

11 Foreigners arrested for illegal logging in Manwanegyí



Eleven arrested foreigners seen in front of the vehicles in Manwanegyí area. PHOTO: MNA

ELEVEN citizens from a neighbouring country were captured as Tatmataw columns were conducting area clearance operations in the Manwanegyí area, Bamaw district, in Kachin State.

The Tatmataw proceeded to an area northwest of Manmaw Village on March 11 after being informed that Myanmar natural resources were being illegally taken, where they arrested three Kawwaiyu, Yuchang and Lek-

yarshin, all non-citizens. Seized from the site were 58 vehicles used for carrying logs, four ten-wheeled trucks, one crane and one backhoe. A total of 64 machines and vehicles were confiscated.

The Tatmataw continued its clearance operations around the area and seized another group of foreigners: Keinshanphan, luuppo, lonwankyain, Hlohanyi, Sheekyan, Puyinwai and Cha-

nyulone. Seized were 20 vehicles, 14 ten-wheeled trucks and one backhoe. A total of 35 machines and vehicles were confiscated.

The 11 foreigners and 99 machinery vehicles were transferred to the police station in Manwanegyí area, where a legal process was put into action, according to the office of Commander in Chief of Defence Service.—*Myanmar News Agency*

BFM donates nutritious food to needy to honour Women's Week Myanmar

TO welcome Women's Week Myanmar, the KBZ's Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation donated nutritious food

to monasteries, homes for the aged, nunneries, philanthropic homes, orphanages, hospitals, aged peoples and children

nationwide on 11 March.

Employees of more than 450 branches of the KBZ Bank located in Yangon, Aungpan, Danupyu, Einme, Kawthoung, Kyaiklatt, Kyangin, Kyaukme, Kengtung, Lashio, Dimawso, Maddaya, Maubin, Meikhtila, Magway, Mogok, Moegaung, Muse, Myanaung, Myingyan, Nangsan, Nawngkhio, Patheingyi, Pathein, Tachilek, Taunggyi, Thanlyin and Thibaw travelled to monasteries, nunneries and philanthropic organisations which are in need of assistance and donated food.—*Thura Lwin-Eco*



KBZ's Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation donates nutritious food to nuns. PHOTO: THURA LWIN-ECO

Myanmar- China border trade declines because of outbreak of armed conflicts in Laukkai

MYANMAR- CHINA border trade has declined on account of the outbreak of armed conflicts in Laukkai. Nevertheless Chinshwehaw border trade camp is not closed yet despite the armed conflicts between Tatmadaw and National Democratic Alliance Army (NDAA), according to the Ministry of Commerce.

"Currently, the trading through chinshwehaw border trade camp has not been stopped. But, the border trade has slightly declined. But in the case of Muse, the border trade was stopped,"

said an official from the Ministry of Commerce.

The outbreak of fighting in northern Shan State on 20 November 2016 has caused the closure of the 105 Mile border trade zone in Muse.

The local people from Laukkai are running away to China from the conflict zone in which armed conflicts occurred between Tatmadaw and NDAA on 6 March, 2017.

Myanmar border trade camps with Chin are Muse, Loigyai, Chinshwehaw and Kan-

piketi border trade camps.

Between 1 April and 17 February in 2016-2017 fiscal year, the trade value of the Chinshwehaw border trade camp reached over US\$ 503 million with US\$ 454.806 million from the export sector while US\$ 48.466 million from the import sector.

The trade values in fiscal year 2015-2016 between 1 April and 2 February were over US\$ 302 million with US\$ 155.071 million from the export sector while over US\$ 47 million from the import sector.—*Min Min*

Two guns regain from gun-grabbers in Maungtaw

TWO BA94 guns among three grabbed by the five suspected from local police officers of Aung Zan police outpost in Aung Zu Ward, Maungtaw Township had been regained yesterday.

A combination of officials from ward administration office and a group of people's militia cleared along the route that the grabbers took and found two unloaded BA94 guns at Wailar Taung creek near mile

post 47.

The interrogation revealed that, two of the suspects were from a village of neighboring country near mile post 43 at Myanmar- Bangladesh border line and the other three are living at Myoma monastery of Maung Taw, it is learnt.

Police guards are in hot pursuit of the gun grabbers and the Bangladesh border has been informed about the case.—*Myanmar News Agency*

A suspect detained in Maungtaw Township

A suspect has been detained at Area No.3, Ward 2 of Taungpyo Latwa'i sub-township in Maung Taw Township at about 9 am yesterday.

While carrying out an area clearance operation near Ward 2 of Taungpyo Latwa'i sub-township, security forces arrested the suspect, Mamad Zubei from Dergyi Zarr Village and investigated him for further information.

According to the investigation, he went to Bangladesh illegally in the previous month and studied in the fifth standard in an Arabic school in Kutubar Laung refugee camp. He could manage to pass the border illegally through a drain tube near Ward 2 of the village illegally to visit his parents at Dergyi Zarr Village of Myanmar. The sus-

pect has been detained in Taungpyo Latwa'i police office to hand over to Immigration department—*Myanmar News Agency*



Mamad Zubei is being investigated for passing border illegally. PHOTO: MNA

More people buying fire insurance

More people in Bago district are buying fire insurance premiums this summer. Currently, about three people are buying fire insurance premiums per day, according to Bago region Myanmar Insurance (MI).

The local people from Bago district are buying more fire insurance because this summer is predicted to be hotter than previous summers. Currently, MI is conducting awareness training regarding fire insurance in the township.

As a result, there were 1,216 people who bought premiums in eight townships in Bago district in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, while 136 people bought fire insurance in January and 162 peo-

ple in February.

"Many people will buy fire insurance premiums this summer. There are over 100 people having bought the premium during these one or two months. The premium buyers have to buy at least one year coverage. Houses worth more than Ks 500 lakh need an appraisal report by MI. And appraisals depend upon the situations of the neighbouring houses and apartments," said Daw Than Win, an officer in charge of MI.

According to expert forecaster Dr. Tun Lwin, this summer temperature will be between 40 °C and 43°C in the arid zone and 40 °C in the lower regions.—*Myitmakha News Agency*

Viewpoint tower to be built in Haka

A viewpoint tower will be built in the town of Haka, Chin State, to be able to enjoy the panoramic views of the whole town, said U Zoe Bwe, Hluttaw representative for Haka town constituency 1.

Chin traditional musical instruments and customs will be on display in the tower for visitors wishing to observe the culture of the Chin ethnic people. Benches and sport facilities will be avail-

able on the viewpoint tower.

Co-ordination is being made with the organizations concerned to conserve the environment, preserve wildlife and to make Haka an attractive tourist destination.

Authorities are having hotels built in Haka to accommodate visitors. Currently, preparatory measures are being taken to build the viewpoint tower in Haka.—*200*