(1) Cooperatives market development contracts and sales contracts signed

YANGON, 25 Sept - A ceremony to sign cooperatives market development and sales contracts was held this morning at Cooperatives Trade Centre at the corner of Saya San Road and University Avenue in Bahan Township, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt.

Present also were Ministers at the Office of the Prime Minister Col Pe Thein and U Than Shwe, Ministers at the Office of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council BrigGen Myo Thant and Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister U Khin Maung Yin, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Labour U Kyaw Aye, Deputy Minister for Mines U Hlaing Win, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, heads of departments, directors-general and managing directors of Cooperatives Department, Cottage Industries Department and Cooperatives Export and Import Enterprise, directors, representatives of States and Divisions Cooperatives Societies, officials of Cooperatives Syndicates, Cartels of Cooperatives Syndicates, Government Employee Cooperatives, industrialists and companies.

Patron of Leading Committee for holding of cooperatives market development and sales contracts ceremony Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung formally opened the ceremony.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, ministers, deputy ministers and guests viewed the objects of the fair.

Cooperatives products of Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Mon State, Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Division and Bago Division cooperatives syndicates, Township cooperatives societies, emporium cooperatives syndicates, economic cooperatives societies, industrial cooperatives societies, trading cooperatives societies, agricultural producers
cooperatives societies, wood and wood-based finished products manufacturing cooperatives societies were displayed at the contract signing ceremony.

Cooperatives product will be on display till 27 September from 9 am to 4 pm daily.

(2) PATs urged to strive for all pupils to pass primary education

YANGON, 25 Sept - Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt inspected four basic education primary schools in Sangyoung Township this morning. Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung, officials of State Law and Order Restoration Council Office, heads of departments, local authorities, the director-general of Basic Education Department and officials, Township Education Officers, school heads, teachers and others, the Secretary-1 visited No 2 BEPS on Hanthawady Street, No 3 BEPS on Yadana Bon Street and No 5 BEPS on Kyundaw Street in Montlethaunggon Ward (South), and No 4 BEPS on Montlethaunggon Street in Pyithu Khet Thit Ward.

Headmaster U Aung Thein No 2 BEPS Headmaster U Chit Sein of No 3 BEPS, Headmistress Daw Hta Hta May of No 4 BEPS and Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Win of No 5 BEPS briefed him on history of the schools, strength of teaching staff, number of students, education functions, pass rates, renovation of school buildings and requirements respectively. Deputy Minister Col Kyi Maung and officials also joined in the discussions.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended to the requirements for ensuring convenient transport for teachers and renovating school buildings. The Government, he said; has laid down plans to ensure education for all, speaking of the need to strive for all their pupils to pass the primary level to continue to study advanced level education with added momentum.

Primary Assistant Teachers should train and educate their pupils to become outstanding in their studies, clever and disciplined youths, who observe moral conduct, understand the essence of patriotism and cherish traditions and culture, he stressed.

They must also strive to ensure individual hygiene in schools and to raise the pass rates, he added.

He then attended to the needs in teaching and renovating school buildings.

(3) Board of Directors of MLFD Bank meets

YANGON, 25 Sept-The Meeting No 11/97 of the Board of Directors of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank Limited was held at the bank at the corner of Merchant and Shwebontha Streets this afternoon.
Chairman of the Bank Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi addressed it.

Also present were Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Min Thein, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung, Deputy Minister U Aung Thein, advisers to the bank, members of the Board of Directors and officials.

Lt-Gen Tun Kyi said accomplishments of the bank were due to regular meetings and constant supervision of the advisers and directors.

He urged them to try their utmost to be more efficient in banking to make greater progress.

Managing Director of the Bank Lt-Col Ye Tun read the minutes of the Meeting No 10/97 and presented reports on the bank's accomplishments, functions and loans.

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(4) Education for All' explained to teachers in Monywa

YANGON, 25 Sept Chairman of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe and Deputy Minister for Education Col Kyi Maung inspected schools in Monywa Township on 22 September.

The commander and the deputy minister inspected Basic Education Primary School in Kangyi Village, No 2 Basic Education High School in Ahlon Station, Ahlon BEHS No 1 and Basic Education Middle School in Aung Chantha Ward. The deputy minister presented stationery to respective school heads.

Meeting teachers in Monywa Town Hall, the commander and the deputy minister stressed the motto 'morale, discipline and education' and spoke of 'Education for All' being implemented by the Ministry of Education.

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(5) Minister inspects preparations for Myanmar Trade Fair 98

YANGON, 25 Sept - Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi inspected preparations for Myanmar Trade Fair 98 at Yangon Trade Centre on Lower Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

He was welcomed by Director-General of Trade Department U Khin Maung Oo, departmental heads and officials.

