

Domestic investment flows into six sectors in November unlike October

DOMESTIC investments of Ks1.41 trillion will be brought into six sectors in November, unlike October, during which the manufacturing sector solely attracted domestic investments.

Manufacturing sector absorbed all domestic investments of Ks392 million in October, with 35 job opportunities.

In November, 20 domestic projects will contribute to real estate development, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, livestock and fisheries, electricity and other service sectors, creating 2,930 job opportunities.

Yangon Region attains the most domestic investments, which also flow into Manda-

lay, Magway, Bago, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions and Mon, Kachin, Rakhine and Shan states and Nay Pyi Taw. Far flung states such as Kachin, Kayah and Chin have rare opportunity to attract investments.

Since FY 1988-1989, domestic investments have reached Ks15.7 trillion so far with real estate development sector at the top of the list, according to Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

In an attempt to attract investments into hard-to-reach-places, MIC set three different zones in which the entrepreneurs will enjoy tax incentive from three to seven year tax break. —GNLM ■

Two Reuters reporters appear in court, remanded for ...



Journalist Wa Lone also known as Thet Oo Maung Maung appears before the court at the request of the police. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI**

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“Wa Lone, also known as Thet Oo Maung Maung, and Kyaw Soe Oo, also known as Moe Aung, with the Yangon-based Reuters News Agency, were arrested for possessing important and secret government documents related to Rakhine State and security forces (with the intent) to send them to a foreign news agency,” said the news release from the MPF.

The two journalists obtained the documents by deception from the two policemen, who came back from

Rakhine State after serving security duties in Maungtau and Buthidaung in Rakhine State, said the MPF.

The two journalists have been charged under the Official Secrets Act.

When they appeared at the Mingaladon court for the proceedings, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo were allowed to meet their families and their lawyers but Wa Lone maintained his innocence.

“We will face it the best we can because we have never done anything wrong,” Wa Lone said after yesterday’s hearing. —Zaw Gyi ■



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State Counsellor holds inter-faith prayer

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and leaders of inter-faith group prayed at her home in Yangon yesterday for her late mother Daw Khin Kyi 29 years ago. **(NEWS ON PAGE-1) PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

MNHRC Chairman clarifies situations on the ground in Maungtau

Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement received MNHRC headed by U Win Mra, Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission at the May Kha Lar Hall of the Ministry yesterday afternoon.

In the meeting, the commission submitted, “Due to lack of knowledge about the situations found out on the ground during the trip headed by U Yu Lwin, member of the MNHRC and party to Maungtau region in Rakhine State from December 11 to 15 and news and information concerning the performances carried out by the Government, there were anxieties about the displaced people among those from outside the country. At the time when the commission reached there, arrangements for the displaced Islamist families in the country, Rakhine nationals and national ethnic minorities had clearly been found, with the arrangements for accepting those who would arrive back from Bangladesh found to have not yet been ready.

As regards to this, the commission would like to know situations carried out by the government and situations on the development. According to the procedures, the report on the findings of the MNHRC had been reported to the President and in

the report, necessary suggestions had been described.”

The Union Minister replied, “Situations were different between the two periods — the time of the commission’s trip and the present time. Developments had been made as regards the preparations for the resettlement and rehabilitation. For those who will enter by road, the camp for accepting the arrivals to come has been built at Taungpyo-Letwe and the camp for those who will come by waterway built at Ngakhura. They will stay there for one or two days. After that, as for those who already had their own houses, they can go directly to their houses. As for those whose houses were burnt down in the attacks, they must stay temporarily in the 8-room-house barracks.

Upon completion, they will be

allowed to move to new houses. During the stay at the temporary camps, the Ministry will arrange for their food. Arrangements are being made to accept them as of 22nd January 2018. Initially a group of 450 Hindus are to be accepted. During the stay the new arrivals can make money by working in construction sites under the plan “Cash for Work.” Co-operations are being made in combination with respective ministries, donor companies and members of regions and states for accepting the arrivals in time.”

The Commission Chairman said to the Union Minister to make the government’s performances, especially concerning the arrivals known to the country as well as to the world, transparently, it was learnt. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and MNHRC members headed by U Win Mra held a meeting concerned with the situations in Maungtau. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**



Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara presents an ambulance and K 100 million to Rakhine State. PHOTO: WIN MIN SOE (IPRD)

Sitagu Buddhist missionary donates ambulances, cash to Rakhine State

SITAGU International Buddhist Missionary donated ambulances and cash to Rakhine State yesterday to help redevelop the state which saw armed attacks by terrorists.

The missionary representatives led by Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara presented an ambulance and K100 million each for Yathedaung, Maungtau and Buthidaung townships.

The aid is dedicated to the revitalisation of health,

education and resettlement sectors of the conflict areas in the state.

The donors handed over the aid to local authorities in Yathedaung, Maungtau and Buthidaung townships during their visits.

During the visit to Maungtau, the missionary representatives led by Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara formally inaugurated the operation theatre of Maungtau People's Hospital.

—Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■

More vocational training courses to open in Maungtau

AN opening ceremony for vocational training organised by the Department for Rural Development was held in Maungtau and Buthidaung regions yesterday.

The programme aims to increase living standards and socio-economic status for local residents in the Maungtau and Buthidaung regions.

“More vocational training courses will be opened very soon in order to create job opportunities for the local youths in these regions”, said U Tun Hlaing, head of district Department of Rural Development.

