

## Arms and ammunition grabbed from border police guards in Maungtaw Township

WHEN police took five people to their outpost in at Aungzan village in Maungtaw Township for questioning, they attacked and wrestled the police members and got away with three guns and some ammunition.

Acting on information provided by a villager that illegal goods were carried by five motorcycles yesterday evening at Aung-

zan village in Area No 2 of the township, police members led by Aungza outpost commander went there for inspection. When they found the five motorcyclists the police took them to their outpost, and when searched police found beer cans, circuit chips and remote controls in their possession.

While police were questioning the five suspects, they wres-

tled the five police members, took away with them two unloaded BA94s and one BA63 together with a magazine containing 15 rounds, and fled towards border milepost 43.

Border police guards are in hot pursuit of the gun grabbers and the Bangladesh border guard force has been informed about the case. — MNA

## OSWSCs to be opened in Yangon and Mandalay

ONE Stop Women's Support Centres (OSWSC) have been planned for the Yangon and Mandalay region, said Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs and The Ministry of Health and Sports have planned to open the OSWSCs in Yangon and Mandalay region with an aim of providing services and shelter for the women victims who are suffering from domestic violence," said Dr. Win Myat Aye on Wednesday at the International Women's Day event in Nay Pyi Taw.

"Young rape cases are oc-

curing more and more across the country. Children are not safe to stay in their community. Currently, the social welfare department is preparing to draw up an action plan to reduce the young rape cases," she added.

A case is classified as young rape if the victim is under 16 years of age.

The action plan has two parts: prevention and response. A help line was established in November 2016 through which people can inform authorities of rape-related crimes round the clock by calling 067-404222/067404999.

There were 71 rape complaints from the help line be-

tween the opening date and 10 February, 2017.

The help line solved 40 cases of young-rape and 30 cases of domestic violence.

Although the government is taking measures to eliminate cases of violence against women, there are still some weaknesses in the system.

Rape cases are on the increase across the country. Police statistics show that 682 cases of rape occurred in 2015, including over 230 cases of young-rape, while there were 761 cases of rape from January to October 2016, including over 380 cases of young-rape.—Myitmakha News Agency

## New rubber factories to be built in Mon State this year

WITH the aid of the Swiss Agency for Development and Corporation, new rubber factories will be developed in Mon State within this year, according to Mon State and Producers Association. Rubber Planters

To produce high-quality rubber products, the two factories are planned to be constructed in Paung and Kyaikmayaw townships. The Swiss agency pledged to provide both technical and financial assistance for the project.

"We plan to implement the pilot project during this year and cannot tell the target end date of the project," said U Thet Oo, central executive member of the association.

Between 3,000 and 10,000 tonnes of rubber, especially RSS3 rubber, are set to be produced from the two new plants, with developers planning to build similar factories in other townships.

Plans are underway to invite rubber planters and manufacturers to invest in the project.

Roughly 90 per cent of rub-

ber manufacturers in Myanmar are rubber planters who are still facing technological and financial challenges to produce high-quality products to penetrate global markets.

"The industry has some weaknesses. Currently, local planters continue to produce rubber using traditional methods," said U Than Lwin, one of rubber planters in Innadagaw

Township.

The vast majority of Myanmar's rubber goes to China through cross-border trade stations, while other countries import a different class of rubber by sea.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, Japan and India have made an offer to purchase Myanmar's rubber.—Myitmakha News Agency



The latex of the rubber tree is the main source of natural rubber. PHOTO: REUTERS

## Eight Bengali were captured on illegal boat invading on Myanmar Water

WHILE Myanmar Navy boat were patrolling on the Myanmar Sea Territory, eight Bengalis were captured on March 9 on a suspected boat.

During the Navy patrol boat patrolling in 15 mile north-west of Mayyu island on Myanmar Sea Territory, a suspected boat was found. The boat drove away while

being asked to be inspected. The Navy patrol boat followed and captured the boat with eight fisherman in it. They are from in Takene town including Bangladesh National Jamar Husaung, 27.

Under the Myanmar Immigration Law, the eight Bengali were filed in lawsuit.—Myanmar New Agency



Eight Bengalis captured on illegal boat on Myanmar Sea Territory are seen. PHOTO: MNA

## Crime NEWS

### Mini bus caught fire on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

A mini bus was being fired on yesterday evening at 11 pm between 80/2 milepost and 80/3 milepost on the Yangon-Mandalay High Way, according to the High Way Police Station.

A pilgrim vehicle, Hyundai mini bus drives by Thiha Aung Zaw from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw was on fire caused by

wire erosion. The vehicle was completely burnt though, 23 passengers on board were not injured.

The driver was filed a suit by the MyoChanung High Way Police Station under the criminal law's act 279/285 for vehicle (Pa) 12/17.—Than Oo (Laymyathnar)



Car caught by fire is seen. PHOTO: HIGHWAY POLICE

## Heroin and Yaba seized

A combined team comprising Namhkam Myoma police seized heroin and Yaba from a motorbike on the Shweli bridge, Namhkam township on Friday, according to the Namhkam police station.

Acting on a tip-off, the combined team stopped to search the motorbike driven by Kyein Sone Chi and seized heroin weighing 224 grams and 9,750 Yaba tablets. On the same day, a combined team comprising officers and staff from Mandalay anti-narcotic police unit 17 searched a house of Nyunt Lwin between Yuzana and Inkyin road, Thuka Mingalar ward 2, Patheingyi township and found 4,400 Yaba tablets and ice weighing 15 grams.

Similarly, a combined team comprising officers and staff from Lashilo anti-narcotic police unit 24 searched a motorbike driven by Ma Nankham Aye with Ma Namkham Yun onboard and seized heroin weighing 30 grams and 2,145 Yaba tablets near oriental toll gate, Nawngkhio township. A combined team comprising officers and staff from Pin Laung unit 26 seized 1,620 Yaba tablets from a motorbike driven by Maung Oo near Htee Ga Naing Ywarhit, Naung Tayar town.

Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanmar Police Force