

Hundred fruits from a common stem—Our Union



A mini Union where nationalities including Kayan, Pa-O, Mon, Bamar, Rakhine and Shan are living in unity and amity, Kayan State lies in the south-eastern sector of Myanmar. With its population of 1,653,000, the population density 11,730-square-mile is 145 per square mile in Kayan State covering 11,730 sq miles.

Table B

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
Reserved forest	1635	1635	-
Protected public forest	-	1578	1578
Wildlife area	115.48	115.48	-
Setting up of forest	400	7440	7040
- acres of economic plantation	400	5432	5032
- acres of village plantation	-	723	723
- acres of watershed plantation	-	1285	1285
- acres of Thitseint plantation	-	450	450

Kayan State is a land of plains, mountains and forests. In the east are the mountain ranges running from north to south, and plains are located in the west of the mountain ranges. Major rivers flowing in the state are the Thanlwin, the Thaungyin,

Table D

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
post office	27	33	6
telegraph office	7	13	6
facsimile	1	22	21
computer telegraph	-	1	1
telephone service	-	-	-
- telephone office	5	24	19
- number of line	764	3791	3027
- exchange	5	20	15
- direct line	643	3460	2817
- auto/carrier telephone	643	3231	2588
- auto radio	-	229	229
- telephone density*	0.65	2.20	1.55
microwave station	1	7	6
rural telephone exchange	-	4	4
e-mail/internet	-	1	1
local satellite station	-	-	-
- DOMSAT	-	1	1
- VSAT	-	1	1
- iPSAT	-	1	1

the Attaran and the Gyaing.

At the ceremony to launch the Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) held on 3 August 1997, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe said, "It is not for the economic profits that a large amount of funds has been used to build the Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an), but for the development of Kayan State, and for the locals, suffering

from various kinds of troubles caused by insurgency, to enjoy a better life."

It is the sincere goodwill of the Tatmadaw Government to build development infrastructures in all regions with ardent efforts as soon as it achieves peace and stability. The Government is gaining ground in overcoming the

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Kayan State marching to new golden land of unity and amity

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backwardness the nation faced in the past, despite the riches in natural resources, with the power of the heightening development drive. The past backwardness was due to weakness in unity.

Thanks to the Government's endeavours, Kayan State has been achieving harmonious progress as a place where love and unity of the national races is prevailing. I will now present the situation of the state in 1988 and at present.

Agriculture

The fertile soil, the assistance provided by the Government, and the efforts of the local people have enabled Kayan State to see a sustainable development in agriculture. Thanks to five river pumping stations and small scale dams, the state can grow 60,000 more acres of crops and put 80,000 acres of land under multiple cropping.

Now the state can even grow nearly 120,000 acres of paddy in summer.

Square miles

Table A

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
Land resource			
- sown acreage	666194	726662	60468
- acres of vacant and virgin land	370924	232964	-
Irrigation			
- dam, reservoir, lake, canal	22	23	1
- Water pumping station	-	5	5
- damming creeks	-	348	348
- Benefited acre	34202	95205	61003
Thriving double crops	19537	100469	80932
Extended paddy cultivation			
- acres of monsoon paddy	383069	431211	48142
- per acre yield*	42.97	54.61	11.64
- acres of summer paddy	-	119240	119240
- per acre yield*	-	70.00	70.00
- gross production	16019	31284	15265
Food sufficiency	-	119%	119%
- Beans and pulses (acre)	7809	66456	58647
- Sugarcane (acre)	2923	7459	4536
- Maize (acre)	44	6085	6041
- Rubber (acre)	9510	41911	32401
- Tea (acre)	670	918	248
- Pepper (acre)	352	2282	1930
- Coffee	2504	6923	4419
Edible Oil crop (acre)			
- Groundnut	16411	25172	8761
- Sesame	8867	20565	11698
- Sunflower	257	692	435

Livestock and fisheries

The Government is developing the livestock and fisheries sector together with agriculture. The state has doubled its livestock from 1,413,000 heads of animals in 1988 to 2,664,000 at present.

Fish-plus-paddy farming has been conducted on 240 acres of

shaded areas to maintain the watershed systems of natural watercourses. Please see table (B) to know the state's forest conservation endeavours:

Road and transport

With the conviction — the development in roads and bridges will add strength to the nation — the Government has been developing the road and

Hpa-an road, Hpa-an-Kawkaik-Myawady road, and Thandaungyi-Thandaung road. The state now has 216 miles of road including 138 miles of tarred roads.

