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In memory of those who died for democracy and freedom: "However the evil regime tries tenaciously to cling to power, the inevitable end is decay and disintegration. May true democracy blossom to rescue Burma from the brink of disaster and ruin."

#### ELECTION UPDATE

The National League for Democracy (NLD) won 392 of the 485 seats contested in the elections on May 27 but Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is still under house arrest [A900727]..

Canada "called on the interim ruling military government of Myanmar to release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi" and to complete the transfer of power to the NLD. Mr. Clark also urged his colleagues at the meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Jakarta, "to press Myanmar military authorities to respect the results of the May election" [E900730].

The State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) announced on July 27 that a National Convention will be set up to lay down guidelines by which the NLD dominated parliament could draft a new constitution. After the draft constitution is approved by SLORC, a national referendum will be held. SLORC will then hand over power to the parliament formed under the new constitution [AFP900727].

On July 30, the NLD rejected SLORC's demands and called for a rapid handover of power [Rt900730]. Caught by surprise, General Saw Maung on May 30 said that his military junta would hand over power to a civilian government [B900531]. Then SLORC began to delay transferring power by setting up new conditions ("Alert No.7"). Even in mid-July, SLORC was saying it would meet with representatives of the winning parties after formalities are completed in September to discuss procedures [A900727].

This latest manoeuvre by SLORC makes a complete mockery of the results of the May 27 elections. More bloodshed seems inevitable. The United Nations should censure the Myanmar regime and make it abide by the election results before more lives are lost.

#### REFUGEES ON THE THAI BORDER

AUSTRALIA announced on June 13 that it will contribute \$ 75,000 to assist displaced persons on the Thai-Myanmar border. The funds will be handled by members of the Consortium of Christian Agencies (World Vision Thailand and Christ Church, Bangkok).

CANADA announced on July 18 that it will provide \$ 100,000 to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in aid to Myanmar displaced persons in Thailand.

According to the U.S. Committee for Refugees, there are now more than 40,000 Burmese refugees in Thailand. The report, "THE WAR IS GROWING WORSE AND WORSE: Refugees and Displaced Persons on the Thai-Burmese Border", May 1990, is available for \$ 3.00 from USCR, 1025 Vermont Ave. N.W., Suite 920, Washington, D.C.20005, U.S.A.

#### BOOKS

"MYANMAR: BURMA'S KILLING FIELDS, THEIR MILITARY MANAGERS AND ACADEMIC WHITEWASHERS", by Prof. Sarkisyanz and Dr. Kyaw Than, is available for DM 10 (US\$ 7) plus postage from the German-Burmese Assoc., Kaiserstr.37, 7520 Bruchsal, W. Germany. Funds raised will be used to build a medical centre for students and civil-war refugees.

"VOICES FROM THE JUNGLE", a book of poems and reflections by Burmese students who lived through the 1988 uprising and military coup, is available for US\$ 5 from Dawn News Bulletin, G.P.O. Box 1352, Bangkok 10500, Thailand.

"BURMA'S INSEIN PRISON: Punishment and Oppression", by Htun Aung Gyaw, a 10-page manuscript is available from Project Maje, 14 Dartmouth Rd., Cranford, NJ.07016. U.S. readers are requested to send a business size envelope with a 50c stamp on it.

#### AUSTRALIA:

ELDERS INTERNATIONAL LTD. General Manager Rob Hobart with Ambassador Geoffrey Charles called on Col. David Abel, Minister for Planning & Finance, and for Trade [P900320].

NEW FISHING CO. is operating 2 fishing vessels under licence in Burma [P900407].

#### BANGLADESH:

Two unidentified Bangladeshi firms are fishing in Burmese waters out of Kyaukpyu in co-operation with the Myanmar Marine industry [P900407].

#### CHINA:

China sold 65 freight cars (40 timber transport cars, 20 sawn timber transport cars and 5 brake vans) to Myanma Railways for US\$ 1.4 million [P900515 & P900421].

BEIJING AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE GENERAL CORPORATION Manager Zhong Dongsheng and Ambassador Cheng Ruisheng called on Col. David Abel [P900322].

#### FRANCE:

ASIA VOYAGES, signed an agreement in Nov.89 and on May 12, the first charter flight flew from Chiang Mai to Pagan. On July 28, the flights were extended to Mandalay. In November, service will be extended to Heho, Inlay Lake and Taunggyi [P900515].

SANOFI COMPANY donated Francs 5,000 worth of equipment and a portable dental unit to No.2 Military Hospital (500 beds) [P900511-12].

SETRACO CO. is the company that sold 200 Renault buses (see Alert No. 6) to Burma.

