

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR (Monday, 22 Sept, 1997)

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YANGON, 21 Sept Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe toured Mann Oil Field and Htaukshabin-Kani Oil Field and inspected refineries, Mann Creek Dam Project and Mone Creek Multi-Purpose Dam Project yesterday and today.

At Mann Oil Field in Minbu Township yesterday morning, Minister for Energy U Khin Maung Thein briefed- the Senior General on Mann Oil Field and Htaukshabin-Kani Oil Field.

Next, Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Kyaw Nyein also briefed him on the area of the two oil fields, prospects, production of oil and natural gas, investment and offshore oil exploration projects.

Operation Manager Mr Larry Harnet of Baker Hughes Co explained the programmes to boost oil production at Mann Oil Field.

Later, Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint presented a report on the inland and offshore oil fields jointventure undertakings.

The Senior General and entourage inspected the natural gas pressurizer and work being carried out for boosting production at Well No 174 and Well No 24.

At the Liquefied Natural Gas Plant of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, they heard reports on construction of the plant, production of liquefied gas, services and future programmes presented by Managing Director of MPE Col Kyaw Shein and Minister U Khin Maung Thein.

Htaukshabin

The Senior General and entourage proceeded to Htaukshabin-Kani Oil Field.

They inspected the oil tanks.

At Well No I 85, General Manager U Mya San and Managing Director U Kyaw Nyein briefed them on drilling and prospects.

Senior General Than Shwe presented bonus for personnel and workers through General Manager U Mya San.

After inspecting drilling, the Senior General greeted the technicians.

Thanbayakan

At 10.30 am, Senior General Than Shwe and entourage proceeded to the Petrochemical Plant (Thanbayakan).

Managing Director of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise Col Kyaw Shein and Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint presented reports on establishment and functions of the plant and future plans.

After giving suggestions, Senior General Than Shwe inspected the plant and oil tanks.

Malun

The Senior General and entourage left Thanbayakan for No 2 Industry of Myanmar Heavy Industries.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Than, Deputy Minister U Thein Tun and Managing Director of MHI U Khin Maung briefed them on the factory and expansion of its services.

Later, they inspected Zwe tractors, engines, gearboxes, parts, innovated items, dry cells and trailers.

Minbu

They went to Minbu, and at Minbu Energy Guest House, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Soe Tha briefed them on the existing microwave links, new ones to be installed and plans to improve communications in the regions east Ayeyawady.

The Senior General gave necessary instructions.

Later, they visited Shinbin Sekkeinte Pagoda.

The Senior General donated cash toward the pagoda fund.

Secretary-2 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Tin Oo and ministers met district and township authorities, departmental personnel, and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades at U Obhasa Hall in Minbu in the afternoon.

Lt-Gen Tin Oo spoke about the projects for development of the regions west of Ayeyawady, boosting production of paddy and other crops and implementation of four-pillar agriculture strategy.

He stressed the need for respective regions to strive for successful implementation of the projects and for the departments to pay serious attention to community welfare.

Ministers Lt-Gen Maung Thint and U Soe Tha also spoke.

Senior General Than Shwe offered dry rations and alms to members of the Sangha and nuns of Minbu at Maha Withudayama Taikthit this morning.

Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Withutayama Taikthit Sasanadhaja Siripavara Dhammacariya Bhaddanta Dhammapiya invested the congregation with the Five Precepts.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, ministers and senior military officers presented offertories to the Sayadaws.

Mann Creek Dam

The Senior General and entourage helicoptered to Mann Creek Dam Project under implementation in Ngaphe Township.

Director of Construction Division 9 of Irrigation Department U Aung Khin briefed them on progress of work, and programmes to build Pyankyi Diversion Weir to irrigate 2,000 acres and Yintshay Dam to irrigate 500 acres in Ngaphe Township.

Chairman of Magway Division Law and Order Restoration Council Col Thein Nyunt also briefed on the population of Minbu District and paddy output.

The Senior General called for efforts to complete the dam as soon as possible.

He said that while the Government is providing sustained support for availability of water for cultivation in the regions east and west of Ayeyawady, it is essential to strive to produce paddy at 100 baskets per acre.

Later, the Senior General and entourage inspected Mann Creek Project.

Located three miles west of Ngaphe in Minbu District, Mann Creek Dam will be capable of irrigating 10,000 acres directly and benefit a total of 49,500 acres.

It is slated for completion in early 1998.

Multi-Purpose Dam

They helicoptered to Mone Creek Multi-Purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township.

They inspected construction of the diversion tunnel.

Director-General of Irrigation Department U Ohn Myint briefed them on progress of work in the project and construction of the diversion tunnel, and Assistant Chief Engineer U Win Kyaw on the programmes for hydro-electric power generation.

The Senior General later presented gifts to leader of Kajima Corporation Mr Tadao Mashiba and officials who are working there for construction of the diversion tunnel.

He also presented bonus for personnel and workers of the project.

Bagan

They next proceeded to Bagan-NyaungU where they inspected progress of work in construction of Bagan Ancient Cultural Museum.

