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Aung Myint Tun, who lost his leg after he stepped on a landmine, rides a makeshift trike in Yangon. The government is fast-tracking rights for the disabled. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Mro national killed in Maungtaw Township

A MAN from a Mro village in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, was found dead with multiple stab wounds on Wednesday after he did not return from a fishing trip.

U Laung Pyaw, 45, son of U Hto Hlaing, and 17 villagers from Trane (Mro) Village, in Maungtaw Township went fishing about 6 miles south of the village on Tuesday afternoon. U Laung Pyaw left to return to the village by himself before the others at around 5:30 p.m. When the 17 villagers arrived back at the village at 7 p.m, U Laung Pyaw could not be found, prompting U Ein Soe Maung, the head of the village, to call the Trane Police Post.

On Wednesday morning, police and about 30 Mro villagers searched for U Laung Pyaw and found his body in a field about 100 feet west of Myaw Chaung (North) village.

His body was found with a cut on the right hand, a cut in his armpit, and two thrusting stab wounds in the stomach. It was found that skin of his male organ was also removed. The body was sent to Maungtaw Hospital for post mortem examination.

A case has been opened in Kyeinchaung area police station. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Gov't to speed up work for rights for disabled

THE National Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (NCRPD) held a meeting yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, with a commitment for promoting rights for the disabled in Myanmar.

“Creating job opportu-

nities for the disabled is very important so that they can live with dignity and independence,” said Vice President U Henry Van Thio in his capacity as the chairman of the committee, in a message delivered at the committee’s first meeting

yesterday morning at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw.

People with disabilities are still facing difficulties and challenges in obtaining equal rights in the same way as other nationals, the Vice President said.

The capabilities and abilities of people with disabilities needs to be recognised and programmes to increase the capability and ability of people with disabilities according to work types need to be conducted.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint holds talks with Singaporean Ambassador Ms. Vanessa Elisabeth Chan Yuen Ying in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint receives new Singaporean Ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received H.E. Ms. Vanessa Elisabeth Chan Yuen Ying, the newly appointed Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar, at the guest hall of Pyithu

Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, matters relating to Singapore-Myanmar bilateral friendship and cooperation were

discussed.

Present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat and Pyithu Hluttaw officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Live broadcast of State Counsellor's Peace Talk with local youths

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is conducting a Peace Talk with local youths at the State Hall of Loikaw, Kayah State at 9:20 a.m. today.

The talk will be broadcast

live by television channels MRTV, MITV, Skynet Upto Date, MNTV, Myanmar Radio Program and the official Facebook page of the State Counsellor. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives UNICEF's June Kunugi

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung received UNICEF Residence Representative to Myanmar Ms. June Kunugi and party yesterday morning at

the Amyotha Hluttaw Building II in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, matters relating to women's and children's rights were discussed. — MNA ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung meets UNICEF's Ms. June Kunugi in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe delivers the speech at coordination meeting for reviewing country-wide procurement of medicine and medical equipments. **PHOTO: MNA**

Country-wide procurement of medicine, medical equipment reviewed

UNION MINISTER for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe attended the coordination meeting to review a country-wide procurement plan of medicines and medical equipments held yesterday morning in the meeting hall of the ministry.

The Union Minister said the coordination meeting was held urgently to review the procurement plan and indent system to procure medicines

and medical equipment that is now in use to ensure it is in line with the current needs and to reduce wastage.

There is wastage or loss in the distribution of main medicines and medical equipment, the effective health care provided and benefits both the personnel of Ministry of Health and Sports and the people.

The medical stores in hos-

pitals throughout the country are starting to use computers to have a systematic record system and it is more effective than in the past", the Union Minister said.

The coordination meeting held with officials from Ministry of Health and Sports explaining the procurement and indent systems of medicines and medical equipment. — Myanmar News Agency ■

3,000 issued NVC and NID cards in Maungtaw Township

AN official from Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department said nearly 3,000 people from Shwe Zar Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State have been issued National Verification Cards (NVCs) and technology-based National Electronic IDs (NIDs), a pilot programme. "NVC works by the ministry were started in 12 October with 60 staff as per the instruction of the State Counsellor Office. Currently, 50 staff divided into four groups are carrying out the programme. The four groups have already issued NVCs to 1,457 people and NIDs to 1,503 people of Shwe Zar Village, Maungtaw My-

oma west ward and Myoma south ward in Maungtaw Township", said Maungtaw District Immigration and Population Department Assistant Director U Than Shwe.