#### GERMANY:

\*FRITZ WERNER INDUSTRIE-AUSRUSTUNGEN-GmbH (FWAR) and FRITZ WERNER INTERNATIONAL (FWI) ("Alert No.1") formed a Kyat 52 million (US\$ 8 million) joint-venture, Myanmar Fritz Werner Industries Company Limited to take over the existing company of that name. 60% is owned by Myanmar Heavy Industries, Ministry of Industry 2 and 40% by FWAR (Managing Director W. Schoeltzke) and FWI (M.D. \*H. Joachim Feist) [P900224].

#### HONG KONG:

ANDES ENTERPRISES (HK) LTD. signed a US\$ 2 million contract in February 1989 to fish in Burmese waters off Thabyu-chaing station, Sandoway, Arakan State [P890215].

Strand Hotels International Ltd. owned by CMS/ZECHA HOLDINGS LTD., a Hong Kong based British Virgin Islands company formed Myanmar Hotels International Co. Ltd., a joint-venture with the Myanmar Hotel and Tourism Services. It will add a new 100-room wing for the STRAND HOTEL and renovate the old portion. It will also renovate and build an extension to the INYA LAKE HOTEL, and renovate the PRESIDENT HOTEL. Strand Hotels International Directors Adrian Zecha, Bernard Pe Win, architect J. J. Cowperthwaite, Akira Seko, Ng Eng Leong and Alfred H. Pang visited Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, Minister for Energy and for Mines and Acting Minister for Trade [P900516 & Rt900517].

KARENLAN CO. has 3 vessels fishing under licence in Burmese waters [P900407].

#### HUNGARY:

TECHNIKA General Director Tibor Miklos and a trade delegation called on Col. David Abel. Ambassador Dr. Andras Balogh accompanied them [P900331].

#### ISRAEL:

EGGED ISRAEL TRANSPORT SOCIETY LTD. sold 100 Leyland buses to Burma. 20-25 of the buses will be for Mandalay [P900505 & P900423].

#### JAPAN:

The \*DAICHI GROUP (see "Burma Alert No.5") formed the Myanmar (Burma) Concord Develop-

ment Organisation Ltd., a joint-venture with the Ministry of Trade. It will spend US\$ 14 billion over a 10-15 year period on infrastructure development. This includes building new international airports in Rangoon and Mandalay; a 'New Yangon' development project which includes a telecommunications centre; a 60-megawatt power station in Rangoon; a 6,000-megawatt power station near Rangoon; and an international trade centre for export purposes. The 'New Yangon' project might cover the area near the mouth of the Yangon River on the Tanyin (Syriam) side; a super highway will link it up. If necessary, it will extend into Pegu Division. DAICHI Chairman Bernard H. Choi also called on SORC Chairman Sr.Gen. Saw Maung; Lt.Gen. Aung Ye Kyaw, Minister for Construction, and for Co-operatives (also Acting Minister for Transport & Communications); and Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin. DAICHI is backed by some 240 Japanese companies. [B900416 & P900412].

H. Haruta, Director of the 3rd.Division, Loan Department II, of the JAPAN OVERSEAS ECONOMIC COOPERATION FUND called on Brig.Gen. David Abel [P900424].

Kenzo Oshima, Director of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Co-operation Bureau, called on Brig.Gen. David Abel and on Police Director-General Col. Thura Aung Pe [P900530].

A joint mission from CENTURY RESEARCH CENTRE and the UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION was headed by M. Kiryu, Director of Institute of Developing Economies of the Japanese Ministry of Trade. They met with Brig.Gen. David Abel [P900424]. The Economist Intelligence Unit reported that in Jan'89, Tomoo Takahara, President of CENTURY RESEARCH met with David Abel to draw up an economic development plan for Burma as well as trade and industrial cooperation with Japan [B900501].

\*M.C.G. CORPORATION ("Alert No.5") President Onodera Kouki called on Brig.Gen. David Abel and attended a ground blessing ceremony for the YANGON INTERNATIONAL HOTEL at the corner of Prome and Ahlone Road [P900423].

K. Otabe, T. Tomioka, M. Takahashi, and T. Yamasaki of MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES and KINSHE-MATAICHI CORP. called on Col. Pe Thein, Minister for Health, and for Education, and Chief Commanding Officer of the University Training Corps [P900427].

TAIYO COMPANY negotiated a fishery joint-venture in 1989 [P890215].

TOKYO MARUICHI SHOJI CO. formed Myanmar Tokyo Maruichi International Ltd., a joint-venture with the Ministry of Trade (17.5%), the Myanmar

Department Stores (17.5%) and the Myanma Export and Import Services (15%). It will set up supermarkets, upgrade restaurants and carry out general trading. Capital is Kyat 20 million (US\$ 3 million). Tokyo Maruichi Shoji's General Manager is Yasushi Honda; Director - Rinichiro Koiso; and Business Representative - U Tin Soe [P900531]. TOSHIBA opened a Sales Centre for its products (TV, refrigerators, washing machines & appliances supplied by GOLDEN GLORY CO. of Singapore) in the Myanma Export Import Services Building, 569/577 Merchant St. Rangoon. Toshihide Yasui, Managing Director of TOSHIBA (Singapore) and Director Mochizuki were at the opening [P900225].