They visited Hsinmyashin Pagoda and Alodawpyi Pagoda, and inspected development work in NyaungU and Bagan Railway Station.

They arrived back in Yangon this evening.

(2) Secretary-1 inspects Institute of Marine Technology

YANGON, 21 Sept - Secretary-1 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt this morning inspected Institute of Marine Technology and gave necessary instructions.

Accompanied by Minister for Transport Lt-Gen Thein Win, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials of the Office of the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the Secretary-1 arrived at Institute of Marine Technology on Bayintnaung Road, Kamayut Township, at 11:30 am.

They were welcomed by Managing Director of Myanmar Shipyards U Percy Maung and Principal of the Institute U Hla Min and officials.

At the library, Minister Lt-Gen Thein Win briefed the Secretary-1 on the institute and arrangements for extension of the institute.

Then, U Percy Maung Maung and U Hla Min also briefed him on wide of institute and blueprint of the buildings, hostel, lecture hall, parade ground, courses and arrangements for extension of the institute.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions and then inspected construction of three-storey hostel and arrangements for construction of other buildings and looked into the requirements.

(3) K 2m presented for success of Myanmar contingent in XIX SEA Games

YANGON, 21 Sept -- Tiger Beer this evening sponsored a cash donation ceremony at Hotel Equatorial on Signal Pagoda Road here for the success of the Myanmar contingent in XIX South-East Asian Games to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, in October 1997.

Chairman Col Aung San of Myanmar Brewery Ltd addressed the ceremony.

Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Sein Win accepted K 1 million, presented by Tiger Beer for Myanmar athletes, from Col Aung San, and K 1 million, presented as cash awards for gold medallists as morale-booster, from General Manager Mr Huang Hong Peng and Deputy General Manager Maj Nyunt Thein of Myanmar Brewery Ltd. Minister Brig-Gen Sein Win thanked them.

Then, athletes and young ladies in Tiger SEA Games track suits demonstrated various sports and games.

Also present were Minister at the Office of the Prime Minister Brig-Gen Lun Maung, leader of the Myanmar contingent Vice-Quartermaster-General BrigGen Thein Tun, Director-General Col Hla Myint Kyaw of Sports and Physical Education Department, Commandant Col Sein Tin Win of Defence Services Self-defence and Sports Institute, Ambassador of Singapore Brig-Gen Patrick Choy Choong Tow, presidents and members of Myanmar sports federations, athletes and guests.

(4) Over 90,000 students participate in Eighth General Knowledge Contest on Tatmadaw

YANGON, 21 Sept - The Eighth General Knowledge Contest on the Tatmadaw, organized by the Committee for Organizing Eighth Literary and Photo Contest (1997) on National Mottos, were held throughout the country today.

In Yangon Division, the high school level contests were held in Basic Education High School No 1 in Thingangyun Township and BEHS in Thuwunna and the middle school level contests in BEHS No 1 in Bahan Township and Practising Middle School of Teachers training Institute in Yankin Township.

Chairman of the Committee for Organizing the Eighth Literary and Photo Contest (1997) on National Mottos Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein visited the venues this morning.

The deputy minister, together with member of the Committee Director-General of Basic Education Department U Bo Win and committee members, were welcomed at the venues by heads of the schools and staff.

Over 90,000 students from all over the country took part in the contests.

Altogether 235 students participated in the high school level contests at BEHS No 1 in Thingangyun Township and 210 at BEHS in Thuwunna, and 228 took part in the middle school level contests at BEHS No 1 in Bahan Township and 497 at PMS of TTI.

(5) Subcommittees for holding of cooperative commodity market development and sale contract meets

YANGON, 21 Sept - A coordination meeting of Subcommittees for organizing cooperative commodity market development and sale contract was held at Cooperatives Department on Bogyoke Aung San Street on 18 September.

Present were Director-General of Cooperative Department U Maung Hti and members of organizing Leading Committee, chairmen and secretaries of Subcommittees and officials of State and Division Cooperatives Syndicates.

With the aim of seeking markets for local products and boosting of import-substitute goods, Cooperative commodity market development and sale contract signing will be organized at Cooperatives Trade Centre at the corner of Saya San Road and University Avenue in Bahan Township from 25 to 27 September.

Products of Cooperative Societies of 14 States and Divisions, cottage industries and private entrepreneurs and companies Ltd will be put on display.

Interested entrepreneurs and organizations can contact calling 550006, 252289, 243857 or 543226.

Advertisements and demonstrations will be conducted and products will be on display and the public can observe free of charge from 9 am to 4 pm.

(6) School boy recounts experience of Get-together in Fukuoka

YANGON, 21 Sept Maung Chan Nyein Ohn, sixth standard pupil of No 1 Basic Education High School, Thanlyin, recounted his experience of the 9th Get-together of Students and Youths from Asia and Pacific held in Fukuoka, Japan, at the school yesterday.

Present were Chairman of Thanlyin Township Law and Order Restoration Council U Aye Kyaw Maung, District Education Officer U Paik, Headmistress Daw Ohn Kyi and members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association.
