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Burma News:

THAI SECURITY CHIEF - "NO ENTRY FOR BURMESE EXILES"

On 15 Dec, National Security Council (NSC) Chief General Charan Kulavanijaya said that Thailand is not allowing Prime Minister Dr Sein Win of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB) and other key dissident leaders to return to Bangkok. Dr Sein Win and members of the National Council of Burma (NCUB) delegation to the United Nations are currently in the USA. Charan said, "Thailand is supporting the Burmese government plan for national reconciliation. To issue visas to those people means to encourage them to continue fighting." Dr Sein Win, a cousin of 1991 Nobel Peace laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and an elected representative, had been lobbying for UN mediation to end the Burmese conflict [N9312156].

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE RECEIVES DR SEIN WIN

On 7 Dec, Prime Minister Dr Sein Win and NCGUB Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs U Bo Hla Tint were officially received at the US State Department by the Acting US Secretary of State Peter Tarnoff in the absence of Warren Christopher. Tarnoff who is also the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, congratulated the NCUB's successful lobbying at the UN. Tarnoff reiterated the US Government's unwavering support for the Burmese democracy movement and promised to continue assisting the Burmese people. Earlier in Nov, Dr Sein Win and U Bo Hla Tint also met with Ambassador Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for Asia and the Pacific. The White House is currently reviewing the administration's Burma policy [NCGUB,BA].

SLORC TURNS DOWN DAB PEACE TALK OFFER

On 15 Dec, the State Law and Order Restoration Council's (SLORC) Military Attaché in Bangkok, Colonel Thein Swe stated in an interview that SLORC had officially rejected the Democratic Alliance of Burma's (DAB) offer for peace talks. He said, "We prefer to talk with individual groups ... We can be more effective (in that way)." On 1 Dec, General Bo Mya as Chairman of the DAB wrote to SLORC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe offering to negotiate in response to overtures made in Nov by SLORC Secretary 1, Lieut-General Khin Nyunt to the Karenni, Karen and Mon ethnic resistance forces. For some time now, the 3 ethnic groups have been under intense pressure from Thailand to abandon the Burmese democracy movement and negotiate separately with SLORC. Ethnic members of the NCUB delegation to the UN were not allowed to leave Thailand. Rather than abandon their allies under Thai pressure, the National Democratic Front (NDF) of which the three groups are members, agreed in late Nov to respond to SLORC through the DAB. The DAB includes NDF members as well as Burman pro-democracy groups [SCMP931208,N931120,22,27,1207,16,B931126,27,1210,SLORCFM,RTV]. SLORC's response which was conveyed indirectly underscores its insincerity about peace talks. In the first place, Khin Nyunt made his offer verbally through the media while visiting Karenni, Mon and Karen areas. Secondly, it is clear that Rangoon does not want to see a united opposition especially among the ethnic groups and pro-democracy Burmans. Finally, even after its ceasefire agreement with the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) in Oct, SLORC has yet to make any political concessions to the Kachins. Therefore, a ceasefire with SLORC which is agreed to under pressure, will not resolve the civil war - Ed.

THAILAND CRACKS DOWN ON BURMESE ACTIVISTS

On 6 Dec, Foreign Minister Prasong Soonsiri announced that Thailand will be enforcing laws regulating illegal immigration particularly where Burmese students are concerned. He said, "Any gathering of Burmese here for whatever reason will be regarded as an illegal political activity, no matter the number of participants." Prasong suggested that there would be no problem if the Burmese refrained from using Thailand as a base from which to launch political action against SLORC. According to Thailand's Ambassador to Burma, Virasakdi Futrakul, SLORC has promised to take care of exiled students who return home. SLORC will assign guards to look after them until they are resettled [N931207].

