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Sagaing Region needs to boost transport, electricity



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses in coordination meeting between ministries and Sagaing Region Government at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has stressed the need to improve the transport and electricity infrastructures in Sagaing Region to be able to attract foreign investments in the region.

“There is weakness in the transport and electricity sectors in Sagaing Region. It is necessary to assess why these happened. We need to find out which sector out of the two, planning or implemen-

tation, has weaknesses,” she said at a work coordination meeting between Sagaing Region Government and Ministries concerned while discussing about a small-scale hydro power plant project and improvement of the transport sector at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers Dr. Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, U Pe Zin Tun, U Kyaw

Win and U Win Khaing, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region Dr. Myint Naing, Deputy Minister U Min Thu and responsible officials.

In her speech, the State Counsellor underlined the great importance of coordinating with the Union Government in attempts to seek ways for overcoming the region’s current challenges, pledging to assist the region, which lags behind in development compared to

other regions and states.

Afterward, Dr. Myint Naing, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region, presented a briefing on transport and the present availability of power supply, needs and problems, arrangements for drawing up a plan for the development of the transport and electricity sectors and matters to be implemented further.

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Sagaing Region sees weakness in the transport and electricity sectors.

Conspiracy to launch armed attack in Maungtaw District foiled



Mawlawi Adulamein.

ATTEMPTS to carry out violent attacks in Maungtaw District have been foiled and suspects arrested for attending terrorist training, according to statements released by the State Counsellor’s Office Information Committee yesterday.

Acting on information that a group of suspicious looking men had been near the village of Tinn May in the Taung Bazar region

of Buthidaung township, border guard police forces carried out an area clearance operation in the evening of 7 March, discovering a dwelling house and three small huts in the gorges nearby. Upon searching the gorges, Mawlawi Adulamein, 32, of Kyaungtaung village and Mamed Zubai, 20, of Tinn May village were discovered and interrogated.

Upon interrogation, Ma-

med Zubai said that he went to Mezaligone to make a phone call to his uncle living in Bangladesh as the Mezaligone had a better internet connection. For illegal use of a SIM card, he was charged under the law of Import/Export Law, it is learnt.

According to Adulamein’s statement, he had attended terrorist training. Marsaung, a teacher appointed by the village living in

the 3rd ward of Tinn May village, was involved in the Kyikanpyin armed attack and escaped into Bangladesh to attend armed attack training. He brought five men living in the Kuluparlung refugee camp to conduct armed attack training in the second week of February 2017 to Tinn May village, Buthidaung township.

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Professionals of JICA Discuss at Dental Institute, Yangon

DELEGATION Led by Izumi Ohno Izumi, professor of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) arrived at the dental institute, Yangon, studying and assessing the matters related to the development of dentures work skill training school at the institute. It is learnt that matters concerning prospects of cooperation of future education were discussed. —*Myanmar News Agency*

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Marsaung organized Rawfi, Shaungshoo Arlong, Mawlawi Adukawrein, Mawlawi Marmauk (a) Inus, saying that everyone was responsible to take part in demanding for human rights by means of armed attacks.

Mawlawi Adukawrein and Mawlawi Marmauk told people in the village to support them with money. They received money from Abularshein, Raman, Mawlawi Isu, Norarmein, Mawlawi Marsaung, Marmauk Rawfi, Zarbay, Rawfi, Mawlawi Lobby, Mawlawi Nurarlarmein, Mawlawi Adukawrein and others.

Then they organised 36 trainees to conduct armed attack lectures on 1 March, saying that each trainee would be paid K3,000 per day.

Rawfi, Harbat Seerar, and Shaungshoo Ahlong have been found to have recruited trainees for the indoctrination and action is being taken against them under the Unlawful Association Act.

During the interrogation, Abularshein confessed that he provided Ks100,000 to Mawlawi Sauli Mullah and Norarmein and Ks100,000 to Malawi Mamauk (a) Al Sud to spend during the terrorist training.

Acting on information that other people who provided cash assistance to violent attackers were hiding in the mountains near Tinmay Village, security forces searched the area and arrested 13 suspects.

After interrogation, the police disclosed that out of the 13 suspects, six, namely Sauli Mullah, Adu Rawkein, Kayphar Mullah, Mammud, Adu Salam and Adu Yawshi, had been attending the terrorist training and that the remaining suspects were under interrogation for further information.

The local police are making arrangements to send the suspects to the court.

According to the interrogation, the suspects had a plan to return to their villages after completing the training equipped with arms from a neighbouring country to attack the border outposts.

They also confessed that plans were made to open terrorist training sites at Tinn May, Ngamyinbaw, Yinma Kyauktaw and Innchaw Badana villages. They were arrested while attending the first training session at Tinmay Village, according to the State Counsellor's Office Information Committee.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Evidences seized from the suspects.

PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE INFORMATION TEAM

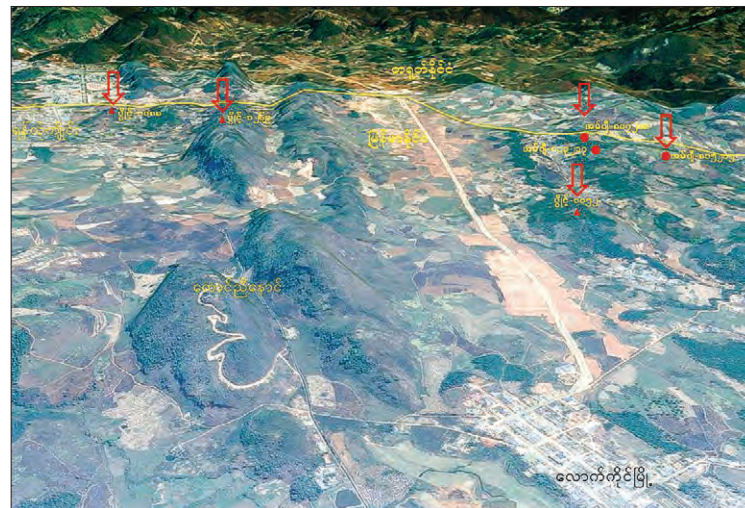
Tatmadaw Troops occupy MNDAA's outposts

THE forces of the Tatmadaw have occupied outposts of MNDAA armed group on border area with China.

The Tatmadaw released an information yesterday and said that its troops occupied the outposts between BP 126 and BP 127, Point 1052 hill.

MNDAA armed groups attacked Tatmadaw camps, police force and civilian targets at Laukkai in the early morning of March 6, taking the strong hold on the hills, which were restricted areas for the government troops to give aerial backup. Upon receipt of the news in advance, the government troops managed to fight against the armed groups. So, their attacks met with failure in the fighting for occupying Laukkai, and they attacked again on the defensive, firing 107 mm launchers into Laukkai.

Tatmadaw troops as well, fought against the armed groups for the peace and stability in



Map shows MNDAA's outposts occupied by the forces of the Tatmadaw. PHOTO: MNA

Laukkai and along the border area starting from 8 March, re-occupying point 1269 hillock, on March 15, point 1052 on March 16 and point 1088 on March 17.

From March 6 till the last time of occupying the hillocks,

28 bodies, 59 various kinds of firearms, ammunition and accessories, more than 130000 tablets of amphetamines were seized, with some members of the Tatmadaw killed and some wounded, said the statement.—*GNLM*

Japan grants US\$ 18,369 fro four fire engines

Mr. Tateshi HIGUCHI, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar, and U Kyi Win, Director, Chief of Yangon Regional Fire Services Department, signed the grant contract for "the Project for Strengthening of Myanmar Fire Services Department in Yangon Region" today. Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme covers the cost of US\$ 18,369 for shipping four fire engines donated by Japan-Myanmar Political and Economic Development Association.

With the rapid population growth in Yangon Region, the number of fires has been increasing recently. Fire disasters cause huge damage on not only people lives in Yangon but also their properties and hinder the momentum of Myanmar's development. To tackle this issue, the project will provide four fire engines to Myanmar Fire Services Department, Ministry of Home Affairs, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (MFSD).

The life-saving activities of



Japanese Ambassador Mr. Tateshi Higuchi and Yangon Region Fire Services Department's Chief U Kyi Win sign the grant contract.

MFSD will be more effective through the implementation of the project. Moreover, MFSD will be also able to respond quickly and effectively to disasters, utilizing the vehicles. This is expected to be of great assistance in creating a safe living environment for the people and to contribute to the urban development of Myanmar.

The Government of Japan

has assisted 822 various grass-roots projects in Myanmar under the GGP scheme since 1993: the number consists of 400 education projects, 199 healthcare projects, 138 public welfare and environment projects, 50 infrastructure projects and 35 other projects. It is anticipated that these assistances will further strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar.—*GNLM*

Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe and wife Dr Daw Nang Kham Mai are welcomed by Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr Ehsan Ullah Batth and wife on their arrival at the reception to mark the National Day of Pakistan in Yangon on 23 March, 2017. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT (MNA)

