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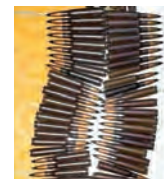
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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes BIMSTEC Secretary-General Mr. M. Shahidul Islam in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives BIMSTEC Secretary-General

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, the State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr. M. Shahidul Islam, the Sec-

retary-General of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Permanent Secretariat based in Dhaka, Bangladesh,

at 11:20 am yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to current and future coopera-

tion between Myanmar and BIMSTEC. Also present on the occasion was Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Mawlawi Federation urges people without ID to get NV card

THOSE who do not have any identification that shows proof of residence in Myanmar are being urged by the All Myanmar Mawlawi Federation (Central) in a notification dated 27 November 2017 to obtain a National Verification Card.

The notification states that all those who are living in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar should be registered using a form (1) book according to the Registration Act of 1949 for all who reside in Union of Myanmar; and the Registration Act of 1951. Those who have registered in form (1) book, including their children and offspring, are being issued with either a form (2) identity card, a form (3) temporary identity card, a national registration card after 10 years, a national verification card after 10 years, a national verification card after 18 years, guest national card and guest national verification card issued according to the rules and regulations regarding guest nationals, document for permission to become a citizen and verification document to become a citizen issued in accordance with rules and regulations for those who have received permission to become a citizen.

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Authority reinforcing safety precautions on Japanese Encephalitis vaccination programme

May Thet Hnin

THE Ministry of Health and Sports is reinforcing precautions for the Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccination, a public programme that will be conducted from 11 to 20 December across the country to protect against the sometimes fatal disease, said Dr. Than Tun Aung, the deputy director general of the Ministry of Health and Sports.

To ensure the safety of the second phase of the vaccination programme, health staff will check the children's medical biography to determine whether the children should receive the vaccination against Japanese encephalitis. The health staff will also post informational posters depicting symptoms and conditions in which the vaccine is not to be administered for parents. Question and answer sessions will also be widely conducted. Children will be put under observation for an hour after being vaccinated and all will be reminded to inform the doctor if any symptoms appear.

"A vaccination team will not vaccinate more than 100 children. Then, we will keep a health staff at the vaccination programme health centre as a standby to ask for the medical biography of the children. We also will keep the health group to observe the post-vaccination condition of the children. We are also planning to provide the key message of the consequences of the JE vaccination to the parents. We are also making ready to provide emergency treatment if we find any post-vaccination problems,"



The ceremony for nationwide Japanese Encephalitis vaccination programme 2017 in progress. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

said Dr. Than Tun Aung.

The campaign includes two phases, beginning in all schools from 15-23 November. Health teams in all states and regions reached every school as well as religious and private institutions across the country to immunize children aged 5 to 15. According to 24 November data, the team has given the vaccination against Japanese encephalitis to 8.3 million out of 8.6 million children.

During the second phase, from 11-20 December, immunisation posts will be set up at hospitals, health centres, ward and village administrators' offices, monasteries and other community locations to reach children aged 9 months to 5 years and those who have missed the first round. The health department targeted another five million children in a community-based vaccination programme.

83 per cent in Rakhine State, 90 per cent in Yangon Region, 91 per cent in Northern Shan State, 94 per cent in Southern Shan State and Kayah State and over 95 per cent in other states and regions were being vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis by the Ministry of Health and Sports. During the first vaccination campaign, five children died after receiving the

JE vaccination, creating worry for parents whose children are being vaccinated for JE.

"I am really worried for my child to take JE vaccination when I heard of some children dying after being vaccinated. Now, I am considering to see a doctor before my child take JE vaccination," said the mother of a 3-year old child in North Okkalapa Township. An inquiry into the incident revealed that the vaccination was not the cause of death.

"Our team from the central vaccination programme immediately went to find out the cause of the death and to see whether there was any connection to the vaccination. We have conducted laboratory tests and autopsies on those five children. We have found that those five children died because of other diseases" said Dr. Htar Htar Lin.

Health officials said the vaccination being used is very safe and has been tested extensively.

"The Japanese encephalitis vaccine was manufactured in China. Currently, over 400 million children from 11 countries were vaccinated against JE with the recommendation of the World Health Organization. The JE vaccine is also recommended by Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety," said Prof

Saw Win, child specialist and vice chairman of the National Committee for Immunization Practices.

Myanmar people have suffered from JE and a total of 315 JE cases were reported in 2017. The Ministry of Health and Sports has decided to add Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine to the National Immunisation Programme beginning in January 2018. Currently, they have provided the Japanese encephalitis vaccines to the children aged nine months to 15 years.