Although the staff from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population is continuing the process of issuing NVCs and NIDs in the compound of Basic Education Middle School (branch), Zedipyin Village, Shwe Zar Village Tract, Maungtaw Township, the number of people making NVCs and NIDs are declining. Shwe Zar Village tract containing 12 Muslim villages is close to Maungtaw Township. — Myint Maung, Zeyar ■



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Gov't to speed up work for disability rights

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The meeting was also attended by NCRPD Vice Chairman Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and U Aung Ko Myint, committee members, Deputy Ministers, Myanmar Human Rights Commission Vice Chairman, States and Regions ministers for social affairs, Permanent Secretaries, Directors General, officials from (Myanmar) Federation on Persons with Disabilities and officials from affiliate associations on disabilities.

At the meeting, the Vice President said there were 2.3 million people with disabilities in Myanmar, more than 4.6 per cent of the population. The NCRPD was formed on 14 September with Union Government order no. 70.

Renovating and constructing basic infrastructures to create reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities, repairing and maintaining classroom desks, providing teaching aids depending upon the type of disability and other physical products, providing teachers who know the Braille writing system and sign language and understanding people with disabilities are lacking, he said.

Works sites that are appropriate for people with disabilities need to be created and necessary technical and other supports need to be provided", U Henry Van Thio said.

Human rights as well as other rights of people with disabilities such as participating in politics and people's affairs, access to health care, businesses,



Vice President U Henry Van Thio greets U Aung Ko Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Federation on Persons with Disabilities. **PHOTO: MNA**

culture, information, living independently in the society, equality and development in all sectors need to be provided, he added.

In recognition of the rights of the people with disabilities, Myanmar became a signatory of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 7 December 2011 and enacted the Disability Rights Law on 5 June 2015 under the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. (30). It was followed by the forming of the National

Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The role of NCRPD is important for people with disabilities to obtain the full rights included in the Disability Rights Law. The national committee will protect and promote the life of the people with disabilities, implement provisions included in the Disability Rights Law, set national level policies and guidelines, obtain and conduct works with the approval of the Union Government, cooperate

and coordinate with relevant ministries, State and Regional governments, Nay Pyi Taw Council, municipal committees according to set policies and guidelines, cooperate and observe the works related to disabilities conducted by non-government social organizations, business entities, disability associations, welfare organizations interested in works for people with disabilities, news, information, communication and technology organizations

and individuals.

"Implementing the work of obtaining rights for people with disabilities is not to be thought of as related only to a single department or a single organization. Relevant organizations from each sector need to take up their responsibilities", the Vice President said.

"All need to work together for the development of people with disabilities. The rights and requirements of the people with disabilities are to be understood and included in the new programs. People with disabilities need to participate and work together with other people with disabilities".

Disabilities do not affect the development of a human society. Ignoring or leaving out the affairs related to disabilities affect and hinder the sustainable development goals of the human society. Thus, all are urged to work together for people with disabilities to provide them with equal rights and develop their rights, said the Vice President.

Next, the NCRPD Vice Chairman Dr. Win Myat Aye explained matters of the rights of the people with disabilities.

Afterwards, committee member Director General Dr. San San Aye discussed the rehabilitation and development work programmes for people with disabilities and the future works of the national committee.

Committee Vice Chairman and Myanmar Federation on Persons with Disabilities chairman U Aung Ko Myint then explained the rights of people with disabilities.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Mro villager killed after two murdered in June by terrorists

TRANE villagers confirmed the discovering of the body of U Laung Pyaw, 45, a Trane (Mro) villager in a field on farmland near Myaw Chaung (North) Village at around 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

U Laung Pyaw lived in Sagapinyin Village Tract, Maung-taw Township.

According to villagers, U Laung Pyaw went fishing with other villagers and returned home alone. But, he didn't arrive home by Wednesday morn-

ing. Police from Trane (Rakhine) Police Post led a search for him together with about 30 other villagers. His body was found with several wounds in the field, said the administrative head of the Trane Village U Ein Soe Maung.

"We went to search for him since yesterday evening. But we know of him being lost only late in the evening, so we rounded up other villagers and went to search for him together with security personnel the next morning. We found the body just after 8 a.m.

and it was sent to Maung-taw Hospital", said U Ein Soe Maung.

"He went to fish yesterday afternoon. Others returned, but he didn't come back. We went to search for him and found his body in the field. We have six children and the oldest is only 17 years. As a mother of young children, I don't know how I can take care of them" said Daw Paing Tauk, 40, U Laung Pyaw's wife.

"As my father has died, I'm the eldest now. I don't know how we will live. None of us know what



The bereaved family of U Laung Pyaw who was killed by terrorists. **PHOTO: NE WIN TUN**

to do. I have younger brothers and sisters, and I don't know how we can live. Each of us is in trouble now" said the eldest daughter Ma Paing Pyaw. Earlier this year

on 24 June, two Trane villagers from northern Maung-taw Trane Village who went to fish were also killed by terrorists.—Myint Maung, Zeyar ■