(1) Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Socialist Republic of Vietnam

YANGON, 2 Sept On the occasion of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which falls on 2 September 1997, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Le Duc Anh, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and to His Excellency Mr Vo Van Kiet, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

(2) Secretary 1 receives Secretary General of ASEAN

YANGON, 1 Sept-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt received Secretary-General of ASEAN Mr Dato Ajit Singh at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet were also present.

(3) Secretary-1, Secretary-2 attend ceremony to mark 46th BSI Founding Anniversary

YANGON, 1 Sept - A ceremony to mark the 46th Founding Anniversary of the Bureau of Special Investigation of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at its head office, No 67/69, Seikkantha Street, here, this morning.
Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo attended the ceremony.

Present also were Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Maung Maung Gyi, Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Than Oo, Chairman of Yangon Division Law and Order Restoration Council Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Supreme Court judges, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyi Aye, senior Tatmadaw officers of the Ministry of Defence, commanding officers of the Defence Services Intelligence units, departmental heads, the director-general of the Myanmar Police Force and directors-general, deputy directors-general and directors of the departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs, senior police officers and guests.

Director-General of the BSI U Than Myint, Deputy Director-General U Tun Shin and officials welcomed them and hosted lunch.

On 29 August, dawn soon and alms were offered to members of the Sangha led by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannasami of Kyaku Kyaungtaik in Dagon Township at the meeting hall of the head office of the BSI.

The same day, a talk on 46th BSI Founding Anniversary and a prize-distribution ceremony were held at the head office.

U Than Myint and U Tun Shin gave away prizes and certificates of honour to employees who had completed the training courses outstandingly, recipients of commendation certificates of the director-general of the BSI, employees for their outstanding performance in their duties and sports and children of the staff who are excellent in their education.

A total of K 1.468 million were presented for the welfare of the employees from the head office and offices of states and divisions.

Similar ceremonies to mark the 46th BSI Founding Anniversary were held in the offices of the states and divisions.

(3) Minister for NPED receives Secretary General of ASEAN

YANGON, 1 Sept -Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel received Secretary-General of ASEAN Mr Dato Ajit Singh at his office this morning.

They discussed AFTA affairs.

Present also were officials of the ministry and National AFTA Unit.
YANGON, 1 Sept Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Managing Director of Tourist Thailand Ltd Mr Itthiphon Khemmarat at his office this afternoon. Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt, Managing Director of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein and Managing Director of Restaurant and Beverage Enterprise U Myo Min were also present.

YANGON, 1 Sept Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Chairman of Special Whisky Group of Companies Mr Phitsanu Phataraprasit and party of Thailand at his office this afternoon. Present also were officials of Myanmar Investment Commission Office.

YANGON, 1 Sept Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba received Chairman of Malaysian Association of Tour & Travel Agent (MATTA) Mr Ahmed Kamil Abdulla and party at his office this afternoon. Present also were Director-General of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Khin Maung Latt and Managing Director of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Soe Thein.

YANGON, 1 Sept - Defence Services Commander in-Chief's Trophy 21 and under soccer tourney commenced at Aung San Stadium this evening. Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Win Myint, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, declared it open. Chief of the Bureau of Special Operations Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Than Oo, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Than, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, military attaches and others were present.
(8) MIC Secretary inspects factories in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 1 Sept - Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung today inspected factories and mills being operated in Mingaladon Township after permits had been obtained.

He was accompanied by Director-General of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration U Maung Maung Yi, Director-General of Labour Department U Tun Shwe, Director General of Internal Revenue Department U Than Nyunt and departmental officials.

At the Glove Factory of L P International Co Ltd at Pyinmabin, they heard reports on production, employment of workers, welfare, taxes paid and markets.

Brig-Gen Maung Maung said the purpose of their tour was to inspect production of the proposed items, marketability, worksite safety, welfare and paying of taxes.

He said the needs of the factories and mills will be attended to in coordination with respective departments.

Later, the minister and party inspected Dagon Condensed Milk Factory of Dagon Dairy Products Co Ltd.

The company directors briefed them on production of condensed milk cans and marketing.

They later inspected the instant noodle factory of Yathacho Industrial Ltd at Htaukkyant.

(9) Minister for Livestock and Fisheries receives Ambassador of Bangladesh

YANGON, 1 Sep - Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung received Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Mr Jahangir Saadat at his office this afternoon.

Director-General of Livestock and Fisheries Administration Department U Kyaw Lwin, Managing Director of Livestock, Feedstuff and Milk Products Enterprise U Maung Maung Nyunt, Deputy Director-General of Fisheries Department U Than Tun and officials were also present.
(10) Minister for PBANRDA tours Kyauktan Thanlyin

YANGON, 1 Sep Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, accompanied by officials of Development Affairs Department, arrived Kyauktan Township this morning.

They were welcomed there by Director of Yangon Division Development Affairs Department, Secretary of Thanlyin District Law and Order Restoration Council and Chairman of Kyauktan Township Law and Order Restoration.

The minister inspected completion of Kyauktan Myoma market, street vendors and streets in the township.

Minister Lt-Gen Maung Thint gave suggestions to officials on proper drainage and sanitation.

The minister proceeded to construction project site of Thanlyin Myoma market in Thanlyin Township where executive officer Maj Sein Hlaing briefed the minister on progress of work.

The minister gave instructions and arrived back here in the afternoon.

(11) Five more double-deckers added to Inland Water Transport

YANGON, 1 Sept - Five more double-deckers were transferred to Inland Transport this morning at a ceremony hailing the anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council.

They were the last batch of boats arrived here under the second 40-million-dollar contract signed between Yunnan Machinery Import and Export Corporation (YMC) of the People's Republic of China and IWT, said Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win.

The boats will operate in the delta.
Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo attended the ceremony which was held on board Malikha at Nanthida Jetty.

IWT has bought 72 boats from or built under contract of PRC to date since the present Government took over the State responsibilities, the minister revealed, adding it has also built another 31 under the State's programme.

"Gradual upgrading of the standard of boats of IWT " is included in the advice given by Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Senior General Than Shwe Development of the transport sector, he stated.
In line with this guidance, IWT is adding more boats to its fleet, giving priority to the convenience and safety of passengers and to ensuring smooth and speedy transport for passengers and commodities, he said.

Each boat, 45 metres long and 8.5 metres wide, has a capacity to carry 24 passengers in its air-conditioned first class cabins and another 300 on deck. Each has a depth of 2.3 metres and a draught of 1.6 metres and a crusing speed of 11 nautical miles per hour.

The boats, installed with advanced facilities, have the capacity to carry 30 metric tons of freight.

They were named "Bala Kyaw Gaung" "Bala Yaza", "Bala Kyaw Thu", "Bala Kyaw Swa" and "Bala Ye Kyaw", the five famous commanders of Konbaung era.

Managing Director of IWT U Tun Aung Myint and Vice-Chairman of YMC Mr Zhang Jin Wen also spoke.

They exchanged agreed notes.