

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Sunday 30, March, 1997)

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YANGON, 29 March - At the invitation of Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone arrived here this morning by special flight on an official visit to the Union of Myanmar.

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- (2) Chairman of State Law and Order Restoration Council receives LPDR Prime Minister

YANGON, 29 March - Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe received Prime Minister of Lao People 's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone at Mingala Hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building at 2 pm today.

Present together with Prime Minister 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, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Ambassador of Myanmar to Lao People's Democratic Republic U Thein Han, and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

Present together with the LPDR Prime Minister were Minister of Communications, Transport Posts and Construction Mr Phao Bounna-phonh, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Siene Saphanothong, Vice-Minister of Head of Office of Prime Minister Mr Cheung Sombounkhanh, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phongsavath Boupha, Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Lienthikeo, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to Myanmar Mr Ly Bounkham, Governor

of Bokeo Province Mr Soukan Maharath and Governor of Luang Namtha Province Mr Kouan Keomany.

(3) Secretary-1 calls on LPDR Prime Minister

YANGON, 29 March - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Khin Win Shwe paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Madame Thongvanh Siphandone at Seinle Kantha State Guest House at 11.30 am today.

Present together with the LPDR Prime Minister and wife were Minister of Communications, Transport, Posts and Construction Mr Phao Bounnaphonh, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Siene Saphanothong, Vice-Minister at the Office of Prime Minister Mr Cbeung Sombounkhanh, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phong-savath Boupoua, Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Lienthikeo, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Ly Bounkham and wife, Governor of Bokeo Province Mr Soukan Maharath and Governor of Luang Namtha Province Mr Kouan Keomany.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and wife, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung and wife, Ambassador of Myanmar to Lao People's Democratic Republic U Thein Han and wife and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet were also present.

(4) Myanmar and LPDR sign Agreements

YANGON, 29 March-A ceremony to sign agreements between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic was held in the hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw building this evening.

Present were Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe, 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, Deputy Prime Ministers Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin and Lt-Gen Tin Tun, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Cooperatives U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to the LPDR U Thein Han, departmental heads, Prime Minister of LPDR Mr Khamtay Siphandone, Minister of Communications, Transport, Posts and Construction Mr Phao Bounnaphonh, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Mr Siene Saphanothong, Vice-Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Mr Cheung Sombounkhanh, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phongsavath Boupoua, Vice-Minister of Commerce Mr Lienthikeo, Ambassador of the LPDR Mr Ly Bounkham, Governor of Bokeo Province Mr Soukan Maharath, Governor of Luang Namtha Province Mr Kouan Keomany and senior officials. Secretary- of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control of the Union of Myanmar Police Maj-Gen Soe Win and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the LPDR Mr Phongsavath Boupoua signed the Agreements for Mutual Cooperation between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for Preventing

Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Controlled Precursors.

Next, Deputy Minister U Nyunt Swe and Vice-Minister Mr Phongsavath Boupha signed the Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the LPDR on Myanmar-Lao Border Areas Management and Cooperation and exchanged the documents.

(5) Minister inspects development of Taikkayi, Hmawby townships

YANGON, 29 March-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 inspected development work of Taikkayi and Hmawby townships this morning.

He was accompanied by Director-General U Tin Maung Lay of Development Affairs Department.

In Hmawby, the minister was welcomed by Director of Yangon Division Development Committee Lt-Col Soe Tint and officials.

The minister inspected Hmawby Myoma Market and called on officials to make systematic arrangements for fire prevention. In Taikkayi, Executive Officer of Taikkayi Township Development Committee briefed the minister on set up of the committee, income of the committee and development work being done in Taikkayi and rural region.

Afterwards, the minister inspected construction of Taikkayi Myoma Market and streets in the town.

(6) Minister for Energy leaves for ROK

YANGON, 29 March-Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein left here for the Republic of Korea this morning to hold discussions on cooperation in energy and industry sectors between the two countries at the invitation of Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Mr ChangYuel Lim of ROK.

He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for Culture U Aung San, Deputy Minister for Energy U Tin Tun, heads of department, Ambassador of ROK Mr Kyong Bo Choi, Charge d' Affaires ai of Royal Thai Embassy Mr Uthai Silthom and relatives.

(7) New auto-telephone exchange inaugurated in Kyauktan Township

YANGON, 29 March-A new K 4.5-million auto-telephone exchange was opened at Mingalun Village in Kyauktan Township on 28 March. Chairrnan of Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Lu Maw, Yangon Division Senior Engineer U Shwe and Chairman of Telephone Installation Committee U Kyaw Soe made speeches.

After related documents and commemorative pennants were presented, Chairman of Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Lu Maw and Senior Engineer U Shwe formally opened the exchange.

It was jointly undertaken by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and Mingalun Village.

(8) Minister for Transport inspects extension of Yangon International Airport runway

YANGON, 29 March - Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win inspected extension of Yangon International Airport runway here this morning.

Director-General U Tin Aye of Department of Civil Aviation and officials welcomed the minister at the construction site of the project.

At the office of the project, U Tin Aye briefed the minister on work being done and future programmes and Senior Engineer U Kyaw Tint of Public Works on the project in detail.

After giving necessary instructions on the reports, the minister inspected the project and met the personnel.

The minister then inspected the warehouse constructed by Myanmar Airways and machines for extension of ground handling equipment of the airport.

He also gave instructions to officials while inspecting construction of a new building in the compound of the airport.

(8) Deputy Minister for Transport inspects Institute of Marine Technology

YANGON, 29 March Deputy Minister for Transport U Sann Wai inspected Institute of Marine Technology this morning.

He arrived at the Institute of Marine Technology at 9.30 am. He was welcomed by Principal U Hla Min and heads of department.

He urged them to nurture proficient trainees.

Then, he inspected renovation and extension of the parade ground, construction of a hostel and personnel quarters and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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