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DIPLOMATIC

French Ambassador

June 3: French Ambassador Georges Sidre presented credentials to President U San Yu. (WPD 6/4)

Albanian Ambassador

June 29: Burma granted agr,ment to Justin Niko Papajorgji as Albanian Ambassador to Burma, in succession to Dhimiter Stamo. Ambassador Papajorgji was born in 1939. He entered the Diplomatic service in 1962, and served in Albanian Embassies in Cuba and Greece. From 1975-83 he was a Director in the Foreign Ministry. In 1983 he was named Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations in New York. In 1986 he became Albanian Ambassador to China. (WPD 6/29)

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Chinese Labor Delegation

May 31: The Chinese Labor delegation headed by All-China Federation of Trade Unions Secretariat member Yu Qinghe met with Vice Chairman U Ba Nyein and officials of the Workers Asiayone Central Body, which hosted a dinner for the Chinese. On May 29-30 the delegation visited Pagan/Nyaung-U, the lacquerware training school, and the Kyunchaung Fertilizer Plant in Pakokku Township. (WPD 6/1) - June 1: The delegation departed. (WPD 6/2)

Burmese ILO Delegation

June 2: Minister for Social Welfare and for Labour U Ohn Kyaw left for the 73rd ILO Conference in Geneva, to be held June 3-24. He was accompanied by Labour Department Additional Director U Khin Maung and personal assistant U Nyunt Maung. An advance party comprising Workers Asiayone Central Body Joint Secretary U Nyunt Lwin, Labour Department Director U Nyunt Win, Factories and General Labour Inspection Department Director U Min Aung, Social Security Board General Manager Daw Sein Sein, and Construction Corporation Director of Engineers (Works) U Bo Gyi left on May 30. (WPD 6/3) - June 8: U Ohn Kyaw addressed the Conference. He welcomed the proposed revision of agreements on safety and health in construction, and noted Burmese progress in expanding laws in this area. As to the proposed item concerning employment promotion and social security, he noted that it was more concerned with unemployment benefits than with employment promotion. Many developing countries cannot afford to introduce unemployment benefit schemes. "In the light of these conditions should the Conference adopt the envisaged instrument as a convention it would be difficult for most of the developing members states to ratify it." [text given] (WPD 6/11) - June 21: The ILO delegation returned to Rangoon. (WPD 6/22)

USAID Agreement Signed

June 5: Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Myint and American Ambassador Burton Levin signed Amendment No. 1 to the Project Grant Agreement for the Burma Agricultural Development

Project. The US will provide a grant of US\$ 5.5 million (Ky 36.3 million) in 1987 for the procurment of fertilizer and equipment and for participant training. (WPD 6/6)

Health Minister Returns

June 7: Minister for Health U Tun Wai and his delegation composed of Dr. Daw Hnin Yi of Rangoon General Hospital, Health Department Director Dr. U Kyaw, Deputy Director Dr. U Thein Dan, and personal secretary U Tin Nyunt returned from the 40th World Health Organization Conference in Geneva. (WPD 6/8)

San Yu Visits Korea

June 8: President U San Yu, accompanied by his wife Daw Than Shein, left on a State Visit to the Republic of Korea. They were accompanied by Council of State Members U Jap Tu and U Tun Yan Law, Deputy Prime Minister U Tun Tin, Foreign Minister U Ye Goung, Minister for Industry 1 U Tint Swe, Minister for Trade U Khin Maung Gyi, Deputy Defense Minister General Saw Maung, BSPP Central Committee secretary U Thein Ngwe, Director-General of the President's Office Col. Aung Myint Baw, Foreign Ministry Director-General U Ohn Gyaw, many of their wives, and other personnel. BSPP Chairman U Ne Win saw the delegation off, and it was met in Seoul by President Chun Doo Hwan. (WPD 6/9)

June 9: President U San Yu called on Korean President Chun Doo Hwan, and at a State Dinner both gave speeches.

