

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Thursday, 18 Sept 1997)

- (1) State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Chile**
- (2) Deputy prime Minister receives Ambassador of Ghana**
- (3) Minister for Forestry receives Ambassador of India**
- (4) National Convention Convening Commission meets**
- (5) Minister for NPED receives Ambassadors of Vietnam, Russian Federation**
- (6) Indonesian National Defence College Delegations arrives**
- (7) Myawady Bank Ltd opened in Mandalay**
- (8) Illegal teak seized in Okpo Township**

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- (1) State Law and Order Restoration Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Chile**

YANGON, Sept 18- Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the States Law and Order Restoration Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, President of the Republic of Chile, on the Independence Day of the Republic of Chile which falls on 18 September 1997.

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- (2) Deputy prime Minister receives Ambassador of Ghana**

YANGON, Sept 17- On behalf of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Lt- Gen Tin Tun received Ambassador of Ghana Mr Anthony Forson, who has completed his tour of duty, at Dagon Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence this morning. Present also were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, director General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Director-General of Political Department U Khin Maung Win.

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- (3) Minister for Forestry receives Ambassador of India**

YANGON, Sept 17- Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Forestry Lt- Gen Chit Swe received Ambassador of the Republic of India Mr Shyam Saran at his office this evening. Present also were officials of the ministry.

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- (4) National Convention Convening Commission meets**

YANGON, Sept 17- National Convention Convening Commission held a meeting at the Commission Office this Afternoon.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Lt-Gen Myo Nyunt, Vice-Chairman Brig-Gen Myo Thant and Commission members were present.

The Chairman delivered an address.

National Convention Convening Work Committee and National Convention Convening Management Committee presented matters pertaining to the National Convention.

Commission members looked into their requirements.

It ended with concluding remarks by the Commission Chairman.

(5) Minister for NPED receives Ambassadors of Vietnam, Russian Federation

YANGON, Sept 17- Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel received Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan, who has completed his tour of duty, at his office at 2 pm today.

Similarly, Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Gleb A Ivashentsov called on Minister Brig-Gen Abel at 3 pm today.

Present also were officials of the ministry.

(6) Indonesian National Defence College Delegations arrives

YANGON, Sept 17- A delegation led by Brig-Gen Johnny P Mandas of the National Defence College of Indonesia arrived here by air this morning. They were welcomed by Commandant of the National Defence College Maj-Gen San Aung, senior officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar Police Maj-Gen Poerwanto Lenggono and Military Attache Col Yohanes Albertus Hascaryo.

(7) Myawady Bank Ltd opened in Mandalay

YANGON, Sept 17- As a gesture hailing the Anniversary of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, Myawady Bank Limited (Mandalay) was opened at 55, 30th Street, between 74th and 75th streets, in Mandalay today.

Minister Brig-Gen Win Tin and Chairman of Myawady Bank Ltd Maj-Gen Than Oo formally opened the bank.

Brig-Gen Win Hlaing formally unveiled the sign-board.

Myawady Bank was opened in Yangon on 4 April 1993.

(8) Illegal teak seized in Okpo Township

YANGON, Sept 17- Thayawady District and township forest personnel, members of Myanmar Police Force and combined teams of Myanma Timber Enterprise with the supervision of Forest Department, Inspection Division of the Head Office, Bago Division and Thayawady District Forest Departments and Thayawady District Law and Order Restoration Council, seized four illegal saw mills, 19.579 tons of 142 teak logs, 4.207 tons sawn teak and 13.061 tons of other teak and 116 folds of the door in Minhla Creek near Sinku dam in Ayemyathaya Myothit, Okpo Township.

Legal action is being taken against 24 owners of the saw mills and teak according to the forest Law.

(9) 39 member of armed groups exchange arms for peace 1-19 August

YANGON, Sept 17-Holding Our Three National Cause in high esteem, the state Law and Order Restoration Council, has laid down and is implementing the political, economic and social objectives for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation after building the nation after building the national restoration. In so doing, it is fulfilling the health, education and social requirements of those who have exchanged arms for peace and their families. It is also building model villages and houses, and setting up livestock breeding and small-scale industries for them.

Realizing that their years long destructive acts did not benefit the nation and perceiving the noble, genuine and correct endeavors of the armed groups are exchanging arms for peace individually or in groups.

Altogether 39 member of armed groups exchanged arms for peace from 1 to 19 August 1997.

They included CPL Aung Myo Lwin and L/ CPL Ma Tin San Oo of ABSDF(Central) In Northern Command area, Cpl Zaw Win Tun of ABSDF No 702 Battalion in North-East Za Han of Chin armed groups in North- West Command area.

In South- East Command area, Join Secretary Mahn Aung Tin and Pvt Maung Chaw of Du Palaya District Administration of KNU No 6 Brigade, Privates Thein Lwin and Paung Kyein of No 16 Battalion, Tu koo of No17 Battalion, Tha Aung , Than Myint Zaw, Po Htoo and Pha Hlaing of Intelligence Group, Kyi Aung , Aye Tint and Ba Myint of Kyondoe Defence Group exchanged arms for peace.

In Southern Command area, Mya Maung(a) Hasan Phyu Maung , in charge of forest toll- collection, and I/CPL Galay of No2 Company, No 7 Brigade, of KNU exchanged arms for peace, bringing with them one Us- Made hand grenade. In Taninthayi Division, BCP members and families- Platoon Commander Kan Aye, Parents U Kin Hlaing and Daw Mi Aye , wife Ma Pyone Yi and daughter Chaw Su Hlaing, hardcore member Kyaw Soe and wife Ma Myint Thu, Section Commander Hla Kyaing and wife Ma Myint win and children Zin Moe, ShweOo , Kwa Hein and Myat Kyi and Privates Than Swe and Kya Gyi of Commander Soe Aung, Deputy Section Commander Min No and privates Saw Htay, Tha Pyo, Alin and Tin Win of Secretary Tin Tun Group-exchanged arms for peace, bringing with them one M-16, two.30 carbines, two AK-47s, one American sten, two American hand grenades, one .45 pistol, seven magazines and 87 rounds.

Officer of respective military camps extended warm welcome to them and assisted them by fulfilling their immediate requirements.