#### KOREA:

The \*DAEWOO CORP's textile factory (\*Alert No.1\*) is the No.5 Garment Factory.

It is a joint-venture with the Myanma Textile Corp. (Agreement signed 27 Jul'89). Total investment was Kyat 50 million (US\$ 8 million). The factory will export 1,200,000 T-shirts per year to earn US\$ 1 million annually. The 10 trainees sent to Korea (see \*Alert No.3\*) were military personnel from this factory [P900404].

\*DAEWOO Chairman Kim Woo Choong and Vice Chairman of FREEPORT-McMORAN INC., Richard B. Stephens, led a delegation to Rangoon Apr.18-20. They called on Lt.Gen. Tin Tun, Minister for Transport & Communications, and for Social Welfare, and for Labour; and on Lt.Gen. Chit Swe, Minister for Livestock Breeding & Fisheries, and for Agriculture & Forests. Brig. Gen. Abel gave a dinner for them. Kim Woo Chong then called on SLORC Vice Chairman, Gen. Than Shwe; Rear-Adm. Maung Maung Khin; and on Lt.Gen. Sein Aung, Minister for Industry 1, and for Industry 2 [P900419-21].

\*Daewoo Electronics Myanma (\*Alert No.5\*) is 55% owned by DAEWOO. Capital is US\$ 4 million and production will be in 3 existing Myanmar Heavy Industries factories. New factories will be built later in Pyinmabin, Mingaladon Township as part of an industrial complex [P900331]. Kim Yong Won, President of DAEWOO ELECTRONIC CO. and Yoon Young Suk signed the joint-venture agreement [P900330].

Yoon Young Suk also signed the agreement to form \*Myanmar Daewoo International (\*Alert No.5\*) which has a capital of Kyat 30 million (US\$ 5 million), 60% owned by DAEWOO. A garment factory will be built at Pyinmabin, Mingaladon [P900331]. Hong Soung Bu was the DAEWOO signatory for the new hotel to be built on 45 acres of land on Kyunthaya on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road (\*Alert No.5\*) [P900331].

DONGWON INDUSTRIES CO. LTD. signed a US\$ 0.5 million fishing contract, and WOOSHIN SANGHAP CO. LTD. signed a US\$ 0.8 million fishing contract in Feb'89 [P890215].

#### MALAYSIA:

GENERAL LUMBER (HOLDINGS) Executive Director Nik Mahmood Hassan and Ambassador Salehuddin bin Abdullah called on Maj.Gen. Chit Swe [P900308].

HOISOON IMPORT EXPORT COMPANY paid a US\$ 3 million registration fee for 10 fishing vessels in a 'Bareboat Charter Arrangement'. Mixed Malaysian-Burmese crew man the vessels and sell the fish back to HOISOON [P900407].

SOPHIA INDUSTRIES SDN. BHD. has a US\$ 2.9 million fishing contract Feb'89 [P890215].

SOON H. LEE, 49-C Weld Quay, Penang 10300, Malaysia, is offering to export to Australia, a hundred tons of 'BURMA TEAK WOOD' per month.

#### O.P.E.C.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) extended a US\$ 7.3 million loan to the Saw maung regime. The agreement was signed in Vienna on May 4 by Osama Faquih, Deputy Finance Minister of Saudi Arabia and Chairman of OPEC's Fund for International Development, and U Nyi Nyi Than, Myanmar Ambassador [P900509].

#### SINGAPORE:

GOLDEN GLORY CO. is supplying TOSHIBA products for sale at the Toshiba Sales Centre in the Myanma Export Import Services Building, 569/577 Merchant Street [P900225].

HSING CHAIO TRADING PTE.LTD. has a US\$ 1.1 million fishing contract Feb'89 [P890215].

INNO-PACIFIC HOLDINGS CO. Executive Director Gopinath Pillai and Thomas Chong, accompanied by Charge d'Affaires Lam Peck Heng, called on Lt.Gen. Chit Swe [P900420].

#### INSTITUTE OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Director K. S. Sandhu and Librarian Ch'ng Kim called on Col. Pe Thein to discuss social and economic research [P900403].

JOO TAT HANG TRADING PTE. LTD. will purchase 20 tons of mangoes in 1990. 1/2 ton was sent by air from Mandalay in May [P900511].

\*Myanmar-ACE Metal Industries Co. Ltd. (see \*Alert No.6\*) \*ACE PRESSUREWELD) has opened its offices at 346 Prome Road, Rangoon [P900412].

