



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and officials inspect the preparation works for convening the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrs' Day at Martyrs' Mausoleum. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

## Chairman of Martyrs' Day convening Central Committee ...

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As the building was built for the family of Bogoyoke Aung San only and the building was already 97 years old, the first floor was found structurally weak to support a large numbers of visitors. During a single day of the 2017 70th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day, there were 72,268 visitors and such large numbers would be beyond the bearable load of the structure. As per the sugges-

tion of the Myanmar Engineering Society, only the ground floor of the museum will be opened to the public during this year Martyrs' Day period and the displays on the first floor will be shown via an LED Board in the compound instead. From 22 July, except for Mondays and public holidays, the museum will be opened from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the public will be able to access both the ground floor and first floor.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Loikaw community centre holds Book Club reading circle

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint attended and addressed a Book Club reading circle held in the Loikaw District people-based community centre yesterday morning.

The reading circle was also attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, State Hluttaw Speaker U Hla Htwe, state ministers, officials and books and journals enthusiasts.

At the reading circle, a book review on Author Aung Thin's book was conducted by Book Club chairman U Soe Yazar Win (writer Saya Soe Nyunt Wai-Loikaw), members Dr. Zin Min Tun (Shwe Loikaw philanthropic association), Dr. Yu Yu Tun (Loikaw University), U Aung Naing (Shwe Baho Clothes Store) and Sai Aung Thu Lin (high court advocate).



Book Club reading circle held at the Loikaw District community centre in Loikaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Afterwards, questions raised by books and journals enthusiasts in attendance were answered by the Book Club reading circle participants.

District/township offices and people's libraries of the Ministry of Information, Information and Public Relations Department

were being upgraded to people-based community centres with an aim toward developing Myanmar literature through the gathering of literature enthusiasts there, forming Book Clubs and conducting reading circles, literature conferences and book reviews.—Kayah State IPRD ■

## Workshop held to amend 1995 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rule

THE opening ceremony for a workshop to amend the 1995 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rule was held in Nay Pyi Taw at the Park Royal Hotel on Saturday.

The meeting was attended by Myanmar Police Force Deputy Chief (1) Police Brig-Gen Myo Swe Win, representatives from Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, commander of Anti-Narcotics Task Force Police Brig-Gen Myint Aung and high ranking officials, related ministerial departments, invited representatives, National

Programme Specialist Dr. Win Mar of the Yangon-based United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) office and representatives. At the ceremony, Myanmar Police Force Deputy Chief (1) Police Brig-Gen Myo Swe Win and UNODC National Programme Specialists Dr. Win Mar delivered opening speeches. At the workshop, Brig-Gen Myint Aung chaired the workshop and discussed in detail how to amend the 1995 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rule, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Myanmar nationals released from detention in China transferred back through Muse

Myanmar nationals released after being detained in China for various reasons were transferred back to Shan State (north), Muse Town, the Myanmar-China border gate (Shwe Nan Daw gate), on 28 June.

The detained Myanmar nationals were from various regions of Myanmar and entered and worked in Chinese towns such as Ruili and Mangshi by crossing the border illegally or legally with seven-day red pass books.

They were detained for crossing the border illegally, working or staying illegally, and

it was learnt that there will be more restrictions against such activities.

A Kachin national, Ko Gam Sai Aung, from Momauk Township, Kachin State, who was released from detention said: "I crossed into China from Kachin State's Kampaikti border gate with a red pass book and worked as a daily wage mason at a Mangshi construction site. I received a daily rate of 80 yuan (Ks16,000). The Chinese police from Mangshi arrested me after I worked there for more than half a month, some 17 days. My employer didn't bail

me out, and I was detained. I have not received my wages yet."

More than 300 detained Myanmar nationals were released, and they were assessed and accepted by the Myanmar immigration officials at the Shwe Nan Daw gate.

The detained persons were first checked to determine if they were drug users. Drug users are being sent to the Chinese prison to do hard labour. Those found to be not using drugs were detained at detention centres and then released.—District IPRD ■



Journalists leave Sittway for Yangon. **PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING**

## Media group reports IDP camp in Rakhine State

LOCAL and foreign media groups, who were in Sittway, Rakhine State, went to the internally displaced persons (IDP) camp in Thetkel Pyin Village yesterday morning.

The media group met the

families staying at the IDP camp and discussed their difficulties in boarding and lodging, education and healthcare.

In the afternoon, the media group left for Yangon from Sittway Airport.—Aung Thura, Han Lin Naing ■