Korean Speech: President Chun Doo Hwan noted the longstanding cultural affinity between Burma and Korea, and that Burma had "promptly recognized" the Republic of Korea when it was founded in 1948, and denounced the North Korean invasion in 1950. "More recently," he said, "the Burmese government thoroughly uncovered the full truth about the atrocious North Korean-engineered terrorist bombing of my delegation during my visit to Rangoon in 1983 and took resolute punitive measures against the North Korean terrorist regime. I want to take this occasion to express my deep gratitude and warm commendation for that courageous action of the Burmese Government." He expressed hope for continuing bilateral cooperation (citing the Kinda Dam project completed in 1986), and outlined Korean foreign policy goals. [text given]

Burmese Speech: President U San Yu stressed Burma's policy of nonalignment and friendly cooperation with "all states that are peace-loving and dedicated to fairness". He said that "The fact that Burma, a founding member of the non-aligned movement did not hesitate to withdraw from that movement, once the principles of the movement became tarnished, speaks volumes for her decisiveness and dedication to her ideals." Burma has always adhered to "the five principles of peaceful coexistence." Burma opened diplomatic relations with the Republic of Korea since 1975 and consular relations before that, and their relationship "has blossomed ...into friendship [and] beneficial cooperation." Turning to international economic relations he said that "restrictive trade practises of the developed nations towards the developing countries have adversely affected almost all developing countries." "If nations," he added, "particularly the great powers, could refrain from leaning on other states in order to promote one's own development, there would be no region in the world where peace and tranquility are lacking." He criticized the arms race and called for "general and complete disarmament under effective international supervision." [text given] (WPD 6/10)

June 10: President U San Yu and his delegation visited Korean industries and left Seoul by train for Kyungju. (WPD 6/11) - June 11: He visited temples and industries, and returned to Seoul. (WPD 6/12) - June 12: He returned to Rangoon, and was met by BSPP Chairman U Ne Win.

A Joint Communique dated June 12 noted extensive meetings between the Burmese delegation and senior Korean officials. The Korean President renewed his appreciation for the Burmese measures following the "tragic incident which took place in October 1983" and President

U San Yu stated that "the perpetrators had been duly punished in accordance with the law." The two Presidents agreed that strict observance of the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs, and peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter is needed for peace. They expressed concern over the widening gap of wealth between developed and developing countries and the rising trend of protectionism. The Korean President noted his efforts at peaceful reunification with North Korea, and President U San Yu reaffirmed Burmese support for peaceful reunification through dialogue. The Korean President agreed to visit Burma again at a convenient time. [text given] (WPD 6/13)

UNICEF Plan Signed

June 9: Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Myint and UNICEF Representative Antonio A. Hidalgo signed the Fifth UNICEF Four-Year Plan of Operations in Burma for 1987-90. It provides for spending of US\$ 20 million (Ky 130.22 million), plus funding from UNICEF additional funds (if received) of US\$ 12 million (Ky 78.20 million). (WPD 6/10)

Peasants Del. to USSR

June 10: A delegation from the Peasants Asiayone headed by Central Body Vice-Chairman U Chit Swe left for a visit to the USSR. It included Joint Secretary U Nyunt Tin and Pegu Township Secretary U Htein Lin. (WPD 6/11) - June 23: The delegation returned to Rangoon. (WPD 6/24)

West German Gift

June 15: West German Ambassador Dr. Walther Freiherr von Marschall donated a Ky 54,000 washing machine to the Women's Home under the Social Welfare Department. (WPD 6/16)

U.S. Exhibit

June 15: An exhibition of books on Teaching of English as a Second and Foreign Language, sponsored by the Information Department of the American Embassy, opened at 549 Merchant Street, Rangoon. The 400 books will be on view June 16-18. (WPD 6/16)

Pyithu Hluttaw Delegation to USSR

June 17: A Pyithu Hluttaw delegation headed by U Gae Ta No (Dimawhso Township Constituency 1) left on a visit to the USSR at the invitation of the Soviet Supreme Soviet. Other members were U Mya Maung (Myittha 1), Daw May May Aung (Mingala Taungnyunt 2), Daw Mya Thwin (Labutta 2), U Win Shein (Bilin 1), U Nyi Nyi (Minbya 1), U Toe Chit (Tavoy 2), BSPP Central Committee HQ Department Head U Myint Than, Council of State Office Director U Tin Maung Nyunt, and Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Office Director U Maung Maung Ohn. (WPD 6/18) - June 22: The delegation left Yerevan for Talinn. (WPD 6/24) - June 24: The delegation met at the Kremlin with Alternate Politburo Member Pyotr Demichev. (WPD 6/26) - June 25: The delegation toured Moscow. (WPD 6/27) - June 28: The delegation returned to Rangoon. (WPD 6/29)

