



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND MP
VISIT CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND TRAINING INSTITUTION

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE RT. HON. DAVID ENNALS, M.P., AND MR. RODERICK MACFARQUHAR, M.P. TODAY VISITED THE CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN AND THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE IN CHAI WAN.

THEY FIRST WENT TO THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE TO INSPECT THE FACILITIES THERE. THE CENTRE NOW PROVIDES CARE FOR 104 ABANDONED BABIES AND CHILDREN.

ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THE VISIT WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN= THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOCIAL WORK), MRS. EVELYN DOE= AND THE CENTRE'S SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. LU CHENG YUK-YIP.

THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON HOW THE CENTRE, IN A HAPPY AND HOMELY SETTING, DEVELOPED THE CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL POTENTIAL THROUGH INFORMAL SCHOOLING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

THE CENTRE, OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES TEMPORARY CARE FOR A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS FOR ABANDONED OR WANDERING CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF EIGHT YEARS.

SOME OF THE CHILDREN NOW UNDER CARE AT THE CENTRE WILL BE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEIR PARENTS ARE ABLE ONCE AGAIN, TO RESUME THEIR ROLE.

OTHERS ARE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CHILDREN'S HOMES FOR SCHOOLING AND LONGER-TERM INSTITUTIONAL CARE.

FOR THE HOMELESS CHILDREN GIVEN UP BY THEIR PARENTS, THE STAFF OF THE CENTRE, THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ADOPTION UNIT, HELP THEM TO BE ADOPTED EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS.

IN CASES OF CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR MENTAL DEFECT WHERE THE CHANCE OF ADOPTION IS SLIM, THEY ARE ADMITTED INTO ONE OF THE CHILDREN'S HOMES FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND SPECIAL TRAINING.

MR. ENNALS AND MR. MACFARQUHAR LATER WENT TO THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE WHICH IS OPERATED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, WHO SHOWED THEM ROUND THE TRAINING CENTRE.

THEY WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS FACILITIES IN THE CENTRE WHICH PROVIDES BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO CONVICTED YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 21 FOR A PERIOD RANGING FROM SIX TO 36 MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND MP
TO VISIT HOSPITAL
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE RT. HON. DAVID ENNALS, AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MR. RODERICK MACFARQUHAR, WILL VISIT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL TOMORROW (THURSDAY). THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

REPORTERS/PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE HOSPITAL'S SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING AT 10.45 A.M. TOMORROW. SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MR. K.Y. MAK, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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PROBLEMS FACING PRISON STAFF
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ASSAULTS ON PRISON STAFF OCCUR MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THE PUBLIC REALISE AND PRISONERS WITH LONG OR INDETERMINATE SENTENCES ARE PRONE TO ACTS OF VIOLENT AND PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOUR, THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISON, MR. GARTH HYDES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST, MR. HYDES SAID SUCH PRISONERS, WHEN SUBDUED BY THE USE OF NECESSARY FORCE REQUIRED TO STOP AN ATTACK ON PRISON STAFF, REACT BY MAKING FALSE COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILL-TREATMENT TO ANYONE PREPARED TO LISTEN, FORGETTING THEIR ASSAULT ON THE STAFF.

MR. HYDES, WHO WAS UNTIL RECENTLY THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF STANLEY PRISON AND IS NOW IN CHARGE OF ALL YOUNG OFFENDER INSTITUTIONS, ALSO OUTLINED THE ENORMOUS PROBLEMS FACING PRISON STAFF.

THESE INCLUDED THE DIFFICULTIES IN HANDLING AGGRESSIVE PRISONERS WHO TRY TO +MANIPULATE THE STAFF BY USING THE SAME BULLYING TACTICS THEY USED OUTSIDE HOPING TO BRING ABOUT A SITUATION WHEREBY THEY ARE GRANTED CERTAIN THINGS BY JUNIOR STAFF+, THE CHANGING NATURE OF CRIME AND CRIMINALS AS WELL AS THE WORRIES CREATED BY PUBLIC OPINION.

HE SAID: +OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS BEEN NOTED BY OUR SERVICE THAT SENTENCE PATTERNS HAVE BEEN CHANGING, AND THAT GENERALLY SENTENCES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS ARE LONGER.

+THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR CUSTODY HAVE ALSO CHANGED AND ARE NOW FAR MORE ANTI-SOCIAL, ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN, VIOLENT AND DIFFICULT TO HANDLE.

+AS A RESULT OF THIS, THE STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW THE UTMOST SELF-CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID: +THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IS INCREASING AS DEATH SENTENCES ARE COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT, AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT OUR PROBLEMS WITH THEM WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO INCREASE.+

MR. HYDES COMPLIMENTED THE DISCHARGED PRISONERS AND SOCIETY FOR THEIR +STERLING SERVICE+ FOR THE EX-PRISONER IN NEED OF HELP AND POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR A STATUTORY AFTER-CARE SERVICE FOR PRISONERS.

HE SAID: +I WOULD WELCOME THE INTRODUCTION OF AFTER-CARE, AT LEAST FOR YOUNG PRISONERS.+

IN HIS SPEECH, MR. HYDES ALSO EXPLAINED THE PRIME FUNCTIONS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, THE TYPES OF PRISONS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, AND THE CLASSIFICATION OF PRISONERS AND INMATES, THE ADMISSION PROCEDURES, THE PRISON INDUSTRIES AND WELFARE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN PRISONS.

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NEW COASTAL TRUNK ROAD TO LINK SHA TIN AND TAI PO
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A NEW DUAL THREE-LANE COASTAL TRUNK ROAD TO LINK SHA TIN AND TAI PO TO COPE WITH THE TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED TOTALLING ABOUT 10 HECTARES, WILL BE RECLAIMED AT MA LIU SHUI NEAR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED LAST FRIDAY (MAY 26).

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTICE.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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BANKING STATISTICS FOR APRIL
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BANKING DEPOSITS AT THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR STOOD AT \$57,523 MILLION, COMPRISING \$12,840 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$22,401 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$22,282 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING THE MONTH WAS 45.20 PER CENT.

THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF APRIL.

THE FOLLOWING TABLES GIVE A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AND MONEY SUPPLY FOR THE MONTH.

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$ MILLION</u>
1. DEPOSITS	57,523
2. AMOUNT DUE TO ^o BANKS ABROAD	36,614
3. OTHER LIABILITIES	<u>10,852</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	<u>104,989</u>

<u>ASSETS</u>	
1. CASH	1,020
2. AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:	
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	30,751
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	<u>7,049</u>
	37,800
3. LOANS AND ADVANCES:	
(I) HONG KONG	41,114
(II) ABROAD	<u>16,143</u>
	57,257

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4.	INVESTMENTS:		
	(I) HONG KONG	3,939	
	(II) ABROAD	115	
		<u> </u>	4,054
5.	OTHER ASSETS:		
	(I) HONG KONG	4,703	
	(II) ABROAD	155	
		<u> </u>	4,858
	TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>104,989</u>

AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH 45.20%

MONEY SUPPLY

MONTH ENDED
30TH APRIL 1978

\$ MILLION

1.	LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN CIRCULATION (A)		
	(I) COMMERCIAL BANK ISSUES	6,106	
	(II) GOVERNMENT ISSUES	657	
		<u> </u>	6,763
2.	LICENSED BANKS' HOLDINGS OF LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES (B)		1,020
3.	LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN HANDS OF NON-BANK PUBLIC (A) - (B) = (C)		5,743
4.	DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (D)		12,840
5.	MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 1) (C) + (D) = (E)		18,583
6.	TIME DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (F)		22,401
7.	SAVINGS DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (G)		22,282
8.	MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 2) (E) + (F) + (G) = (H)		63,266

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AGRICULTURAL TOUR OF U.K. FOR LOCAL FARMERS
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A GROUP OF NEW TERRITORIES FARMERS WILL VISIT BRITAIN AT THE END OF JUNE FOR TWO WEEKS TO STUDY MODERN U.K. FARMING METHODS.

THE GROUP WILL BE LED BY A MEMBER OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD, MR. CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, AND ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR. C.T. WONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, TODAY PRESENTED A GOODWILL BANNER TO THE GROUP LEADER, MR. CHEUNG.

