

## Three killed, 51 missing after lake collapses at Phakant jade mine



Rescue workers search for the bodies of miners killed in a landslide in Phakant, Kachin State. **PHOTO: WIN NAING (KACHIN LAND)**

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As the accident happened at night, there were no migrant miners among the victims, said officials.

"Finding bodies is proving difficult. About 60 volunteers from our philanthropic association are participating in the search for

bodies," said U Khin Maung, chairman, Thingaha Philanthropic Association, Seikmu Village. Officials from the Phakant Township Police and administration department are supervising the rescue operations there. — Win Naing (Kachin Land)

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

## First ever Myanmar Animal Quarantine Station opens in Kutkai, Shan State north

LIVESTOCK Breeding and Veterinary Department of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation opened an Animal Quarantine Station, an essential requirement in export of animals and animal products, in Kutkai, Shan State (north) on the morning of 22 April. This was the first station of such kind to be opened in Myanmar.

At first Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu and officials unveiled the signboard of the station by pressing a button and cut a ceremonial ribbon to open it. In a speech delivered at the event Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu said the government allowed official export of livestock in 2017 to benefit the livestock breeding farmers. While permission and arrangements were made for official exports of livestock based on supply and demand on one side, there were requirements to inspect and quarantine livestock

according to international norms when livestock was traded across countries. The Union Minister explained in detail about the reasons for opening the Animal Quarantine Station.

Next officials from Bliss Myanmar International Co., Ltd. transferred documents on Animal Quarantine Station to Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Director General Dr. Ye Tun Win. After providing additional explanations to matters raised by the public attending the event, the Union Minister and party inspected the Animal Quarantine Station. The Animal Quarantine Station in Kutkai, Shan State (North) was constructed under the department's capital expenditure from fiscal year 2018-2019 Mini Budget. In the coming fiscal year another Animal Quarantine Station will be constructed in Kawkaireik, Kayin State, it is learnt. — MNA



## MNS Sinbyushin participates in PLA Navy IFR, China-ASEAN Joint Maritime Exercise



MNS Sinbyushin entered Qingdao, China, to participate in the International Fleet Review (IFR) as part of 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary PLA (Navy). **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Myanmar Navy Ship (MNS) Sinbyushin led by Commodore Zwe Win Myint left Yangon on 11 April and arrived at Qingdao, People's Republic of China on 22 April to participate in the People's Liberation Army-PLA Navy 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary International Fleet Review (IFR) and China-ASEAN Joint Maritime Exercise.

MNS Sinbyushin sailed more than 3,800 nautical miles of Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Viet Nam and China's territorial waters passing

through Andaman Sea, Strait of Malacca, South China Sea, Taiwan Strait, East China Sea and Yellow Sea. During the long journey its crew conducted practical exercises. While MNS Sinbyushin was in Qingdao, it participated in the PLA Navy 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary IFR held yesterday. From 24 to 26 April, the ship crew will conduct mutual visits to other naval vessels participating in the event, hold friendly sports competition, conduct study tour of Qingdao and participate in China-ASE-

AN Joint Maritime Exercise with naval vessels from PLA Navy and ASEAN countries.

The Joint Maritime Exercise will include sailing in formation, exercises, boarding and searching a ship, search and rescue exercises, mutual landing of helicopters on ships, communication exercises and exercise on transport and evacuation of casualties, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA

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## IED, parts for mine found near site of ARSA attack

A Tatmadaw column conducting proper security operation at the area where a police vehicle was attacked with landmines and small arms by the ARSA in Maungtau Township on 22 April found an improvised explosive device (IED) and bullet casings near the site of the ambush.

The IED and 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm bullet casings were found on a hilltop, about 50 meters from the attack site. The security forces also found a 3-foot-long iron pipe filled with steel balls and gunpowder attached to about 50 yards of wire, along with three old car batteries.

On another hill, about 100 meters northeast of the attack site, some rice packets, empty drinking water bottles, a sweater, an iron pick, and bullet casings were found.

A case has been registered against the ARSA at the Kyeinchuang Police Station, according to a statement released by the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

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The police vehicle is seen after it is attacked by ARSA in Maungtau Township on 22 April.

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