Canadian Official Visits

June 22: Earl Drake, Canadian Assistant Deputy Minister of External Affairs, called on Foreign Minister U Ye Goung. A dinner for him was hosted by Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Nyunt. He arrived June 21. (WPD 6/23) - June 24: He departed, after visiting Pagan/Nyaung-U on June 23. (WPD 6/25)

Educ. Del. to Japan

June 23: A 10-member delegation headed by Deputy Director of Basic Education U Nyunt Yin left for Japan on an 18-day study trip under the Japanese Foundation Programme. (WPD 6/24)

Soviet Badminton Team

June 23: A Ukrainian badminton team arrived for a series of goodwill matches on June 25, 27 and 28 under the bilateral cultural exchange program. It was headed by coaches Victor Shvachko and Yuri Klimov and has 8 players. (WPD 6/24) - June 24: Special buses to the National Indoor Stadium will be provided. (WPD 6/25) - June 25: In the first round, Burma won four matches and the Soviets two. (WPD 6/26) - June 27: Burma and the USSR each won three matches. (WPD 6/28)

Red Cross Del. to USSR

June 24: A Red Cross delegation headed by Central Council Member Dr. Aye Maung left for the USSR under the bilateral cultural exchange program. He was accompanied by Kachin State Red Cross Supervision Committee Chairman U Mya Aung and Kayah State Chairman U Edward Pyu Aung. (WPD 6/25)

Chinese Swimming Team

June 24: The Yunnan Province swimming team arrived for goodwill competitions to be held at the National Swimming Pool in Rangoon on June 26-28. It was headed by Yunnan Swimming Federation President Zhang Fenggui and included two coaches, an interpreter, and 5 boy and 5 girl swimmers. (WPD 6/25) - June 26: Competitions began. (WPD 6/26) - June 27: Competitions continued. (WPD 6/27) - June 28: Competitions concluded. (WPD 6/29)

Prime Minister Visit to Indonesia and Malaysia

June 29: Prime Minister Maung Kha left on an official goodwill visit to Indonesia and Malaysia, and arrived in Djakarta, where he was met by Vice President General Umar Wirahadikusumah. The Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister U Kyaw Htin, Foreign Minister U Ye Goung, Mines Minister U Than Tin, Information and Culture Minister U Aung Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry 1 U Thein Myint, Northern Command Commander Brig. Gen. Kyaw Ba, Council of Ministers Office Director-General U Kyaw Tint, Foreign Ministry Political Director-General U Ohn Gyaw, Paper and Chemical Industries Corporation Managing Director U Khin Maung Lin and others.

In speeches at the evening dinner hosted by Indonesia, the Burmese Prime Minister lauded Indonesian foreign policy and expressed concern over the gap of "alarming proportions between the industrialized and developing nations." General Wirahadikusumah traced the histories of the Bandung Conference, the Nonaligned Movement, and ASEAN, and called for greater South-South cooperation. [texts of speeches given] (WPD 6/30)

GOVERNMENT

Pyithu Hluttaw Elections

June 3: Col. Soe Myint was declared elected Pyithu Hluttaw member for Taunggyi Township Constituency 1, Shan State, in by-elections held May 23-June 7 [sic], 1987. (WPD 6/4) - June 16: U Thawng Khan Mang was declared elected Pyithu Hluttaw member for Falam Township Constituency 2, Chin State, and U Sai Hla Oo for Mongmaw Township, Shan State, in by-elections held May 23-June 7. (WPD 6/17) - June 19: Col. Aung Phone was declared elected Pyithu Hluttaw member for Nawngkio Township, Shan State, in by-elections held in June. (WPD 6/19)

Political Course Opens

June 8: The 57th Basic Political Course opened at the Central Institute of Political Science in Rangoon. CIPS Principal U Ye Myint and Vice Principal U Myo Thein presided. The course will last 21 weeks, and has 337 trainees. (WPD 6/9)

Political Instructors

June 15: The 24th Instructors Course began at the Central Institute of Political Science. 58 trainees are attending the 18-week course.

