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A nurse gives polio vaccine to a child in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, on 21 August, 2017. PHOTO: AUNG KYAW SEIN

## 2<sup>nd</sup> anti-polio campaign kicks off in Maungtaw

By A One Soe and Myo Thu Hein

HEALTH officials commenced a five-day polio vaccination campaign in Maungtaw, yesterday, for children five years old and younger in Maungtaw District, Rakhine State.

Nine vaccination tasks

forces in Maungtaw and eight in Buthidaung are leading the second campaign in the field to vaccinate children aged from 3 months to two years old against polio from 21 to 25 August.

One of the groups is led by Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein of Maungtaw People's Hospital, whose team vaccinated children

in Nga Khu Ya, Kyein Chaung, Alan Than Kyaw, Pa Nyaung Pin Gyi, Zay Kone and Maung To Lar villages in Maungtaw. Children in Yar Thit Kay, Myo Oo, and Ka Nyin Tan towns and Myo Thu Gyi, Shwe Sar, Thiho Kyun and Nyaung Chaung villages were also vaccinated.

U Thein Swe Myint of the

Alan Than Kyaw Station Hospital said the second campaign was required because polio, a debilitating virus that cause death or crippling defects in children and which has been all but eradicated in much of the world, was recently discovered in Maungtaw.

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Defence Services Personnel representative  
from Pyithu Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute a representative of the Armed forces who is a parliamentarian, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Pyithu Hluttaw representative shown on the left column under Notification 26/2016 of the commission dated 14-11-2016 with those shown on the right column.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Representative to be substituted has been nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party General Election held on 8 November 2015.

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| Brig-Gen U Kyaw | Brig-Gen Zaw Win |

By order,  
(Tin Tun)  
Secretary  
Union Election Commission



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe delivered an opening speech at the workshop on Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Consequence Analysis in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

## Consequence analysis workshop on money laundering and terrorist financing

A two-day workshop on money laundering and terrorist financing organized by the Money Laundering/Terrorist Financing (ML/TF) National Risk Assessment Committee and International Monetary Fund (IMF) ends today at the Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Home

Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe delivered an opening speech and IMF Resident Representative Ms. Yasuhisa Ojima discussed current activities of the working group. Workshop participants included Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor U Soe Thein, Deputy Director General Daw May Toe Win, Union At-

torney General Office Deputy Director General U Kyaw Kyaw Naing and law enforcement officials.

The ML/TF National Risk Assessment Committee was formed under the guidance of Anti-Money Laundering Central Board and with technical support from IMF.—MNA ■

## Two men appeal against death sentences over British murders in Thailand

TWO men from Myanmar convicted of killing two British backpackers on a Thai holiday island in 2014 submitted their final appeal on Monday against the death sentence.

The murder of tourists Hannah Witheridge, 23, and David Miller, 24, sent shockwaves around Thailand and the world, because of the nature of their deaths and the fact the killings took place on an island popular with tourists.

Some migrant rights groups accused Thai police of bungling the investigation and failing to properly seal off the crime scene. Police have defended the probe and the families of both victims

have spoken out in defence of the police investigation.

Witheridge was raped and murdered and Miller was beaten and killed. Their bodies were found on a beach on the southern island of Koh Tao in the Gulf of Thailand.

Myanmar migrant workers Zaw Lin and Win Zaw Htun lost an appeal in March to have their sentence overturned after they were convicted by a court on Koh Samui island in December 2015.

"The deadline is today so we have to submit it. This is the final chance to appeal," Nakhon Chomphuchat, head of the pair's defence team, told Reuters.— Reuters ■

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In addition to vaccination, the teams are also disseminating information about how to avoid infection and to identify polio symptoms.

A first Oral Polio Vaccination (OPV) campaign carried out in July 2017, in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, yesterday to boost immunity of local under five children against the crippling disease.

The move to vaccinate more than 10,000 children under five year old against polio comes af-



ter the five times door-to-door OPV vaccination in Maungtaw in 2016 following the finding of disease in 2015.

The vaccination activities began at more than 400 loca-

tions in the township simultaneously as part of the state-level campaign covering 17 townships. Myanmar is expected to declare a polio free country in 2019. ■



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