Burma News:**FOUR ARMED BURMESE ARRESTED IN BANGKOK**

On 23 Nov, Thai police arrested four Burmese in the Makasan area of Bangkok together with two sticks of TNT, two M26 hand grenades, a detonator, electrical wire, handgun bullets and four hoods. The men, Ye Thi Ha, 28, Mya Zaw, 30, Maung Maung Lay, 30, and Ne Tun, 37, claim that they were planning to return to Rangoon to launch a suicide bomb attack to wipe out the SLORC leadership during Independence day celebrations on 4 Jan. Metropolitan Police Commissioner Lieut-Gen Chamlong lemjachengphan said that the four had been charged with illegal entry and possession of war weapons. Army Commander-in-Chief Gen Wimol Wongwanich and NSC Chief Gen Charan Kulavanijaya, however, branded the four 'international terrorists' and vowed to take tough legal action. The SLORC embassy in Bangkok on 25 Nov praised Thai authorities stating that their action had enhanced the longstanding close and cordial relations between the two nations. Burmese dissidents, however, suspect that the four may be SLORC agent provocators or that the arrest may have been a SLORC sting operation to discredit the democracy movement and provide Thailand with an excuse to crack down on Burmese activists. In 1989, Ye Thi Ha and another student hijacked a Thai Airways International airliner from Rangoon to Utaapao to protest the suppression in Burma of the democracy movement. They were arrested by Thai authorities and sentenced to five years in prison but were released in Aug.92 by a Royal pardon. Then, as now, the incident had a negative effect on the Burmese democracy movement. More significantly, a couple of weeks before the arrests, warning of a major SLORC operation in Thailand was received [B931126,N931124,29,30, BA].

BURMESE STUDENTS ARRESTED AT RIGHTS SEMINAR

Thirteen Burmese students attending a human rights seminar at the Hazakawa Training Centre in Don Muang were arrested on 3 Dec by Thai Immigration and Special Branch police. They were taken to the Suan Plu Immigration Detention Centre and charged with illegal entry and planning anti-SLORC activities. The second charge was later dropped. The students will be sent to Maneeloy Camp in Ratchaburi. Those not registered there will be prosecuted. They could be fined US\$100 each or face 40-days in prison before being deported. Five of the students arrested were identified as Maung Maung Than, Pa Pa, Soe Lwin, Tin Maung Htoo and a female student, Lay Lay Nwe. The seminar was organized by the Student Federation of Thailand, Students Committee for Human Rights in Burma, and the Action Committee for Democracy in Burma. In a letter to the National Security Council and the Immigration Department, the organizers protested the arrests stating that the seminar was training the students to resolve conflicts through peaceful means [N931205,07].

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International Action:**U OF TORONTO HONOURS DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI**

The University of Toronto, on 25 Nov awarded an Honourary Doctorate of Law in absentia to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Dr Michael Aris travelled from Oxford to accept the award on her behalf.

JAPANESE ACTIVISTS VOW TO STOP BURMA DAMS

Over 40 activists from six countries who gathered in Kyoto, 6-7 Nov, for a study/action weekend vowed to help stop SLORC from building eight dams on the Thai-Burmese border. The Electric Power Development Co, a Japanese state-financed firm is involved in the project. The BURMESE RELIEF CENTER - JAPAN, BURMA YOUTH VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION and the INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR BURMA RELIEF organized the weekend.

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NEWS SOURCES THIS ISSUE: B = Bangkok Post, BA = Burma Alert, DAB = Democratic Alliance of Burma, N = The Nation, Bangkok, NC = National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma. RTV = Rangoon TV, and SLORCFM = SLORC Foreign Ministry.

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Foreign Trade & Investments:

UPDATE: FOREIGN FIRMS IN BURMA - 9

Source: Burma Alert

SINGAPORE:

A.L.G. AEROLEASING FAR EAST 1988	Private jet leasing - Transport
ACE PRESSUREWELD Feb.90	Steel products, US\$0.1 million - Trade
AIRTRUST (S'PORE) Jun.90	Demonstrated Y-12 aircraft - Arms
ALLIED ORDNANCE Oct.88	225 truck loads of arms - Arms
ASIA-PACIFIC BREWERIES, Dec.91	Interested in building brewery - Trade
ASIA PACIFIC BREWERIES, Aug.93	Donated US\$28,000, SLORC cultural festivals - Culture
AVIONS DE TRANSPORT REGIONAL, May 92	Demonstrated ATR-72 aircraft - Arms
BAN HIN CO, Dec.91	Vehicle assembly plant, US\$0.8 million - Industry
BANGNA COMPANY, Jan.92	Opened showroom in Rangoon - Trade
BORNEO COMPANY via MYANMAR-BORNEO, Jun.92	- Trade
BRENNAN COMPANY, 1987	Weapons systems for Pilatus Aircraft - Arms
C.D.C. CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT Jan.91	Importing Burmese labourers - Labour
CASTROL SINGAPORE, Mar.92	Selling fuel oil and lubricants - Trade
CENTURY MOTORS via MYANMAR MOTORS Jan.90	Cars, US\$2.3 million - Transport
CHARTERED INDUSTRIES Oct.88	84mm Carl Gustaf rockets, mortars, ammunition - Arms
DEFMAT AEROSPACE, May 92	Demonstrated ATR-72 aircraft - Arms
DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SINGAPORE, Aug.92	Seminar in Rangoon - Training
E.C.I. MINERALS, Feb.91	Barite powder mfg, US\$3.2 million - Oil & Gas
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Alan Yeo, May 93	Bilateral trade, \$372 million - Trade
GENERAL HOTELS MANAGEMENT, 1992,	STRAND HOTELS INT'L (?) - Tourism
GESTETNER via J.K. PTE LTD (S'PORE), Apr.92	Sales & Service Centre - Trade
GOLDEN GLORY, Feb.90	Toshiba products - Trade
GOLDEN GLORY, Oct.90	Opened Konica Centre in Rangoon - Trade
GOLDEN GLORY, Aug.93	TVs & cameras to Burmese SEAP Games winners - Culture
H.G.S. Sep.91	Surveys for oil companies - Oil & Gas
HAW PAR TRADING 1989	- Trade
HIGHSONICS, Oei Hong Leong, Feb.93	Owens MYANMAR AIRWAYS INT'L - Tourism
HSING CHAIO TRADING, Feb.89	US\$1.1 million - Trade
HURPER CO Jul.89	Suspected arms dealer - Arms
INOTECH INDUSTRIES Mar.91	Import-export construction material - Trade
J.K. PTE LTD (S'PORE), Apr.92	GESTETNER Sales & Service Centre - Trade
JOB CENTRE LTD, Jan.92	Study to employ 'Myanmar' workers in Singapore - Labour
JOO TAT HANG TRADING 1990	Mango exports - Trade
KEPPEL Jul.90	Interested in transportation and ocean-going vessels - Transport
MOTIWALLA ENTERPRISE, Feb.90	Foodstuff, textile, consumer goods - Trade
(Motiwalla Singapore operation managed by Aye Zaw Win, Ne Win's son-in-law)	
MYANMAR AIRWAYS INT'L, May 93	Airline - Tourism
(MAI Thai representative is Win Oo, brother of Moe Zaw, Ne Win's son-in-law)	
MYANMAR LEADING LOGISTICS Sep.90	Supplies oil firms, US\$3.7million - Oil & Gas
MYANMAR SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL	Operates Department Store - Trade
N.C. WOODWORK, Sep.89	Making doors, US\$0.8 million - Forestry
NATSTEEL TRADE, Sep.90	Hardware, construct. material - Trade
NATSTEEL TRADE, May 91	Hardware Centre in Rangoon, machine rental - Trade
Oei Hong Leong, Feb.93	Owens part of HIGHSONICS - Investment
P.A.E. SINGAPORE Sep.91	Site preparation for oil companies, US\$10 million - Oil & Gas

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SINGAPORE: (continued)

PACIFIC SEED Feb.90	Hybrid corn seed production - Agriculture
Q.A.F., Brunei Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Feb.93	Investment in HIGHSONICS - Tourism
Q.A.F. and others, Feb.93	Duty-free shop in Rangoon airport - Tourism
S.K.S. MARKETING Aug.89	Electrical, photographic & printing goods, US\$7.7 million - Trade
S.K.S. MARKETING	Own MYANMAR LEADING LOGISTICS - Oil & Gas
S.K.S. MARKETING	Owens MYANMAR SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL - Trade
SANMAS TRADING CO, Jan.93	Sales contract at Myanmar Co-op Trade Fair - Trade
SEAWITE CO, Apr.90	11 vessels in Burmese waters - Fisheries
SHENGLI HOLDINGS via ALLIED ORDANCE Oct.88	Supplied arms - Arms
SILK AIR, 1993	Charter flights to Rangoon - Tourism
SINGAPORE via ALLIED ORDANCE Oct.88	Arms & ammunition - Arms
SINGAPORE via CHARTERED INDUSTRIES Oct.88	Rockets, mortars, ammunition - Arms
SINGAPORE via SHENGLI HOLDINGS/ALLIED ORDANCE Oct.88	Supplied arms - Arms
SINGAPORE AIRLINES via TRADEWINDS, Aug.91	Flights to Rangoon office - Tourism
SINGAPORE ECONOMIC DELEGATION, Aug.93	Economic cooperation - Infrastructure
SINGAPORE PARAMEE, Jun.90	Consumer products - Trade
SINGAPURA UNITED TOBACCO, Oct.90	Cigarette factory, US\$1.5 million - Foodstuff
T.T. IMPORT EXPORT via SINGAPORE PARAMEE	Sales Centre in Rangoon - Trade
TRADEWIND AIRLINE, May.90	Twice-weekly flights to Rangoon - Tourism
TRADEWIND AIRLINE, Aug.91	Opened Rangoon office - Tourism
TRANSICOM 1989	Producing and marketing animal feed, US\$0.25 million - Agriculture
TRANSICOM Feb.90	Fish farming, technology exchange- Agriculture

