



Workers process fishes to export at Thilawa SEZ in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

## More than 210 tons of fish products exported into Bangladesh via Sittway

MORE than 210 tons of fisheries products with an estimated value of US\$0.20 million was exported to Bangladesh during the week of 9th-15th December through the Sittway border gate, according to the news recently released by the Commerce

Ministry. This figure shows an increase of 117 tons against the previous week. In addition to freshwater fish, tamarind, dried plum, ginger, preserved plum jam, cereal and vermicelli are exported. Myanmar's border trade with Bangladesh flows in

and out of Sittway and Maung-taw checkpoints. Trade values were \$7.74 million at Sittway and \$7.6 million at Maungtaw gates. Both land points of entry showed an increase in trade compared to similar period of last FY.—GNLM ■

## Myanmar freshwater prawn prepping for export

MYANMAR'S Shooting Star Company and Thailand's Bio Tech have joined together to produce Myanmar freshwater prawn for the domestic and export markets, according to yesterday's report of Myawady Daily.

Those freshwater prawns are of Myanmar origin and will be farmed in Twantay Township, Yangon Region. Operation will commence next month.

Prawn larvae will be produced with the technical as-

sistance of Bio Tech. Those species will be distributed in the local market. If there is a surplus of prawn larvae, it will be exported to Thailand, said U Hla Htay, the deputy officer of Yangon Region Fishery Department.

Prawn hatcheries are slated for Bogale, Pyapon and Labutta in Ayeyawady Region. Around 20,000 to 30,000 prawn larvae can be farmed per acre in Twantay Township.

Saltwater and freshwater

prawn farming businessmen are currently facing challenges due to inefficiencies in the breeding process. Out of 27 hatcheries for freshwater prawns, only about three are left due to difficulties in the hatching process.

Only 40,000 tonnes of freshwater and saltwater prawns can be produced in the country, prompting prawns to be imported from Thailand to fulfil the requirements of local prawn consumption. —GNLM ■

## Myanmar imports over 8,000 tonnes of fertilizer by sea routes

MYANMAR imported 8,176 tonnes of fertilizer worth US\$1.9 million from international countries during the week ending 16 December, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

From 10 to 16 December, the country imported fertilizer from China, Viet Nam, Canada, South Korea, Pakistan, Thailand and Malaysia. The

import volume of fertilizer was a decrease of over 2,300 tonnes matched against the previous week's total of more than 10,500 tonnes.

Myanmar usually imports ammonium sulfate, potassium chloride, ammonium chloride, compound fertilizer, nitrogen, foliar and urea from Europe, East and West Asia, and South-east Asia.

The agricultural sector is the main driver of the economy in Myanmar. The demand for fertilizer has increased year by year. To improve public health, farmers have been urged to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and develop organic farms by using natural fertilizer obtained from waste or by-products of fauna and flora.—Shwe Khine ■

## Commerce Ministry to introduce beans and pulses to China

WITH a view to exploring new markets for various beans and pulses which have not yet penetrated China, the Myanmar Beans Market Promotion Forum is slated to be held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhang Autonomous Region of China on 8<sup>th</sup> January, according to yesterday's report of Myawady Daily.

"This effort is for pulses which are restricted on importation by India to penetrate a new market. We cannot heavily rely on only sole market. The pulses items which are new to China's market will be introduced at this forum and we will

get to know which pulses varieties are used in making China's snacks. Additionally, it is also the launching event for medicinal beans", said an official from the Trade Department. The Ministry of Commerce, in cooperation with Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, is planning to gain access to new markets following India's restriction on pulses importation that caused financial hardships for Myanmar growers.

Interested entrepreneurs are invited. For further information, call the Trade Department at 01-254024.—GNLM ■

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## Reorganizing of Union Legal Supporting Group

UNION Chief Justice has issued a notification dated 29 December 2017 on the reorganizing of the Union Legal Supporting Group it is learnt.

