hsan, of Kutkai Township, and Yan Phan Shein, 27, son of U Yan Gein Chaung, of the same township, and 0.04 kilo of heroin and other drugs from Kyaw Han, F34, son of U Ngin Tein, of Shwethamin Ward, Muse, and Ma Khon Tuang 37, daughter of U Maran Gam, of Manpyein Village, Monpaw Village-tract, Muse.
(8) **Public Works, Kinsho Mataichi sign agreement to purchase construction equipment**

YANGON, 22 Aug The Public Works signed an agreement with Kinsho Mataichi Corporation of Japan to purchase construction equipment at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this evening.

The signing ceremony was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, heads of departments under the ministry, Senior Managing Director Mr Yoshihide Inoue of Kinsho Mataichi and officials and guests.

Managing Director U Tint Swe of Public Works and Mr Yoshihide Inoue signed the agreement.

Public Works will purchase 30 items of construction equipment, numbering 264, and spare parts worth Yen 3,689,020,290 for special bridge and road construction projects as well as two sets of hydraulic bored pile equipment worth Yen 467,990,435 for bridge construction projects including Mottama Bridge Project.

Payment can be made in installments including grace period.

(9) **Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control holds Meeting No 2/97**

YANGON, 22 Aug The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held Meeting No 2/97 at the Ministry of Home Affairs this afternoon. It was presided over by Chairman of the CCDAC, Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin with Joint Secretary Police Col Ngwe Soe Tun as emcee.

Present also were Vice-Chairmen of the CCDAC, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, members of the central committee, departmental heads and the vicechairman of Myanmar AntiDrug Organization.

(10) **Accord on incorporation of Myanmar Helicopters International Co Ltd signed**

YANGON, 22 Aug Myanma Airways of the Ministry of Transport and Canadian Helicopters International signed an accord on incorporation of Myanmar Helicopters International Co Ltd at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Present were Attorney General U Tha Tun, Ministers at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha, member of the Security and
Management Committee of the State Law and Order Restoration Council
Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt, Minister for Transport LtGen Thein Win, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun and officials of the Ministry of Transport and Canadian Helicopters International.

Managing Director LtCol Aung Nyunt of Myanma Airways and Vice-President M. s Christian Baird of Canadian Helicopters International spoke and signed the accord.

Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win handed the permit of the Myanmar Investment Commission to Ms Christian Baird.