

myME to educate 2,500 out-of-school children

WITH the support of Telenor, the Myanmar Mobile Education Project (myME) hopes to educate roughly 2,500 out-of-school children during this year.

The Norwegian telecom operator and myME recently signed a one-year partnership agreement to extend delivering of non-formal education to children between the ages of 14-16 from Telenor-branded teashops and their communities in Yangon and Mandalay.

The non-formal education programme aims to promote the lives of children working at tea-shops who cannot go to school due to financial problems.

Telenor, which launched its telecoms services in Myanmar in September 2014, has supported the project since late 2014. It provides salaries for all myME staff, a bus to use as a mobile classroom, several vehicles for teacher and student transportation and other school supplies such as computers.

“Providing functional literacy and vocational skills to out-of-school and working children is the most critical and practical contribution that anyone can make, especially during this his-



Officials from myME, Telenor shaking hands after signing agreement on 27 February. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

toric time of transition in Myanmar,” said Tim Aye-Hardy, the founder of myME. “That is exactly what we do at myME Project and that was the main reason I returned to my motherland after living abroad for 25 years.”

More than 3,000 children from various teashops, road-side restaurants, monastic schools and underprivileged communities from different cities in the country are now receiving non-formal

and vocational education under the project.

The myME project was founded by a small group of people in New York City and Myanmar who passionately believe that true reform for Myanmar starts with education.

According to a local survey, 90 per cent of young workers in Yangon are from other regions and states, coming from very poor families.—GNLM

Senior General receives Special Envoy of Foreign Ministry of China

DEFENCE services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received H.E. Mr. Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China at

the Bayintnaung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed in a friendly and frank manner matters relating to internal peace.—Myanmar News Agency

Summer courses aim to promote youth participation in sports activities

THE Department of Sports and Physical Education in Mandalay Region will launch summer sports trainings in the region between 3 March and 2 April, planning to teach the basic techniques of nearly 20 kinds of sports to trainees.

The programme invites young people to attend these sports trainings including traditional martial arts, football, volleyball, track and field, aerobics, taekwondo, wushu and others, with the department intending to introduce cricket, to the trainees this summer.

Enthusiasts may receive

a physical examination by sports sub committees before attending the courses.

The courses aim to promote youth involvement in the country’s sports activities and turn out talented players in different types of sports by training them through a stage-by-stage approach during the three-month courses.

Plans are underway to choose qualified trainees from the courses to continue to train them for sports contests to be held ahead of International Olympic Day, which falls on 23 June, said an official from the department.—200

Crime NEWS

Marijuana seized in Sittway

SITWAY local police seized 40 kilograms of marijuana in Darpaing village in Sittway, Rakhine State on 28 February.

Acting on a tip-off, police from Sittway Myoma Station and Ward Administration members discovered 40.17 kilograms of

marijuana worth Ks40 million in a house owned by Armauk Tusaung, 30, son of Marmauk Tarli, at Darpaing village in Sittway.

“Armi Husaung, who is living at the same village, requested me to keep a marijuana gunny bag as he was asked by his father Swe York, and Aduraman, who is also from the same village as me, to leave a bag in my house,” confessed Armauk.

Police have taken action against Armauk Tusaung. Police are still investigating the case to arrest Armi Husaung, Swe York and Aduraman.—Myanmar News Agency



Armauk Tusaung with 40 kilograms of illegal marijuana. PHOTO: MNA

Fires break out in Buthidaung and Maungtau

BUTHIDAUNG and Maungtau townships saw separate outbreaks of fire on 27th and 28th February, respectively.

The first fire occurred at a house owned by Ma Sofia in Ward 13, Mikyaung Zayy village in Buthidaung Township at about 8pm on Monday, which started from an oil lamp and destroyed the home.

Similarly, another fire broke out in Quarter (2), Laungbhat village, Maungtau Township, at about 3:30 pm on Tuesday. It was found that the fire started at the kitchen of the house owned by Ma Phartay Mahar Tu, which eventually engulfed the house and destroyed another seven



Local residents try to prevent further spreading of fire. PHOTO: MNA

houses. The second fire caused losses of about Ks140,000.

The two house owners are

being charged under the fire accident law. — Myanmar News Agency

Child detainee hospitalized for 2nd time

A child being detained at No 3 Border Police branch is undergoing medical treatment as an in-patient for the second time in Buthidaung Township Hospital.

Yar Seim, 16, suffered from stomach problems and muscle weakness and received medical treatment in Buthidaung Hospital. He also took

treatment from 21 February to 26 February because of chest pain and respiratory problems.

Local Police station from Ngakuya Village have taken action against him under section 302/34 of the Penal Code and (Child) Unlawful Association Act 17 (1)/(2) and (Child) Arms Law.—Myanmar News Agency



Yar Seim lies on a bed in Buthidaung hospital with officers on sentry. PHOTO: MNA

Yaba seized in Loilem and Lashio

A local anti-narcotics squad from Loilem stopped and searched a vehicle driven by Sai Kyaw Zan Hla with Ma Ei Nwan and U Ti Ya on board at the Tarkaw cooperative inspection gate on Karli-Mongpyin Road on Tuesday and found 30,000 yaba pills in the vehicle.

Another anti-narcotics squad from Lashio searched a

motorcycle driven by Sai Laung Hlaing with Ma Yin Wai Nye-in aboard on Muse-Mandalay Road near the Oriental toll gate in Lashio on Monday and found 25,500 yaba pills.

Police filed charges against them under the Anti-narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanmar Police Force