AUSTRALIA:

A.G.C. WOODWARD-CLYDE, Sep.93	Waste management consultants - Infrastructure
AUSTRALIAN CIVIL & STRUCTURAL, Sep.93	Engineering consultants - Infrastructure
B.H.P. COUNTERTRADE (S'PORE) Jan.90	Barter, US\$50 million - Trade
B.H.P. COUNTERTRADE (S'PORE) Jan.90	Barter, US\$80 million - Infrastructure
BLAKERS PUMP ENGINEER, Sep.93	Pumps, turbines, liquid control systems, etc - Industry
C.C.D. AUSTRALIA, Sep.93	Engineering consultants - Infrastructure
EAST WEST DIAMOND PRODUCTS, Sep.93	Machining, drill bits, etc - Oil & Gas
ERICSSON AUSTRALIA, Dec.92	1,000 mobile cellular telephones - Communications
GLOBAL LIVESTOCK EXPORTS, Sep.93	Cattle, sheep, goats, pets, rabbits, etc - Livestock
HEAVILIFT, Sep.91	Helicopter transport for AMOCO - Oil & Gas
KAILIS RESOURCES, Block M (S Arakan), 1991	Exploration - Oil & Gas
KAILIS RESOURCES, Block L (N Arakan), Sep.92	Exploration - Oil & Gas
LLOYDS, Sep.91	Air transport for oil companies - Oil & Gas
MODRA ELECTRIC POWER, Sep.93	Generators, switchboards, power stations - Energy
MULTIPLEX CONSTRUCTIONS, Sep.93	Livestock, Grain, Construction, etc - Industry
NEW FISHING AUSTRALIA, Theo Kailis, Jul.92	Visted Fisheries Minister - Fisheries
P.G. AIREY & ASSOCIATES, Sep.93	Engineering consultants - Infrastructure
PACIFIC ARC EXPLORATION, May 93	Interested in Gold & other metals - Mining
RICHARD KLINGER PTY, Sep.93	Gauges, Valves, Gaskets, etc - Industry
STEFANI PURE WATER AUSTRALASIA, Sep.93	Water purifiers - Industry
STOCKDALE, 90	Exploring for diamonds in Myeik & Mong Mit - Mining
TRANSCOM INTERNATIONAL, Sep.93	Radio, telephone, consultants - Communications

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BANGLADESH:COX'S BAZAAR SEAFOODS, Aug.90
SEA FISHERS OVERSEAS, Dec.90US\$6.9 million - Fisheries
US\$7.7 million - Fisheries**BELGIUM:**FABRIQUE NATIONALE, 1978 & 87
FORGES DE ZEEBRUGGES, 1976 & 87Weapons systems for Pilatus Aircraft - Arms
Weapons systems for Pilatus Aircraft - Arms**BRUNEI:**ROYAL BRUNEI AIRLINES, May 93
BAIDURI HOLDINGS (Royal family), Feb.93Leasing Boeing 757 aircraft - Tourism
Owns HIGHSONICS (Singapore) - Tourism**DENMARK:**

MAERSK, Sep.93

Drilling contractor for TOTAL (France), US\$20 million - Oil & Gas

INDIA:BOMBAY COTTON, Mar.93
COMMERCE MINISTRY, Jt-Secretary Ashoke Jha, Mar.93
FOREIGN MINISTRY, J N Dixit, Mar.93
MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA, Mar.93
NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, Mar.93
R.P. ENTERPRISE, Jan.93
TELCO, Mar.93Trade delegation - Trade
Trade delegation - Trade
Bilateral Treaty, US\$200 million/yr - Trade
Trade delegation - Trade
Cooperation Agreement - Drugs
Sales contract, Myanmar Co-op Trade Fair - Trade
Trade delegation - Trade**INDONESIA:**ECONOMY, FINANCE & TRADE, Dr Radius Prawiro, Feb.93
GARUDA AIRLINE, Apr.90Cooperation - Trade
Twice-weekly flights to Rangoon - Tourism**ISRAEL:**