Japanese encephalitis is caused by a virus transmitted to humans by the Culex tritaeniorhynchus mosquito. The Culex mosquito breeds in water pools and flooded rice fields and picks up the virus from pigs and water birds. It does not spread from person to person.

Japanese Encephalitis is a serious infection that occurs mainly in rural parts of Asia. The symptoms of JE are initially mild fever, headache and vomiting. When it becomes serious it can cause seizures, brain swelling, loss of consciousness and death. There is no effective treatment for JE. Taking the vaccination is the best way to prevent JE.

If children receive the JE vaccination once, it prevent JE 90 per cent of the time and if the children take the JE vaccination twice, it can prevent JE 99 per cent of the time.

In Myanmar and 24 countries of the Asia Pacific region, there are an estimated 68,000 cases of JE disease infection per 100,000 per year and most of those infected are children under 15 years old. Of this, the fatalities are estimated to be from 13,600 to 20,400, according to the World Health Organization. (Translation: Haymar Tin Win) ■

Mawlawi Federation urges . . .

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Those who are not registered in form 1 in accordance with the regulations and are not holding any identification according to the Citizenship law and rules and regulations, together with their children and offspring are to obtain an Identity Card for National Verification or NV Card according to Registration Act of 1949 for all who reside in Union of Myanmar under section 5(2)(c). Therefore, all those who profess the Islamic faith who are

living in Myanmar have the duty to have some form of identification issued by the State in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations. It has been learnt that the above statement further states that those individuals, their children and their offspring who do not have in their possession any form of identification card are urged to get the National Verification Card now being issued by the State and undergo the process of verification for citizenship.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Free eye care services given to eye patients in Myitkyina

With the guidance of Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nyanissara, eye patients were given free eye care services at the Sitagu Eye Hospital in Myitkyina, Kachin State starting from 4 December.

There are 2600 eye patients who want eye care services, and doctors have examined 500 patients per day. If it's necessary to have operations, the ophthalmologist Prof. Dr. Mya Aung and other specialists will undertake the medical procedures until 7 December. With the sponsorship and the charity of Sitagu Eye Hospital, the patients and care givers will be provided accommodation and food.—Myanmar Digital News ■

Over 3,580 acres of paddies harvested in Maungtaw as of December

THE Rakhine State Government announced yesterday that paddies in more than 3,580 fields belonging to farmers who fled to Bangladesh have been harvested to prevent waste.

The authorities formed a committee to harvest the ownerless rice, beginning the harvest on 28 October.

According to the committee, more than 168,350 baskets

of paddy were collected from more than 3,580 fields in villages in Maungtaw Township. The paddy that has been harvested will be returned to the owners either in cash or in the form of paddy. The harvested rice has been systematically recorded with the following data: Owner's name, plot number, quantity and moisture level (13 per cent). After recording thusly, the rice is

bagged and stored in designated storage areas. The government personnel who are performing this task are from the AMD – Agriculture Mechanization Department. AMD personnel from Mandalay and Sagaing regions have been brought in to support the local AMD personnel. – UEHRD Information and Communications Office. — Myanmar News Agency

No.	Township	Village-tract	Harvested (acres)	Yield
1	Maungtaw	Kyaung Taung	305.29	14960
2	Maungtaw	Kan Poo	360.20	14320
3	Maungtaw	Myo Thu Gyi	216.86	11525
4	Maungtaw	Chain Khar Li	194.81	8833
5	Maungtaw	Than Dar	122.74	6262
6	Maungtaw	Alelthanyaw	363.30	14842
7	Maungtaw	Hnwaryontaung	153.19	7698
8	Maungtaw	Myin Hlut	513.75	23809
9	Maungtaw	Kyikanpyin	9.52	570
10	Maungtaw	Thihokyun	19.00	1038
11	Maungtaw	U-daung	150.02	7377
12	Maungtaw	Sanpalkon	183.11	9141
13	Maungtaw	Laungdon	193.25	10751
14	Maungtaw	Aungsitpyin	218.73	10756
15	Maungtaw	Warcha	34	1471
16	Maungtaw	Thapyaytaw	280.29	12089
17	Maungtaw	Doetan	12.60	657
18	Maungtaw	Ywathitkay	62.10	2800
19	Maungtaw	Zawmatat	36.55	1440
		Total	3580.96	168351

Source: Rakhine State Government

Union Minister U Thaung Tun meets Indonesia Minister



Union Minister U Thaung Tun receives Indonesia Minister Dr. H. Wiranto in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

H.E. U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, received Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. H. Wiranto in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 5 December 2017. During the meeting, they

discussed security issues in Rakhine State and exchanged views on counter-terrorism measures. The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Over 2,000 land confiscation complaints resolved in one year

THE Central Committee for scrutinising cases of disputed farmland and other land allegations dealt with more than 2,075 complaints against land confiscation nationwide lodged to the committee in a year.