(WPD 6/16)

Party Staff Course

June 22: The 55th Management Course for [BSPP] Party Office staff began at the Central Institute of Political Science. 192 trainees are attending the 6-week course. (WPD 6/23)

Pyithu Hluttaw Resignation

June 26: According to Council of State Notification No. 67/87, Lt. Col. Than Swe, Pyithu Hluttaw member for Pale Township Constituency 2, Sagaing Division, "has been permitted to resign...from June 23 1987 under Section 4 of the Resignations and Replacement Law." (WPD 6/27)

MILITARY

KIA HQ Captured

June 5: Vice Chief of Staff (Army) Major-General Than Shwe visited Myitkyina and Nahpaw in the Northern Command from June 2-5, to inspect recent Burma army victories. It was announced that an offensive beginning May 22 had captured the KIA [Kachin Independence Army] camps at Kazu (May 24), Namsamgyang (May 25), and Jabu (May 26). KIA Central Headquarters camps at Nahpaw and Pajao were captured on May 26 and 29. Six major battles and 36 engagements were fought. Tatmadaw casualties were 5 killed. KIA insurgents had 35 "captured dead" and 2 surrendered. 95 weapons, ammunition and equipment, jade and opium were captured. [Map shows locations of the captured camps.]

The captured material included 3 recoilless rifles, 1 60 mm mortar, 647 rounds heavy ammunition, 59,777 rounds small arms ammunition, 5,697 rounds .5 ammunition, 618 hand grenades, 48 mines, a 30-line telephone switchboard and 20 telephones, 10 typewriters and 9 duplicating machines, medical equipment, a light vehicle, saw mill equipment, generators and pumps, 1,500 viss of jade and 100 kilograms of raw opium. (WPD 6/6)

BCP and KNU Bases Hit

June 6: A Burma Army column attacked camps of the BCP [Burma Communist Party] Mergui District Group (Tenasserim Military Area) along the lower Sarawa Creek in Tenasserim Township between May 16-30. There were four clashes. Five Tatmadaw [Burma Army] soldiers were wounded. Five BCP insurgents were "captured dead", 1 captured alive and 5 surrendered. 16 weapons were captured. The BCP Mergui District Group has only 45 members including families.

Another Burma Army column attacked 30 members of the KNU [Karen National Union] in their Nahi Taung camp in Yebyu Township, Southeast Command area. One Tatmadaw member was killed and 2 wounded. 11 KNU insurgents were "captured dead", and one 57 mm recoilless rifle, 26 small arms, 3 communications sets, and 2 walkie-talkies were seized. [Maps showing the locations are included.] (WPD 6/7)

Insurgents Denounced

"In some regions on the border areas of northern Shan State, the BCPs, in collaboration with local insurgents, had dominated and oppressed the indigenous people. Owing to their immorality, their drug trafficking and extortion of money, the people have come to loath them. The Tatmadaw in co-operation with the working people succeeded in crushing the BCPs in Muse and Namhkam Townships....Similar efforts are being made in other parts of the country to do away with the insurgents..." (Editorial, WPD 6/7)

Insurgents Surrender

June 8: 22 insurgents turned themselves in, with their arms, between May 1-8. (WPD 6/9) - June 9: 23 insurgents turned themselves in between May 9-17. (WPD 6/10) - June 10: 24 insurgents turned themselves in between May 18-31. (WPD 6/11) [Names and details

given].

ECONOMIC

Livestock Data

June 2: According to the 1986-87 [Pyithu Hluttaw] report, the private meat sector included 11.9 million cattle, 1.9 million pigs, 37.47 million chickens and ducks, and 1.46 million sheep and goats. Meat production included 22.50 million viss of beef, 29.07 million viss of pork, 4.47 million viss of mutton, 65.09 million viss of chicken, 393.62 million viss of milk, and 1,224 million eggs. More than 3,000 employees of the Livestock and Veterinary Department have completed refresher courses at the Ywathagyi Training Centre near Rangoon. (WPD 6/2)

New Train to Lashio

June 8: An additional passenger train service between Mandalay and Lashio has been established, which will operate three round trips per week. (WPD 6/9)

Tax Announcement

June 14: The Internal Revenue Department announces that taxpayers whose profit taxes have been assessed under the Profit Tax Law, and those whose income exceeds Ky 8,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1987, must file income declaration forms with the Township Internal Revenue Departments by June 30. Cooperative societies which have been assessed, or which have incomes or profits exceeding Ky 10,000, must also file by June 29. (WPD 6/15)