The full notification is as follows:

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Union Supreme Court**  
**Notification 1018/2017**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Pyatho 1379 ME**  
**(29 December, 2017)**

### Reorganization of Union Legal Supporting Group

1. The Union Legal Supporting Group formed in accordance to Section 5 of the Union Legal Supporting Law with the Union Supreme Court Notification 865/2017 dated 15 November 2017 is reorganized with following persons.

(a) U Nyan Win Advocate (No-1203)	Chairman
(b) U Soe Lwin Director Union Judicial Supervisory Office Union Supreme Court	Member
(c) U Aung Tsan Director Department of Prosecution Union Attorney-General's Office	Member
(d) U Thein Htay Director Bureau of Special Investigation Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(e) Daw Lei Yin Win Director Social Welfare Department Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement	Member
(f) Dr Khin Mar Yi Professor (Head of Department) Department of Law, Yangon University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Member
(g) U Kyaw Hoe Advocate (No. 1933)	Member
(h) U Kyaw Htay Advocate (No.1488)	Member
(i) U Thet Tin Lin Director Foreign Economic Relations Department Ministry of Planning and Finance	Member
(j) U Kyaw Soe Bo (a) U Kyaw Soe Advocate (No-1616)	Member
(k) U Maung Maung Hla Thaung (a) U Hla Thaung Advocate (No.1666)	Member
(l) Daw Nan Kham Ohn Advocate (No.4470)	Member
(m) U Khin Zaw Advocate (No.1475)	Secretary

2. Rights and responsibilities of the Union Legal Supporting Group are in accord with the prescription of Section 6 and 7 of Union Legal Supporting Law.

Htun Htun Oo  
Union Chief Justice

## 1,150 tablets of WY/R brand drugs caught in Maungtau

SECURITY forces seized 1,150 psychotropic drug tablets in Myoma Taung Ward, Maungtau Township yesterday afternoon.

According to information received, security forces searched Aminur and Zafaw

Ahmet of Maung Ni Village on Mi Set Gyi East Road, Myoma Taung Ward, Maungtau Township and found 1,150 psychotropic drug tablets inscribed with the WY/R logo in a white sack. The tablets were

in 23 packets, with each packet containing 50 tablets, for a total of 1,150 tablets worth about Ks2.3 million. A case has been opened while the investigation continues. – Myanmar News Agency

## U Myint Swe appointed as Non-Resident Ambassador of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Swe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa,

as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar concurrently accredited to the Federal Republic of Nigeria. — Myanmar News Agency

## Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (39/2017) Concludes



U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation delivers the concluding speech. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Graduation Ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (39/2017), conducted by the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was held at Winzinminyarzar Hall of the Ministry at 10 a.m. yesterday, with a closing address delivered by U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation.

Present on the occasion were Retired Ambassadors, Director-Generals and Responsible Officials of the Departments under the Ministry, Senior Diplomats, Professors and Instructors as well as trainees. On this occasion, Director-Generals and

Retired Ambassadors presented the certificate to trainees.

The 12-week long course comprised the subjects related to diplomacy, negotiation skills, international relations, international law, international conferencing, contemporary international affairs, economics, etc., and also the simulation exercises for some subjects. And it was attended by 207 trainees.

Since 2000, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has conducted Basic Diplomatic Training Courses for the public who are interested in diplomacy and international affairs. At present, there are 6,733 trainees graduated from the training program.

## AGTI Society donates Ks10 million for Rakhine State Maungtau region

FORMER students of AGTI (Associateship of Government Technical Institute) Society donated Ks10 million to implement the redevelopment works in the Maungtau Region of Rakhine State, it is learnt.

The former students of AGTI Society donated Ks10 million “for the health, education and redevelopment of the ethnic nationals and people of Buthidaung, Yathedaung and Maungtau townships of Rakh-

ine State who were attacked by ARSA extremist terrorists on the morning of 25 August”, a representative said.