SEAWITE CO. has 11 vessels fishing under licence in Burmese waters [P900407].

#### SWITZERLAND:

KARAWEIK SA. on l'avenue du Lemen in Lausanne engages in buying and selling raw material and manufactured goods. The president of Karaweik's

Executive Committee is Borys Zalcman, a good friend of General Ne Win since 1962. Pierre Raisin, the former liberal mayor of Geneva, is Vice-President [DC900300].

PILATUS in Stans, has delivered sixteen PC-7 aircraft to Burma. They have been modified and equipped with light armaments for combat [DC900300].

SAMOURAI SA. on rue du Marche in Geneva specializes in cultured pearls, precious stones and diamonds. It is also owned by Boris Zalcman who often hosts Ne Win when he visits Switzerland and a clinic in Montreux. Fernand Corbat and Robert Vieux, Geneva's former Chief of Protocol, are members of Samourai SA.'s Executive [DC900300].

THAILAND:

\*B & F ENTERPRISE (see "Burma Alert No.1 & 2") was awarded another logging concession worth Baht 250-300 million (US\$ 10-12 million) in exchange for building two roads. The first, 160 kms. long will be from Tachilek to Yuam (?) in the north of Burma. The second, 170 kms. long will be from Tachilek to Kengtung. Chairman of B & F is Samruay Thammasunthra [B900416].

\*CHAO PHAYA & IRRAWADDY ("Alert No.2") Managing Director Arun Intanasath is the coordinator of Thai logging companies in Burma [N900508].

CHIENGMAI B & F Co. was granted a logging concession (No.012-FD-89) in Loi Htwe, Shan State [D900401 & B900303].

PANACHAI SAWMILL CO. LTD. was granted logging concession (No.011-FD-89) in Metonwe Taung, Kayah State opposite Khun Yuam in Mae Hong Son province [D900401 & B900303].

PHIBOON WATTANA LTD. PART. was granted a logging concession (No.002-FD-89) in Htam-Din, Tenasserim Division opposite Chumpol province [D900401 & B900303].

RANONG VICTORIA POINT CO. LTD. was granted a logging concession (No.005-FD-89) in Huey-Khon, Tenasserim Division [D900401 & B900303].

SALWEEN CO. was granted a logging concession (No.009-FD-89) in Glong Mathe, Tenasserim Division [D900401 & B900303].

SIRICHAH FISHERIES signed a US\$ 2.3 million fishing contract in Feb'89 [P890215].

SOONG THAI CONSTRUCTION & TRADING (MYANMAR) CO. LTD. signed a contract to explore for TIN and share production in 'offshore Block VII', off Tenasserim. Director Banjong Markjinda gave a dinner for Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin [P900421-22].

SOUTHWEST IMEX CO. of Ranong felled 25,000 tons of wood [D900401 & B900303].

SRIDENCHAI-SUPHANBURI LTD.PART. was granted a 2-year logging concession (No.021-FD-89) in Sindaung, Tenasserim Division [D900401 & B900303]. Owned by Prasit Bodhisuthorn (see P.P. Group "Alert No. 2 & 5") [C891224].

SUKAWMA CO. has 20 vessels fishing under licence in Burmese waters [P900407].

SUWANNEE INDUSTRIAL CO. was granted a logging concession (No.016-FD-89) in Kamaung Thwe, Tenasserim Division [D900401 & B900303].

TANAKIT TIMBER LTD. PART. was granted a logging concession (No.003 & 019-FD-89) in Hawun Chaung Taung, Tenasserim Division [D900401 & B900303].

\*THAI-MYANMAR FISHERIES (1990) CO.'s (see "Alert No.5") Chairman is Anek sukhaphuti; Deputy Chairman - Prasit Prasarnsuthiporn; and Managing Director - Somkiat Anuras.

VINIVES CO. was granted a logging concession (No.020-FD-89) in Nam Hsa-Kun, Shan State opposite Malana [D900401 & B900303]. Said to be controlled by Silar International (see "Alert No.2") [C891224].

U.K.

PREMIER PETROLEUM MYANMAR LTD. (U.K.) signed a contract to explore for and share production of petroleum and natural gas in Blocks M-13 and M-14, off Tenasserim. Chairman Roland C. Shaw also visited Lt.Gen. Chit Swe. He also gave a dinner for Vice-Adm. Maung Maung Khin, Minister for Energy, and for Mines [P900505].

U.S.A.

FREEPORT-McMORAN INC. Vice Chairman Richard B. Stephens and DAEWOO Chairman Kim Woo Choong led a delegation to Rangoon Apr.18-20. They called on Lt.Gen. Tin Tun and Lt.Gen. Chit Swe. Brig. Gen. David Abel gave a dinner for them [P900419].

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