In a statement released by the Central Committee headed by Vice President U Henry Van Thio yesterday, the committee returned more than 38,024 acres of farmland to original owners, kept more than 88,771 acres as state-owned land and transferred more than 13,493 acres to other ministries.

Meanwhile, nearly 7,000

acres are under scrutinisation to possibly be returned to owners.

The incumbent government's central committee for scrutinising grabbed farmland has returned more than 140,289 acres from May, 2016 to 30th November, 2017 so far and the Land Use Management Committee of the previous government returned more than 429,000 acres.

Meanwhile, there are 4,730 cases remaining to be settled that date back to the time of the previous government. —

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Union Attorney-General separately receives IDLO Field Program Manager and IBA Director

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo separately received International Development Law Organization (IDLO) Field Program Manager Ms. Christina Beninger and party at 11:30 a.m. and International Bars Association (IBA) Director Dr. Phillip Tahmindjis AM and party at 2 p.m. in Union Attorney-General office guest room, Nay Pyi Taw on 4 December.

During the meeting with

IDLO delegation, findings and suggestions of IDLO training requirement survey report, future works to improve Union Attorney-General office trainings, expanding the cooperative works in accordance with the signed MoU between IDLO and Union Attorney-General office and publishing of Fair Trail Standard as soon as possible were discussed.

In the meeting with IBA delegation, works conducted by

Myanmar Bar Council, status of amending Bar Council Act and Legal Practitioners Act, maintaining the ethic and practices of lawyers and areas in which Union Attorney-General office and IBA can cooperate were discussed.

The meetings were attended by Permanent Secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin, directors general Daw Khin Cho Ohn, Dr. Thida Oo and U Min Swe. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo holds talks with IBA Director Dr. Phillip Tahmindjis AM in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ethnic delegation tours Nay Pyi Taw



Ethnic delegation observes crop cultivation at Yezin University of Agriculture. PHOTO: MNA

A delegation comprised of ethnic people from border areas visited Nay Pyi Taw yesterday at the invitation of the Ministry of Border Affairs.

About 100 visitors representing different ethnic races visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda, the Yezin University of Agriculture and the Hluttaw yesterday.

The delegation includes 25 people from Sagaing Region,

25 from the Naga Self-administered Zone, 25 from Thanithayi Region, and 25 from southern Shan State. At Yezin University, they observed crop cultivation and research on horticulture.

Following the visit to Yezin, the excursion group went to Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw, and the Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain in the late afternoon.

The delegation members

arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 December, beginning their three-day visit the next day. They will also visit Yangon.

With the aim of enhancing friendship and understanding among ethnic people, the Ministry of Border Affairs arranged the excursion programme for the ethnic people from remote areas to visit Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and other regions.

—Myanmar News Agency

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman receives NMC members

U Aung Kyi, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission, received Dr Myo Thant Tin, Vice-Chairman-2 of Myanmar Press Council and member Hanthawady U Ohn Kyaing at 10 am yesterday at the guest room of the Office of Anti-Corruption Commission in

Nay Pyi Taw.

In the meeting, matters concerning the process to be done further and the prescriptions on the law of anti-corruption were discussed.

At the meeting U Han Nyunt, member of the Commission was also present. —MNA



Anti-corruption commission chairman U Aung Kyi welcomes NMC member Veteran journalist U Ohn Kyaing in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Nearly 800 houses under construction for displaced villagers in Maungtaw

A total of 798 houses are being constructed for more than 3500 people from 798 households in 26 villages in Maungtaw, said according to local authorities in Rakhine State.

The project is a part of the resettlement program of the Rakhine State Government.

The followings are the names of the villages in which the houses are to be built.