THE VISIT, SPONSORED BY THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID ASSOCIATION AND THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, IS AIMED AT GIVING LOCAL FARMERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BRITISH AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS THE MARKETING OF FARM PRODUCE. THEY WILL ALSO MAKE CONTACT WITH VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.K.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE TOUR WILL BE THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW NEAR KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT SEVERAL VEGETABLE AND PIG FARMS AND RESEARCH STATIONS. THE NEW CONVENT GARDEN MARKET IN LONDON AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING ARE ALSO IN THEIR ITINERARY WHICH HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON.

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND AGRICULTURAL TOUR TO U.K. = THE FIRST, LAST YEAR, COMPRISED FIVE SENIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

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BUILDING PLANS FOR APRIL

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A TOTAL OF 47 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH (APRIL) BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COMPARED WITH 44 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THE NEW PLANS APPROVED, 19 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN FOR KOWLOON AND 21 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A COLD AND DRY STORAGE BUILDING IN KWAI CHUNG, A COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY COMPLEX IN SHA TIN, AND SEVERAL FACTORY BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$253.23 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$119.16 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO 148,927.3 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 113,066 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 35,861.3 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 51 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A FILTER HOUSE ON TSING YI ISLAND, AND A PETROL FILLING STATION IN TAI PO ROAD.

A TOTAL OF 39 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING AN EXTENSION TO NAM LONG HOSPITAL IN ABERDEEN, A SWIMMING POOL AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, AND A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE AND STAFF QUARTERS IN CAINE ROAD.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE HAS ASSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 35 BUILDINGS.

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RECLAMATION WORK TO PROVIDE 48 HECTARES

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RECLAMATION WORK IS NOW IN PROGRESS NEAR SIU LUK YUEN AND TURRET HILL QUARRY, SHA TIN NEW TOWN, TO PROVIDE 48.5 HECTARES OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT.

ACCORDING TO MR. S.K. KWEI, CHIEF ENGINEER OF P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 4.8 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF DUMPING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR RECLAIMING THE LAND. OF THIS 1.2 MILLION CUBIC METRES WILL BE FROM BORROW AREAS AND 2.25 MILLION CUBIC METRES FROM PUBLIC/MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION DUMPING.

A 2,312-METRE-LONG SEA WALL TO BE BUILT, WILL REQUIRE A DREDGING OF 495,000 CUBIC METRES, AND DEPOSITING OF 356,000 CUBIC METRES OF SOFT-FILL AND 108,800 CUBIC METRES OF RUBBLE.

THERE WILL BE TWO CHANNELS, TWO BRIDGES AND THREE BOX CULVERTS IN THE AREA.

WHEN RECLAMATION WORKS ARE COMPLETED, THE AREA IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE 30 HECTARES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE, 8.75 HECTARES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, AND 8.1 HECTARES FOR OPEN SPACE. ABOUT 0.5 HECTARE WILL BE RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT BY MID-1980. OTHER AREAS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE BEFORE DECEMBER 1980.

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PILING WORK STARTS FOR SHA TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE P.W.D. HAS COMPLETED SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR MOST OF THE AREA NORTH-EAST OF TSANG TAI UK IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THIS AREA, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA, WILL CONTAIN TWO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES — ONE TO BE BUILT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ANOTHER BY THE HOUSING SOCIETY.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATE, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE PHASES BY 1981, WILL HOUSE 28,000 PEOPLE.

THE HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE, DUE FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF 1980, WILL HOUSE 15,000 PEOPLE.

PILING WORK HAS ALREADY COMMENCED FOR THE TWO ESTATES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS TO ATTEND INAUGURATION
OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. F.K. LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE FIFTH TERM OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT 7 P.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT MARIGOLD RESTAURANT, 130 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN EASTERN DISTRICT
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 2), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING CHEUNG WOO LANE, SHARP STREET WEST AND BOWRINGTON ROAD IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD THE SECTION OF WAN CHAI ROAD EAST OF MORRISON HILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CANAL ROAD WEST BETWEEN SHARP STREET WEST AND WAN CHAI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON FRIDAY TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL ROAD EXTENSIONS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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