Warning on Fish

June 14: Catching of fish about to spawn, during May-June-July, is prohibited under the Fisheries Act and will be punished. (WPD 6/15)

New 5 Pya Coin

June 15: The Union of Burma Bank announced the issuance, beginning June 30, of a new 5 pya coin, in the FAO design. The new coin will have a diameter of 18 mm and a thickness of 1.45 mm. Smooth edge. Weight 2.6 gm. Bronze color. All currently circulating coins remain legal tender. (Announcement, WPD 6/15)

Rangoon-Prome Road

June 17: Seven miles of tar concrete and 12 miles of earth work have been completed on the Rangoon-Prome Road improvement project. Preparatory work was carried out from October 1984-March 1986, and construction began April 1, 1986. Pavement construction work (11 feet, 2 lane, 5 foot shoulder) has been completed on 69 miles from Htaukkyant (21st mile) to Kyungalay (90th mile), and (9 feet, 2 lane) on 88 miles from there to Prome (178th mile). Total cost is an estimated Ky 471.9 million (Ky 210.6 million in foreign exchange and Ky 261.3 million internal expense). After completion, travel time from Rangoon to Prome will be reduced from 6 1/2 hours to 4 1/2 hours. (WPD 6/18)

Agric. Support by Army

June 29: Five columns of Operation Myaseinyaung military and police volunteers, totalling 1,500 personnel, left to assist farmers in Mingaladon, Hlegu, Kyauktan, Htantabin and Kungyangon Townships in Rangoon Division. They will help with high-yield paddy production from June 29-July 13. (WPD 6/30)

Rainfall in Rangoon

Rainfall since January 1, 1987, in inches, at Rangoon's three weather stations of Rangoon Airport (RA), Kaba-Aye (KA), and Central Rangoon (CR) was:

As of	RA	KA	CR
June 1	4.57	6.73	8.94

June 15 17.52 20.12 20.91
June 30 27.13 31.06 31.26

CULTURAL

School Opens

June 1: Primary, middle, and high schools open for the 1987-88 school year. (Editorial, WPD 6/1)

State Sangha Meeting

June 7: The Third meeting of the Second State Sangha Central Working Committee began. Minister for Home and Religious Affairs U Min Gaung noted the progress in settling Sangha disputes thanks to the laws passed on the subject. But he said that younger members of the Sangha and Samaneras continued to visit public entertainments and committed unbecoming acts. Therefore the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee had issued Directive No. 72 to enable presiding sayadaws of Kyaungtaiks and individual monasteries to enforce stricter discipline among them. (WPD 6/8) - June 8: The meeting approved several resolutions. (WPD 6/9) - June 9: The meeting concluded after holding one election, placing 5 matters on record, approving 7 matters, and adopting 3 resolutions.

Maha Wizaya Zedi: The Chairman of the Maha Wizaya Zedi Construction Central Committee said total expenditures had been about Ky 50 million, composed of Ky 6.5 million for the foundations, Ky 23.5 million for the surface work (Mahayan Tadaing), and Ky 20 million for the surface work (outer side of the Maha Tadaing). Contributions from the public have totalled Ky 31,198,985.65, of which Ky 25,775,339.72 were used between June 1980 and May 31, 1987, leaving a balance of Ky 5,423,645.93. In addition there have been contributions of 14,582.67 viss of copper and brass, and 35 gold plates. (WPD 6/10)

Sayadaws Honored

June 11: Minister for Home and Religious Affairs U Min Gaung assisted at the ninth annual presentation of titles granted by the Council of State to eminent Sayadaws, for the year BE 1349 (AD 1987). Since 1979 14 Sayadaws (1 this year, 10 still living) have been presented the Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru title; and 63 Sayadaws (6 this year, 50 still living) have received the Agga Maha Pandita title. (WPD 6/12)

English Programs

June 4: The BBC English language-lesson program "Follow Through" will be broadcast on Burma radio (English program) and shown on television. (WPD 6/5)

"Sound Entertainment"