“As for our Department of Rural Development, we are conducting many vocational training courses such as motorbike repairing, tailoring, food processing and cooking so that the locals can earn extra money

as much as they can. But all the training classes rely on the budgets of the state”, he added.

The Department of Rural Development was formed in 2013, and aims to alleviate poverty and create job opportunities for the locals. It has also laid down eight steps to implement this process effectively.

According to interviews with local people, this project has helped the development of social and living standards in a number of ways.

Under this project, many supervisory committees were formed to provide and supervise assistance to local people in this region. The training will last 20 days and there are currently 20 trainees taking courses, it was learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Sitagu Buddhist missionary makes donations in Yathedaung, Maungtau and Buthidaung



Sayadaw U Pandissa.



U Kyaw Moe Naing.



U Myint Aung.

A donation ceremony organised by the Sitagu Sayadaw, was held in Maungtau yesterday. The venerable Sitagu Sayadaw is well-known for his teachings and for his philanthropic work in Myanmar.

The Myanmar News Agency interviewed officials who joined in the philanthropic effort.

Sayadaw U Pandissa

Venerable Sitagu Sayadaw called us to help the locals in Rakhine State, and accordingly we accumulated cash donations and clothing from my donors who are from South Korea. We received two containers full of clothes suitable for the young and adults. The cash donations come to US\$30,000 (Ks40.88 million), so it is useful for people who are in need. All these donations will be distributed to the locals who are in need of help. As for me, I pray

for them not to meet these kinds of misfortunes again. May they be healthy, wealthy and free from any kinds of dangers.

U Kyaw Moe Naing, Secretary of Sitagu Buddhist Missionary

Under the supervision of the Venerable Sitagu Sayadaw, we have come here to donate three ambulances in Yathedaung, Maungtau and Buthidaung regions. Moreover, we also bring two containers full of clothes for the needy. The donor is Sayadaw U Pandissa, who is from South Korea. We are going to donate 100 million kyat for each region, to promote education, health care and other sectors. As far as I know, Sitagu Sayadaw has enormously contributed aid to Rakhine State whenever catastrophes break out. We try our best to maintain peace

and stability under the shade of Sasana (the Buddha's teachings). He makes concerted efforts to develop Sittway, Buthidaung, Maungtau, Yathedaung, Kyauktaw and Myauk U townships.

U Myint Aung, Secretary of Sitagu Buddhist Missionary

Venerable Sitagu Sayadaw aims at peaceful co-existence among all nationals regardless of race, colour and religion. He does his utmost to fulfill the needs of the people. Under his guidance, we have already opened 33 eye hospitals and five Buddhist universities across the country. In addition to these hospitals and universities, we are carrying out the propagation of Buddhism in the US, Germany and Russia.—Zeya, Myint Maung/Photo: Nay Win Tun ■

Monsoon paddy harvested in Rakhine State by Agricultural Mechanisation Department

AREAS of Rakhine State that were affected by terrorist attacks were facing difficulties in harvesting monsoon rice, prompting the Agricultural Mechanisation Department (AMD) to deploy harvesters.

A total of 9,136 acres in Myothugyi, Ohntaw, Kanpu, Kyaungtaung, Alethankyaw, Nwayonetaung, Wah Cha, Tandar, Myinloat, Kyikanpyin, Thihokyaung, U Daung, Laungdon, Aung Sit Pyi, Sabaegone, Thapayataw, Zawmatat, Dohtan, Yawthitkay, Kyaukpadu, Tat U Chaung, Duchiyarton, Thayaygonton, Thawanchaung, Ngkuya, Indin, Thinbawgwe, Kanyinton, Nyaungchaung, Natchaung, Thatkinehnar, Panyaungpingyi, Khamaungseik, Yenautgatha, Thittonnagwasone, Padakar Ywarthit, Kyatyopyin and Pantaungbyin villages in Maungtau

township were harvested from 26 October to 26 December.

Rice fields in seven village groups of Sittway including Chaungnwe, Partalat, Thinganet, Kywitay, Kankawgoun, Migan and Naryeekan villages were reaped with machineries and it is learnt from the AMD that an estimated 550 acres were finished from 30 October to 26 December.

Similarly, 1,046 acres in Pyahla, Hsinyoshae, Myatyeikyoung, Gwasone, Layhnyinthar, Youtchaung, Ahlaezay, Theinnyo and Kanzaung villages from Mrauk U Township were harvested from 5 November to 26 December.

Also, 643 acres in Htaungshae, Kinseik, Mawywa, Pharpyaw, Taungthaik, Ngapukwa, Winzar, Nayan and Ngarpaechaung villages, and U Soe Tint ward from Minbya Township were harvested from 7 November to

26 December, it is learnt.

A further 729 acres in Phonnar, Lanmadaw, Daungtawyo, Kardi, Saphothar, Ahpoukwa and Garpu villages from Kyauktaw Township were harvested from 8 November to 26 December.

A total of 298 acres in Chinkharlein and Khotone villages from Yathittaung Township was harvested from 8 November to 26 December.

Ninety-six acres in Thapyuchaung village from Buthidaung Township was harvested from 10 November to 26 December, while 34 acres in Ngapyaukhsae village in Phonnagyun Township was harvested from 17 to 26 December. Also, a total of 27 acres in Laungchaung village in Kyaukpyu Township was harvested from 19 to 26 December, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■