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YANGON, 26 March-On the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of the People's Republic of Bangladesh which falls on 26 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 Shahabuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and to Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the people's Republic of Bangladesh.

- (2) Prime Minister of LPDR and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone to pay official visit to Myanmar**

YANGON, 26 March-At the invitation of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, His Excellency Mr Khamtay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone will pay an official visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.

(3) Senior General Than Shwe receives PRC State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council Mr Luo Gan

YANGON, 25 March-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Luo Gan in the Mingala Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building at 2.30 pm today.

Also present together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander in-Chief (Army) General Maung Aye, Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Deputy Minister U Nyunt Swe.

Together with Mr Luo Gan were Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Yang Wenchang, Assistant Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Mr Yang Wensheng, high-ranking officials and PRC Ambassador Ms Chen Baoliu.

(4) Chairman of Mic receives Chairman of Nichimen Co (Hong Kong) Ltd

YANGON, 25 March - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin received Chairman of Nichimen Co (Hong Kong) Ltd Mr Yoshihisa Sugimoto and party at the former's office this morning.

Present also were Minister at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Secretary of MIC Brig-Gen Maung Maung and officials.

They discussed investment opportunities for agricultural development and participation in energy sector.

(5) Deputy Prime Minister receives Chairman & CEO of Serting Group

YANGON, 25 March - A Malaysian delegation led by Chairman & CEO of Serting Group Mr Yaacob Arshad paid a courtesy call on member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen Tin Tun at the latter's office this morning.

They discussed matters pertaining to communications and installation of mobile phones.

(6) PRC State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council calls on Secretary-1

YANGON, 25 March-State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Luo Gan called on Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt at the Tatmadaw Guest House on Oo-yin Street here at 9 am today.

Also present together with the Secretary-1 were Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Brig-Gen Abel, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing and Deputy Chief of the Office of the Strategic Studies Deputy Director of Defence Services Intelligence Col Kyaw Win.

Together with Mr Luo Gan were Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Yang Wenchang, Assistant Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Mr Yang Wensheng, high-ranking officials and PRC Ambassador Ms Chen Baoliu.

(7) Secretary-1 hosts dinner for members of PRC goodwill delegation

YANGON, 25 March-Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt hosted a dinner in honour of State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Mr Luo Gan and members of the goodwill delegation at the Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel at 7 pm today.

The dinner was also attended by Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo, members of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, ministers, members of the Security and Management Committee, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, senior military officers, heads of department, PRC Ambassador Ms Chen Baoliu and embassy staff.

(8) Agreement on Myanmar-China Border Areas Management and Cooperation signed

YANGON, 25 March-An Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Myanmar-China Border Areas Management and Cooperation was signed in the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw this evening.

Present were Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Minister for Development of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Lt-Gen Maung Thint, Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Mya Thin, Minister for National Planning and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Abel, Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Attorney-General U Tha Tun, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister at the Office of the Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Brig-Gen Myo Thant, Minister for Information Maj-Gen Aye Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, departmental heads, State Councillor and Secretary-General of the State Council of PRC Mr Luo Gan, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Yang Wenchang, Assistant Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Mr Yang Wensheng, senior officials and PRC Ambassador Ms Chen Baoliu.

Minister Brig-Gen Abel and Assistant Minister Mr Yang Wensheng signed a five million RMB yuan grant and agreement on supply of agricultural machinery, equipment and spare parts and technical cooperation.

Next, Secretary- 1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and State Councillor and secretary-General of the State Council Mr Luo Gan signed the Agreement on Myanmar-China Border Areas Management and Cooperation and exchanged the documents.

The Secretary-1 and guests posed for souvenir photos.

(9) Secretary-2 met students and teachers of Azin region in Kya-in Seikkayi Township

YANGON, 25 March-Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo met students and teachers of Azin region in Kya-in Seikkayi Township at the hall of battalion in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Soe Myint, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyunt Thein, Chief of Staff (Air) Brig-Gen Kyaw Than, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Than Tun, Vice-Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Brig-Gen Aung Thein, senior military officers, Officer on Special Duty at the Office of

the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Col Than Tint and officials.

The Secretary-2 said there were misunderstandings among the national brethren and they lived far apart due to divide-and-rule tactics of the colonialists and such an excursion trip forged close friendship among them.

(10) Thallawady-3 double-decker vessel to start operation on Chindwin River

YANGON, 25 March Thallawady-3 double-decker vessel, built at Myanmar Shipyards under contract with Yunnan Machinery Import & Export Corporation, was transferred to YMEC today with a ceremony hailing the 52nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The vessel was built at Hsinmalaik Shipyard of MS for Inland Water Transport to be operated on Chindwin River.

Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony, which was held on board the ship.

Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win said Thallawady-1 and -2 were built at shipyards in the People's Republic of China for IWT and the present 37.4-metre by 8.5-metre vessel, was built at MS here. MS had already constructed nine 800-ton barges under agreement with YMEC and is also building another three double-deckers under the contract, he added.

The vessel, equipped with one 280-hp engine, can cruise up to ten nautical miles per hour and has

(11) Minister for Mines receives Vice-President of CMC Complete Equipment Engineering Co

YANGON, 25 March - Member of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Minister for Mines Lt-Gen Kyaw Min received Vice-President Ms Liu Yan Jing and party of CMC Complete Equipment Engineering Co of the People's Republic of China at his office on Kanbe Road at 10.30 am today.

They discussed prospects for selling machinery and equipment of C M C Complete Equipment Engineering Co to enterprises under the Ministry of Mines and cooperation.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Mines U Hlaing Win and U Myint Thein and officials.

(12) Heroin seized in Homalin

YANGON, 25 March-A man of Nantaw village, Homalin Township, was arrested for possession of 180.36 grams of heroin in Homaliry on 24 February.

Members of Defence Services Intelligence, special township.anti-drug squad and Myanmar Police Force searched Tun Wai (a) Aung Kyi Oo son of U Ba Nyan in the township market and found the drugs.

Action has been taken against him.

(13) Mining sector discussed

YANGON, 25 March Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister at Office of Deputy Prime Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung received Chairman of Shanda Sdn Bhd, Perusahaan Rintis (M) Sdn Bhd, Dataran Isibumi Sdn Bhd of Malaysia AB Aziz Bin Hussin and party at the commission office yesterday afternoon.

They discussed the mining sector.

MIC officials were also present.