June 25: "[Burmese entertainment includes] movies, dance and drama, zat and anyein performances and music and magic shows.... It is necessary to keep Burmese culture...unsmeared by alien influence.... It is necessary for the entertainment programs...to be national in form and socialist in content.... Those responsible for the entertainment sector should avoid exerting unhealthy influence on the younger generation who are still immature.... [The BSPP] has formed the Motion Picture Council Organizing Committee, the Thabin Council Organizing Committee and the Artists and Artisans Organizing Committee.... We expect [that they] will adhere to the guidelines and policies on cultural activities laid down by the Party...."
(Editorial, WPD 6/25)

Hadj Pilgrimage

June 29: Persons wishing to take part in the 1987 Hadj Pilgrimage must apply by July 2. (WPD 6/30)

MISCELLANEOUS

Moonshine Seized

June 2: A search team in Rangoon seized 53 quarts of imitation Mandalay Beer, 1 quart of imitation Mandalay Rum, 2 quarts of imitation Army Rum, and 1 quart of country spirit. In other raids, a total of 322 quarts of Army Rum were seized in the Ports township. (WPD 6/3)

Soccer Victory

June 6: Rangoon Division beat Irrawaddy Division 3-0 in the final match of the Third Inter-State and Division Youth (under 19) Football Tournament, at Rangoon's Aung San Stadium. (WPD 6/7)

U Chan Tun Aung Dies

June 11: U Chan Tun Aung, aged 87, former Chief Justice of the High Court and Judicial and Foreign Minister in the Caretaker Government [1959-61] died in Rangoon. (Obituary, WPD 6/12)

Drug User Punished

June 16: Maung Maung (a) Htay Win was sentenced in Rangoon to 5 years imprisonment for possession of 10 packets of heroin worth Ky 25 each, under Section 6(b) of the Narcotic Drugs Law. He was arrested July 8, 1985. (WPD 6/17).

Drug Death Sentence

June 18: A court in Mandalay sentenced Se Paung (a) Maung Sein to death on two counts, and seven years imprisonment on two others. He was arrested in Taunggyi on Sept. 17, 1984, with 36 packets of heroin weighing 17.483 kilograms. Law Phone, Ma Ah Wan, and Ma Nang Khaung were sentenced to terms of 7-10 years in the case, and a car and Ky 13,902 were confiscated. [pictures of those sentenced] (WPD 6/19)

Chemical Seizures

June 18: Police seized 30 gallons of acetic anhydride [used in processing heroin] in Mandalay on June 11 and in Nyaunglebin Township. 11 people have been charged under Section 14(1) of the Law Authorizing the Establishment of the Socialist Economic System. [pictures of those held] (WPD 6/19) - June 25: 24 gallons of acetic anhydride were seized in Mandalay on June 22, and three persons were arrested. (WPD 6/26) - June 29: Police seized 28 gallons of acetic anhydride in Lashio on June 21, and six persons were arrested. (WPD 6/30)

Drug Seizures

June 20: Police in Mandalay on June 12 arrested Zaw Lin Maung for possession of 1.3 kilograms of heroin. Three others were also arrested in the case. (WPD 6/21) - June 22: Win Myint alias Law Hu was arrested on June 13 in Mandalay with 11.43 kilograms of raw opium. (WPD 6/22) - June 22: Sai Kwet alias Tun Myint and Ma Lin Shwe were arrested on June 13 on the Mandalay-Myitkyina train with 0.4 kilograms of heroin. (WPD 6/22) [pictures of most of those arrested]

BAC Plane Crashes

June 23: A Burma Airways Corporation Fokker F-27 plane (XY-ADP) was reported missing on June 21 on a regular flight between Heho and Monghsat, Shan State. (WPD 6/24) - June 24: The wreck was found near Pansauk village in Hopong Township. It had struck the Me-Nai ridge at an altitude of over 8,200 feet some 15 miles southeast of Hopong. All four crewmen (Pilot U Mac Htoo, Co-pilot U Kyaw Tint, Cabin personnel U Nay Win and Daw Pauk Pauk), 36 adult passengers, and 5 children were killed. (WPD 6/25)

Health Warning

June 25: Rangoon health authorities listed measures to prevent dengue haemorrhagic fever, "which is now widespread in some townships of Rangoon Division", by preventing stagnant water where mosquitoes can

breed. Children should be given only Paracetamol for fever during the DHF season, and if symptoms develop should be taken immediately to Children's Hospital. (WPD 6/26)

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