EGGED ISRAEL TRANSPORT SOCIETY, Apr.90

100 Leyland buses - Transport

LAOS:LAOS, Feb.92
LAOS, Jun.92Prime Minister General Khamtay Siphandone visited - Trade
Signed UNDCP agreement with SLORC - Drugs**MACAU:**

MYANMAR MACAU INTERNATIONAL, Dec.92

3-star hotel - Tourism

MAURITIUS:

TRADE AND SHIPPING MINISTER Anil Kumar Baichoo

Delegation to Burma - Trade

PAKISTAN:PAKISTAN ORDNANCE, Mar.89
PAKISTAN ORDNANCE, Jun.91Machine guns, ammo, 120mm mortars & shells - Arms
Rocket launchers, mortars & rifles, US\$20 million - Arms**PHILIPPINES:**

PHILIPPINES, Oct.92

2 Economic agreements - Tourism & Trade

Foreign Trade & Investments:**UPDATE: FOREIGN FIRMS IN BURMA - 12**

Source: Burma Alert

RUSSIA:

SOVIET AVIAEXPORT, May.91

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Proposed sale of M-17 Attack helicopters - Arms

Proposed sale of AN-32's or Turpelov 154's - Arms

S. KOREA:

DAEWOO Jul.89

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DAEWOO Aug.89

DAEWOO Apr.90

DAEWOO Apr.90

DAEWOO Aug.90

DAEWOO May 91

DAEWOO Nov.91

DAEWOO Jan.92

DAEWOO, Aug.92

DAEWOO ELECTRONICS, Jul.90

DONGWON INDUSTRIES Feb.89

HYUNDAI MOTORS Dec.89

KOREA May.89

KOREA FOREIGN MINISTRY, Jan.92

KOREA TRADE MINISTRY, Oct.92

KOREAN MINE PROMOTION CORP Jul.89

POHANG IRON & STEEL Nov.92

SAMWON Nov.91

SAMSUNG CORP Dec.89

SEGYI CORP Jun.90

SEOUL AIR INTN'L Apr.91

SEOUL AIR INTN'L Sep.91

WOOSHIN SANGHAP Feb.89

YUKONG, Block C, Oct.89

YUKONG, Jul.93

No.5 Garment factory, US\$8 million - Textiles

Rangoon Department Store - Trade

Copper mine with KMPC, US\$20 million - Mining

Planning another Department Store - Trade

MYANMAR DAEWOO INTN'L to export garments, US\$3 million - Textile

To build 5-star hotel, US\$60 million - Tourism

Sold 20 1st Class rail carriages/spare parts, US\$4 million - Transport

Proposed sale of rail, buses, telephones, a ship-building venture - Transport

Plywood joint venture with SAMWON, US\$1 million - Forestry

Sold 200 Daewoo buses - Transport

Sponsored car manufacturing study team to Korea - Industry

Electronics factory, US\$6.6 million - Industry

US\$0.5 million - Fisheries

Has office in Rangoon - Transport

Interested in funding Moei River bridge - Infrastructure

Economic and trade ties - Trade

Economic co-opn, Investment Guarantees - Trade

Copper mine with DAEWOO - Mining

Steel Mill - Industry

Plywood joint venture with DAEWOO, US\$1 million - Forestry

- Trade

Textile manufacture & export, US\$4.75 million - Textile

Proposed training helicopter pilots - Training

Helicopter for oil companies - Oil & Gas

US\$0.8 million - Fisheries

Exploration, US\$39 million - Oil & Gas

New concession, exploration - Oil & Gas

TAIWAN:

FOREIGN MINISTER Fredrick Chien met Aye Zaw Win, ABC Services, Sep.92

- Trade

PREMIER Hau Pei-tsum met Aye Zaw Win, ABC Services, Sep.92

- Trade

PRESIDENTIAL SEC-GEN Chiang Yen-shih met Aye Zaw Win, ABC Services, Sep.92

- Trade

YUGOSLAVIA:

YUGOSLAVIA, Aug.90

YUGOSLAVIA, Oct.90

20 Soko Galeb 'G-4' ground attack aircraft - Arms

3 'Koncar' class light patrol boats - Arms

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