He later inspected interior decoration for holding Myanmar Trade Fair 90 scheduled to be held from 27 February to 5 March 1998.

He gave necessary instructions and attended to requirements.
(6) Minister for Forestry receives SRV Ambassador

YANGON, 25 Sept - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Forestry Lt-Gen Chit Swe received Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Tran Viet Tan at his office this morning.

The director-general of Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Forestry was also present.

(7) Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium to be held 21-27 October

YANGON, 25 Sept - A meeting to review the 34th Myanma Gems Emporium was held in conjunction with the first meeting of the Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee, for 1997 at Myanma Gems Emporium Hall on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon, with an address by Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min.

Also present were Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Hlaing Win, Vice-Chairmen Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai and Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Secretary Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo, members of the Central Committee, and secretaries of various subcommittees.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Min said the purpose of the meeting was to review the sales of the 34th Myanma Gems Emporium and to coordinate tasks for the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium scheduled to be held in October.

He spoke of the need for the jade, pearl and gems subcommittees to discuss the sales at the previous gems emporium, and he urged the members of the Central Committee and subcommittees to give suggestions on the tasks for the forthcoming mid-year gems emporium.

He also stressed the need to display various items of jewellery and innovations, and urged all officials to offer suggestions on emergence of a gem market to earn hard currency.

Afterwards, officials of the jade, pearl and gem subcommittees presented reports on the sales at the 34th Myanma Gems Emporium and preparations for the Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium.

Deputy Minister U Hlaing Win, Managing Director U Khin Oo and members of the Central Committee also discussed the tasks for the mid-year gems emporium.

The Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium is scheduled to be held from 21 to 27 October.
(8) Minister inspects fish, prawn breeding in Thakayta, Ahlon

YANGON, 25 Sept Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thaung inspected the canning factory, the pellet factory, fresh water fish and prawn breeding, crocodile breeding and cold storages in Thakayta and Ahlon Townships today.

He inspected the canning factory run by Myanmar Makro Industry Co Ltd, the pellet factory run in joint venture by the Livestock and Fisheries Cooperatives Syndicate and Annawamon Cooperatives Syndicate, and fish and prawn breeding undertaken by Research Department (Fresh Water) of the Fisheries Department in Thakayta Township and gave necessary instructions.

The crocodile breeding station being operated by the Fisheries Department in Thakayta Township is to be opened as a resort in this open season. There will be restaurants, and visitors can study turtle breeding.

The minister also inspected preparations being made at the crocodile breeding station.

In Ahlon Township, he inspected production and storage of fish at the 600 ton No 5 Ice Factory of the Fisheries Cooperatives Syndicate at Sinmin Ward, production of fish and prawn by Myanma Garman Fishery Co, Annawa Hlwan Co and Hsan Thit Co, and the cold storage and ice factory of HC Group Co.

(9) Contestants from Chin State arrive

YANGON, 25 Sept Fourteen members of the group from Chin State arrived here this morning by train to participate in the Fifth Myanma Traditional Performing Arts Competitions.

Officials welcomed them at Yangon Railway Station.

Members of the team led by Head of Chin State Cooperative Department U Than Win Sein are staying at No 1 Transit Centre.

(10) Three members of armed groups exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 25 Sept - Holding Our Three Main National Causes in high esteem, the State Law and Order Restoration Council, or the Tatmadaw Government is forging the national reconsolidation. It has also laid down and is implementing political, economic and social objectives for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.
In so doing, it is building model villages and houses, reclaiming land for agriculture and setting up agriculture and livestock breeding farms and industries on manageable scale for the security of life and peaceful livelihood of those who have exchanged arms for peace and their families. It has also laid emphasis on fulfilling their health, education and social needs.

Realizing that their years-long destructive acts no longer benefit the nation and perceiving the noble and genuine attitude and right endeavours of the Government, remnants of armed groups are exchanging arms for peace individually or in groups.

On 9 September in South-East Command area, vice-chairperson Naw Tu Tu Wa (a) Naw Phyu Phyu, 35, daughter of U Tay Tay (a) U Thein Hlaing, of Women's Organization of Dupalaya District under No 6 Brigade of the Kayin National Union (KNU) exchanged arms for peace.

On 14 September in Western Command area, private Shwe Oo Sein, 24; son of U Shwe Tun Oo (Rakhine national) and U Nyunt Sein, 23, son of U Tun (Rakhine national), of Innchaung camp under the command of major Khaing Zaw of Rakhine armed group 'Arakan Army (AA)' exchanged arms for peace. They brought in two M-22s, two magazines and 32 rounds.

Officers of respective military camps welcomed the three warmly and attended to their needs.