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YANGON, 23 March-On the occasion of the anniversary of Pakistan Day, which falls on 23 March 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 Farooq Ahmad Khan Leghari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and to His Excellency Mr Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

(2) K21m and US \$ 3.4m invested in Pan Sea Hotel in Dagon Township

YANGON, 22 March - Pan Sea Hotel, jointly undertaken by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and PRA-FMI Pan Sea Hotel Development Co Ltd and to be operated on BOT basis, was inaugurated on Tawwin Street in Dagon Township this morning.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Lt-Gen Kyaw Ba and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun addressed the ceremony.

In his address, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun said:

It is my pleasure and honour to have the opportunity of giving a speech on this occasion and thank you for attending this auspicious ceremony.

(3) Myanmar delegation studies fisheries in Indonesia

YANGON, 22 March - Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Lt-Gen Tun Kyi went on a visit to Indonesia at the invitation of Minister of Industry and Trade Mr Tunky Ariwibowo from 16 to 20 March.

They called on Minister Mr Tunky Ariwibowo on 16 March.

They discussed matters pertaining to further consolidating the existing ties between the two countries, boosting trade, study of Indonesia's fisheries and signing of agreements for boosting trade.

On 17 March, Myanmar delegation studied at PT Krakatua Steel Factory, the largest one in South-East Asia.

Myanmar delegation called on Minister of Agriculture Dr Sjarifudin Baharsjah on 18 March.

They discussed the undertakings in the agriculture sector and fish and prawn breeding.

Later, Myanmar delegation studied fish and prawn packaging and export at Ancol Fishing Port and tuna fishing.

On 19 March, they toured the world's biggest salt-water prawn breeding and off-shore cage culture fisheries at Lampung, Sumatra Island.

On 20 March, Myanmar delegation had cordial discussions with Tritamas Group, which is investing in Myanmar to establish a cement plant and later toured the livestock breeding farm at Tapos.

(4) K 105m Thamaing Overpass inaugurated to ease rush-hour snags

YANGON, 22 March - As a gesture hailing the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Thamaing Overpass built by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was commissioned into service today.

The total length of Thamaing Overpass including the two approach roads is 1,086 feet. It is 56 feet wide with a motorway 44 feet wide and a six-foot pedestrian lane on each side. Supported by 12 reinforced concrete piers and 130 pre-tressed concrete beams with 3,276 pre-tressed concrete slabs, the overpass can endure a weight of 60 tons.

The total construction cost was K 105 million.

Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo delivered an address.

(5) Minister U Ohn Gyaw sends felicitations to Pakistan

YANGON, 23 March-On the occasion of the anniversary of Pakistan Day, which falls on 23 March 1997, His Excellency U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Sahibzada Yaqub Ali Khan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

(6) Minister for NPED receives Chairman of Daewoo Group

YANGON, 22 March Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel received Chairman Mr WooChoong Kim of Daewoo Group of the Republic of Korea at his office at 11 am today.

They discussed promotion of economic cooperation in Myanmar by Daewoo Corporation.

Officials of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development were also present.

(7) 34 members of armed grounds exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 22 March - The State Law and Order Restoration Council is working for the national reconsolidation, holding Our Three Main National Causes in high esteem, and implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives for emergence of a peaceful, prosperous and modern nation. It also lays emphasis on security of life and peaceful earning of livelihood of members of the armed groups, including their families, who have returned to the legal fold, swapping arms for peace, after realizing their misdeeds. Perceiving that their year-long destructive acts did not serve the welfare of the nation in any way and realizing the genuine goodwill and positive endeavors of the Government, members of armed groups have been returning to the legal fold, individually or in groups.

In South-East Command area, sgt Tin Oo of DO 6th battalion under 6th brigade of KNU armed group, Lt Saw Tha Htoo, sgt Tamala Wah, cpl Mya Win, clerk Mya Thaung of 21st battalion under 7th brigade of KNU armed group, cpl Mya Win of central medical depot, secretary of Kawkareik District executive committee Padoh Kawt Pha, WO II Ba Win, pvts Tamala Htoo Saw and Nat Kyaw, deputy in-charge of Kawkareik Township executive committee Htoo Phaw, committee member Maung Aung Htwa, OS Naw Hsay of Kyondoe Village defence office, pvts Pho Htaung, Soe Kyi, Than Zaw Myo, Soe Hlaing, pvts Aung Thein and Aung Chit of 6th brigade, bringing in 12 M-16 automatic rifles, 19 magazines, 608 rounds of ammunition, one carbine, two magazines, 110 rounds of ammunition, and one .38 revolver, returned to the legal fold from 1 to 20 February.

In North-West Command area, pvts Tawng Za Thang and Bauk Hareh of Chin armed group returned to the legal fold.

In Southern Command area, pvt Myint Aung of KNU 3rd brigade and pvt Saw Tin Aye of 5th battalion under 3rd brigade returned to the legal fold.

In Taninthayi Division area, organizational incharge Saw Z Laik of KNU armed group, company commander Tin Tun, Wife Aye Mu Than and daughter Ma Aye Wai of 210th h, battalion of ABSDF armed group, pvt Aung Win, wife Daw Ma Nge and daughters Ma Mar Mar Soe, Ma Nyein Nyein and Ma Tu Tu of 102nd battalion, deputy commander of people's defence unit Zaw Nyunt, Pvt Win Myint and hard-core Than Gyoung (a) Thet Yone of BCP armed group, bringing in two AK-47 automatic rifles, one magazine, seven rounds of ammunition, two M-16 automatic rifles, one magazine, 10 rounds of ammunition, one .38 revolver and six rounds of ammunition, one US-made grenade, four assorted magazines and 82 assorted rounds of ammunition, returned to the legal fold during the same period.

Altogether 34 members of armed groups who exchanged arms for peace were warmly welcomed by officials of various Tatmadaw camps.

(8) Minister inspects hospitals in Mandalay, Sagaing

YANGON, 22 March - Minister for Health U Saw Tun, accompanied by Director-General Professor Dr Mya Oo of Department of Medical Science, inspected construction of new operation theater of Mandalay People's Hospital on 19 March.

He also inspected installation of hospital and medical equipment at orthopedic operation theater and intensive care unit of the hospital and herbal plants and production of traditional medicines at the Institute of Traditional Medicine.

On 20 March, he discussed upgrading of medical and hospital equipment, increasing the number of hospital staff and under- and post-graduate courses on medicine with specialists and officials of Mandalay People's Hospital. He spoke of the need of a master plan for the hospital.

Yesterday, the minister, together with medical specialists arrived at Sagaing People's Hospital where they were welcomed by Secretary of Sagaing Division Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Tun Arnt and officials.

The specialists treated patients at the hospital and the minister gave instructions to officials to provide necessary assistance to the specialists in treating patients.

The minister also met health staff, USDA members and officials of Maternal and Child welfare Associations and Red Cross Societies.

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