Status of building houses in Maungtaw Township

Sr.	Village Tract	Village	Houses	House hold	Population			Houses to be built	location	Region / State / Company constructed by	
					Male	Female	Total				
1	Thittonena Gwa Sone	Khayu Chaung (Mro)	29	29	107	115	222	86	Near Thittonena Gwa Sone village	Mandalay Region 42 Ayeyawady Region 44	
		Myauk Gaung Htaung (Mro)	20	20	51	58	109				
		Panchaung (Mro)	26	26	87	89	176				
		Inn Chaung (lower)(Mro)	11	11	29	23	52				
		Total	86	86	274	285	559				
2	Padaka Ywathit	Khon Daing (Mro)	40	40	137	122	259	140	Padaka Ywathit group	NaTaLa 48	
		Yenauk Nga Tha (Mro)	45	45	120	123	243				
		La Baw (Mro)	27	27	97	103	200				
		Thanpaya (Mro)	11	11	17	17	34				
		Padaka South (Mro)	9	9	14	13	27				
Total	132	132	385	378	763						
3	Zawmatet	Kainggwi (Mro)	46	46	133	125	258	114	Zawmatet group	Yangon Region 50 Bago Region 64	
		Sein Pan Myaing (Mro)	47	47	112	113	225				
		3 Mile (Mro)	21	21	104	114	218				
		Total	114	114	349	352	701				
4	Mingyi	Mingyi (Rakhine)	73	72	182	170	352	72	Aungstipin group beside Taungpyo Road	Sagaing Region 34 Kayin State 27	
		Oo Hlane + Yebaw Kya, 95 in Oo Hlane	173	-	-	-	-				State government
		Myoma east	39	-	-	-	-				
		Kyeinchaung	20	-	-	-	-				
		Yebaw Kya	23	-	-	-	-				
		Taungpyo	4	-	-	-	-				
		Myomichaung	12	-	-	-	-				
Inndin	3	-	-	-	-						
Total	173	-	-	-	-						
5	Laungdon	Fawkitauung (Marama)	20	12	39	46	85	20	Original place	Kachin state government	
6	Oo Hlane	Oo Hlane (Hindu)	72	-	-	-	-	173	Oo Hlane + Yebaw Kya, 95 in Oo Hlane	State government	
		Myoma east	39	-	-	-	-				
		Kyeinchaung	20	-	-	-	-				
		Yebaw Kya	23	-	-	-	-				
		Taungpyo	4	-	-	-	-				
		Myomichaung	12	-	-	-	-				
		Inndin	3	-	-	-	-				
Total	173	-	-	-	-						
7	Pantawpyin (Bengali)	Ywathit (Bengali)	-	-	-	-	-	22	Original place	Yangon Region	
8	Badaka Ywathit	Myawady (Khami, Daingnet, Chin, Mro)	53	53	135	141	276	53			
9	Kunthipin	Nanthataung (Rakhine)	42	42	121	129	250	42	Original place	Tatmadaw	
		Monastery									
10	Thetkinenya	Thetkinenya (Thet)	28	28	64	57	121	4	Original place	Tatmadaw	
11	Kaladayfet	Yankhazedi (Daingnet)	12	12	27	23	50	12	Aungthapayay Ywa	Tatmadaw	

Thittonenarkwasone village-tract, Padarkarywarthit village-tract, Zawmathet village-tract, Mingyi village-tract, Longdone village-tract, Ohhtein village-tract, Eastern Myoma village-tract, Kyeinchaung village-tract, Yebawkya village-tract, Taungpyo village-tract, Myomichaung village-tract, Inndin village-tract, Pantawpyin village-tract, Badakarywarthit village-tract, Kwantheepin village-tract, and Thetkaingyar village-tract.—Myanmar News Agency

12	Ahtapyuma	Ahtapyuma (Rakhine)	35	7	38	39	77	7	Aukpyuma	Tatmadaw
13	Ngayanchaung	Kathe (NaTaLa)	30	42	157	119	276	42	Near Khamaungseik town	Tatmadaw
	Total		798	798	1771	1739	3510	787		

Source: Rakhine State government

Status of caring for ownerless buffaloes, cows until 27-11-2017

Sr.	Date	Township	Village	No.		Total no.	
				cow	goat	cow	goat
1	21-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Vethali (ethnic national)	-	1	2	2
			Kyeinchaung (mixed)	1	-		
			Chanpyin (ethnic national)	1	1		
2	22-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Oodaung (ethnic national)	2	-	3	2
			Minkhamaung (ethnic national)	-	1		
			Ngakhuya (mixed)	1	1		
3	23-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Shweyinaye (ethnic national)	-	1	1	3
			Tamantha (ethnic national)	1	-		
4	24-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Yaymyettaung (ethnic national)	-	2		
			Kanthaya (ethnic national)	1	-	2	1
5	25-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Kyeinchaung (mixed)	-	1		
			Kappakaung (ethnic national)	1	-		
			Bawdikone (ethnic national)	-	2	2	3
6	26-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Yanaungmyay (ethnic national)	1	-		
			Ywetyotaung (ethnic national)	1	1		
			Ngwetaung (ethnic national)	1	-	1	2
7	27-11-2017	Maungtaw Township	Mingalanyunt (ethnic national)	-	1		
			Yaymyettaung (ethnic national)		1		
			Ywathaya (ethnic national)	-	1	1	2
			Kyeinchaung (mixed)	1	-		
21-11-2017 to 27-11-2017 total				12	15	12	15
23-10-2017 to 20-11-2017 total						291	650
23-10-2017 to 27-11-2017 total						303	665

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation