

# Union Ministers inspect Maungtaw District

UNION MINISTERS and members of the Rakhine State cabinet looked into the requirements of regional development undertakings yesterday.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Phone Tint and Rakhine State Minister for Social Affairs U Chan Tha inspected the construction of 100 units of low-cost homes at Kyaukpandu village, Maungtaw District under the funds provided by Ministry of Border Affairs.

They collectively facilitated the work of fulfilling the re-

quirements in providing power and smooth transportation and farming sector.

Border Areas and National Races Development Department is implementing the project at a cost of Ks 650 million allotted under 2016-2017 budget.

The Union ministers and party then cordially conversed with villagers of Kyaukpandu village. Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye presented 250 FM radios.

After inspecting a relief camp at Hsatyoekya new town, Sittway Township, they provided Ks 67.7 million, one hundred thousand kyats per house, to install meters at the new town. They also looked around the Thekkepyin and Darpaing IDP camps. They also discussed regional development undertakings with the local.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye provides FM radios to villagers in Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

## Four men of Bangladesh nationality arrested in Maungtaw

FOUR men of Bangladesh nationality were arrested at the creek near the police outpost of Nga Khaungto in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.

As the information re-

ceived that a motor boat is arriving at the creek near the police outpost of Nga Khaungto in Maungtaw Township, the security force went and investigated.

Four men of Bangladesh

nationality including Harlar Yar, 20 were arrested as they enter to Myanmar illegally.

The suspects are filed a lawsuit under the Myanmar immigration Act.— Myanmar News Agency ■

## Health staff missing in Buthidaung

A health staff of Sai Din Zay village in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State was missing after going out for medical treatment.

U Tun Aye Maung, a health staff, was picked two people including Aung Kyaw Win to Tha Lue Pyar village for giving medical treatment to Daw Ma Nu on 1 August.

On 8 August morning, he came back home and left again. From the day on, he didn't come back. Therefore, Daw Phyu Ma, wife of U Tun Aye Maung filed at the Nyaung Chaung police station for her missing husband. Police are investigating for further information relating with missing man.— Myanmar News Agency ■

## A Wrong Step May Lead into Life-long Plunge

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Out of 1380 cases on trafficking in persons, dealt with by human trafficking suppression police force during the period from 2006 to 2016, forced marriages were on the top of the list, followed by sex slavery and forced labor. Most of the trafficked Myanmar nationals were sent to China, followed by homeland itself, Thailand and Malaysia it was learnt, according to the statistics of the team.

Civil societies say that human trafficking is generally attributed to being in

debt, poor education, shortage of job opportunity and in-house terror, adding that the victims include those who are easily deceived, the ones with excessive decorum, naive ones, those desirous of risks, unprotected children, persons who are excessively impressed on alien nations and kind of people who are dissatisfied with their present existences. Maung John, director of Agency for Basic Community Development said, "Kachin State sees exodus of local people who leave their region for the main land and overseas countries due

to poverty, though the region is peaceful. It is the economic problem. It needs to broadly educate and share knowledge among them. On the other hand, it is necessary to create job opportunities."

Ma May Khine Oo, who herself had been a victim, said she had been sharing her personal experiences to nearby friends and neighbors, warning that parents should not let their children travel alone, especially by taking lessons from my experiences, as for girls.

Translated by Khin Maung Oo (Tada-U)

## Death toll from H1 N1 virus has remained stable at 23 people since 21 July

Myanmar health officials say that fatalities related to a recent outbreak of the H1N1 virus have not increased since last month, when 23 people were known to have died from the sickness.

On 12-13 August, 34 patients were tested for the virus and nine new positive cases were discovered, bringing the total number of H1N1 cases since 21 July to 230, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

As of yesterday, 73 patients had been treated for the virus at Waiberger Specialist Hospital in Yangon, and, additionally, 66 patients received treatment in

other states and regions.

Health officials said that 18 patients died from diseases other than H1N1 yesterday.

The ministry is working to improve its treatment and safety protocols at hospitals.

The ministry reminded the public that those most at risk of infection are the elderly, children, pregnant women and other people with weakened immune systems. People at risk of infection have been urged to wash their hands frequently and to avoid crowded, enclosed spaces.— Myanmar News Agency ■

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to [dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com](mailto:dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com) with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office