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## Media group collecting news in Maungtaw, Rakhine State



Members of the media group interviewing locals in Maungtaw Township in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD**

A MEDIA group, led by Dr. Myo Thant Tin, Vice-chairman of Myanmar Press Council, arrived in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine, yesterday. The group is collecting news about Maungtaw's restoration efforts.

Some 30 individuals are part of the group, including members of the Myanmar Press Council, led by their Vice-Chairman; and

reporters from news agencies, such as The Standard Time Daily, Frontier, Myanmar Times, Shwe Mandalay, News Watch, Tomorrow, Mizzima, Hantawaddy, DVB, MCN TV News, Mawkun, 7day, and The Thanlyin Post; as well as independent and freelance reporters and journalists. In the morning, the group arrived at Done Pite village, Koe

Tan Kaut village and Indin village in Yathedaung Township. By midday, they had travelled to the Kyauk-Pandu coast and Alethan-Kyaw coast in Maungtaw Township.

Next, the group travelled to Kainggyi (Mro) village, Maungtaw Township, and interviewed Village Administrator U San Htun.

They then continued to the ARG agriculture camp in Kinchaung village, travelled further to Kanyin Chaung economic zone and interviewed its Vice Chairman, U Aung Myint Thein.

Later, the group proceeded to the POE border entrance gate. The media group will continue collecting news in Maungtaw until 8 January. —District IPRD ■

## Daingnet people celebrate national day

DAINGNET or Tdekkama, one of the native people of the Rakhine State, celebrated their national day yesterday with traditional songs, dances and music at Meegyongswe village in the north of Buthidaung Township.

The Daingnet people said they hoped national day would help revive their race's original name "Tdekkama," develop their language and literature, preserve and propagate their near-extinct culture, costumes and food, as well as establish connections with overseas Daingnet, explained an official, who was part of the national day celebration committee.

Living in areas, including Buthidaung and Maungtaw of Rakhine State, together with other ethnic natives — Mro, Khamee, Thet, Maramagyi — Daingnet are striving to preserve their traditions and culture. This was the seventh national day celebration of the Daingnet people, who held their first national day commemoration at Letpangon village in Minbya Township in 2012. National day celebrations are held at villages where their people live. —Myint Maung/Zeya ■



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U Aung Cho Oo accepts donations of rice sacks among other humanitarian aid for IDPs in Kyaukme. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Humanitarian aid arrive for IDPs in Kyaukme

YESTERDAY in Aung Myay Thar Yar camp, cash donations and rice bags were donated to residents from Namsan and Maing Ngaw (in Shan State) who had fled their war torn homes to Kyaukme in Northern Shan State.

U Win Kyaw, Chairman of Palaung Self-administrative

region's leading body, and U Maing Win Htoo, Hluttaw Representative of Namsan Township, and other donors gave humanitarian aid for the IDPs which were accepted by U Aung Cho Oo, the district Chief Administrator and other officials.

The donations from Pa-

laung included a cash donation of 2,559,500 kyats, five sacks of rice and three bags of clothes.

The donations from Namsam included two cash donation of 1,240,000 kyats and 800,000 kyats. A donation from Naungcho's USDP included ten sacks of rice. —Kyaukme IPRD ■

## Asia World Foundation responds to call by UEHRD and contributes not-for-profit road project in Rakhine

UNDER the directive of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement, and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) to provide humanitarian assistance, carry out resettlement and rehabilitation and work for development in Rakhine State, Asia World Company Ltd - through its charitable foundation Asia World Foundation - has responded to the call for public-private partnership towards this community effort. In line with its strong company culture towards community contribution as a responsible corporate citizen, the Foundation is committed towards delivering the not-for-profit road project from Angumaw to Maungtaw. With our local resources and fleet of machinery in the area, the teams have been hard at work on the 50-mile road project since December 2017. AWF is part of the Construction and Infrastructure Task Force, a major task force amongst the nine task forces under the UEHRD.

In line with task force's objectives, AWF has taken the lead to rapidly organize its resources and donations to contribute its infrastructure and construction



A billboard shows the area where the Asia World Foundation road project will be undertaken. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

resources to this project.

After the completion of this road, transportation from Sittwe to Maungtaw will take a much shorter time, and this will bring about many benefits to the region. First, the new road will significantly cut down the travel time in transporting urgent supplies and materials to the region to aid in current redevelopment efforts.

In addition, the completed road is expected to facilitate smoother and more efficient movement of border trade, particularly since Maungtaw Border Trade Zone is one of the key border trade gateways

which actively trades agricultural and industrial products throughout the year. With improved transport and accessibility, this also means the region will also benefit from more potential development, job creation, greater economic prosperity and improved living standards. AWF is proud to play a role towards the broader macro-economic plans for Rakhine state's development into a special economic and industrial zone in the future.

Asia World Foundation, a charitable non-profit organization, of Asia World Group of Companies. —GNLM ■

### CRIME

## 2 arrested for smuggling forest products

THE police have arrested two men involved in the illegal smuggling of teak timber in Myitkyina Township in Kachin State, and confiscated 12.376 tonnes of timber, the police reported today.

Acting on a tip, police searched for a six-wheel truck driven by San Win Maung, also known as Ga Tone, 25, along with Soe Myat Tun, 19, on Sonparabon Road in Tatkhoon Ward around 10 p.m. on Friday.

The police discovered some 9,658 teak timbers in the truck, worth Ks5.57 million and weigh-

ing 12.376 tonnes.

According to investigators, the truck driver lives in the industrial zone in Sitapu Ward in the same township. The township forest department is carrying out further investigations and seeking others connected with the case.

To prevent illegal logging and transport of hard woods, the forest department collaborates with the police, ward and township administrative offices and members of the public.—Win Naing (Kachinmye) ■



The confiscated teak timber is estimated to weigh around 12,376 tonnes. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Police seize illegal substances worth Ks74 million in Khamti Township

WHITE opium powder and yaba pills, worth Ks74 million, were seized on Friday from a house in Khamti Township in Khamti District, Sagaing Region, according to a police report.

After receiving a tip from a member of the public, the anti-drug squad raided a house, which belonged to Win Ko and Min Min, in Hleudanmyoma Ward in Khamti Town around 10 a.m. on Friday. Police found

a cache of white opium powder, weighing 260 grams, and 9,600 yaba pills in the house.

The two suspects have been charged with drug trafficking under Sections 15/1, 9 (a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

The township police are carrying out further investigations, to apprehend those involved in the case.—Win Oo (Zeyataing) ■



Win Ko and Min Min were caught with 260 grams of opium and over 9,000 yaba pills in their home. **PHOTO: MNA**