The donation was made in the guest hall of the Rakhine State Chief Minister's office yesterday morning and was accepted by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, (Rakhine) state ministers and officials who in return presented documents of honour. – Win Min Soe (IPRD)



### Three 100 Kyat commemorative stamps for 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day

In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of Independence Day, the Myanmar Post Office of the Ministry of Transport and Communications is issuing three special 100 Kyat stamps starting at 9 am on 4 January in states/regions capital post offices.

In honour of Independence Day, the Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, the Yangon Post Office and the Mandalay Post Office will affix a postal date on the stamps bought on 4 January, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■



## Border trade with ITCs reaches Ks30 billion as of 15th December

THE value of border trade using the Individual Trading Card (ITC) amounted to Ks30 billion as of 15th December, which includes the export value of Ks2.8 billion and the import value of Ks28 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myawady border trade is reported to have the largest volume of trade with a value of more than Ks23 billion. According to Ministry statistics, the export value with the ITC was Ks6.8 million as of 15th De-

cember, while the import value with ITC was Ks23.4 billion. The trade value via ITCs at individual border points was: Ks1 billion at Tamu trade camp; Ks25 million at Muse border gate; Ks881 million at Tachilek trade camp; Ks70 million at Lwejei trade camp; Ks4 million at Chin Shwe Haw border gate; Ks1 billion Kan-piketee; Ks599 million at Kaw-thaung border town; Ks696 million at Reed border trade camp, Ks0.63 million at Htantalan border trade camp; 1 billion at Maw-

taung gate and Ks140 million at Keng Tung border trade camp. The total trade value with ITCs was Ks18.97 billion in the fiscal 2016-2017. The Ministry of Commerce has permitted 292 ITCs in 2012-2013 FY; 261 cards in 2013-2014 FY; 317 cards in 2014-2015 FY; 146 cards in 2015-2016 FY; 248 cards in 2016-2017 FY and 134 cards in this fiscal year as of 15th December.

Since its introduction, the ministry has issued a total of 1,398 ITCs to date.—Zwe ■



### Poppy plantation in Waingmaw Tsp destroyed

The combined team comprising local authorities and police had destroyed poppy cultivation in Kanpaikti area in Waingmaw Township, Myitkyina District, from 13 to 21 December. They destroyed poppy trees on 136 acres in total in six villages in the township. PHOTO: WAINGMAW TSP IPRD

## Police arrests suspect for child smuggling at Thandwe Airport



Ma Mi Mi Htay. PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE



Thar Nge (a) Har Me Du Shaw Shee.

POLICE arrested a women on suspicion of smuggling a child at Thandwe Airport on Wednesday.

During interrogation, Ma Mi Mi Htay, 30, who lives in Myothit Ward, Ponnagyun Township, said that she accepted the job to transport Thar Nge (a) Har Me Du Shaw Shee, 8, from a IDP camp of Sittway, to Yangon for K100,000.

The job was offered by U Tin Than, 49, of Hsinkhaung Village,

Thandwe Township, she said.

She was arrested by the police shortly after U Tin Than gave two air tickets to her at the airport.

While police were inspecting Ma Mi Mi Htay, U Tin Than managed to escape.

Police has opened files against the two suspects at the Gi Taw Police Station. \_Myanmar News Agency ■

## Stimulant tablets and marijuana seized in Maungtaw



Photo; Information Committee

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested four men in connection with yaba pills and marijuana found in a house in Maungni Village in Maungtaw Township on 27th December.

The police searched the house of Adu Har Shein, 28, in Maung Ni Village, Maungtaw

Township on Wednesday night and discovered 660 stimulant tablets and 1,456 g of marijuana, estimated worth Ks1,378,000.

They also arrested Adu Har Shein, the owner of the house, and other three who were found in the house.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Issuing of NVCs and NIDs in Maungtaw

MUSLIMS living in Shwezar Village, Maungtaw Township were being issued with NVCs (National Verification Cards) and NIDs (National Electronic

IDs), and as of 25 December, 1,457 were issued with an NVC and 1,503 were issued with an NID, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■