The rail-cum-road Donthami Bridge linking Kayan and Mon states was inaugurated in 2002. The bridge is 600 feet long. The Myawady-Kawkaik-

Table C

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
Motor road	554/0	770/6	216/6
Bridge			
- above 180 feet long	8	13	5
- lower 180 feet long	117	263	146
Rail Transportation			
- miles	16.00	16.00	-
- rail track miles	16.75	16.75	-
- ton of cargo	-	92700	92700
- miles of cargo transport	-	14584.6	14584.6
- stations	6	6	-

land in the state. A total 120,000 fish fries were put into the paddy fields. The state has 274.09 acres of fish farms, up from 95.95 acres in 1988 or almost tripled. It has now 80 acres of prawn breeding ponds.

Forest conservation

Kayan State is protecting and conserving its forests. It has extended the areas of reserved forests, sanctuaries and protected public forests. As a public movement, the state has grown over 600,000 saplings. It has also set up village forest plantations for fuel and economic purposes in rural areas. It has also conserved the water-

transport sector of the state with greater momentum. In the past, there were no bridges across Thanlwin River. The Government commissioned into service the 2,252-foot Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) on 3 August 1997. It also built the 2,900-foot Gyaing River Bridge (Zathabyin) in Hpa-an Township and 1,200-foot Gyaing River Bridge (Kawkaik) in Kawkaik Township.

In addition to the bridges, it has also built Mudon-Myawady road, Thaton-Myaingale-Bakap-Hpa-an road, Thaton-Myaingale-Kawkaik road, Zathabyin-Eindu-

Hlaingket-Winka-Metharaw-Mudon road section and Myawady-Kawkaik-Hpa-an-Thaton road section are inclusive in the Asian highways, ASEAN highways and other transnational highways plus Mekong Basin Region highway that will pass through the nation for its development. The table C shows the development of the state's road and transport sector:

Communications

The table D indicates the development of communication sector in Kayan State:

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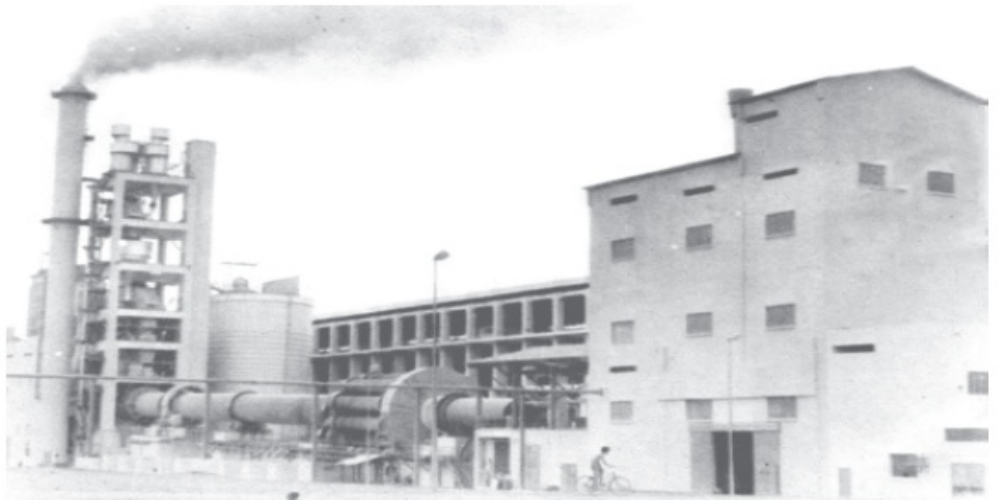


Development in Kayin State after 1988

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Hpa-an University

National race youth living in Kayin State are now able to pursue higher education in their own region as a university has been built in Hpa-an. — MYANMA ALIN



No-1 Cement Plant (Hpa-an) provides job opportunities to locals living in Kayin State. MYANMA ALIN



Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) linking Myainggalay and Hpa-an in Kayin State was commissioned into service on 3 August, 1997.—MYANMA ALIN

Kayin State marching to...

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Electricity

The Government has been applying innovative means to fully tap the country's rich water resources for serving the interest of Myanmar and her

Table E

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
maximum electricity consumption load*	10,274	178,882	168,608
	6.5	33	26.5
Increase of generating power			
- hydel power station	1	1	-
- project	-	2	2
- diesel-fired power station	24	34	10
present capacity of generator*	1,999	2,658	0.659
target capacity*	1,999	627,658	625,659

national races till posterity.

Kayin State had only one hydel power station in Papun before 1988. It was a 0.164-megawatt facility. The power consumption of the state then was only about 10 million units. The Tatmadaw Government built 10 diesel power stations and linked the electricity generated by them to the national grid. Thus, Kayin state's power consumption has increased to nearly 180 million units. But it is only one step of development drive. The Government is implementing two major hydel power plant projects in the state to significantly increase its power consumption. One

I will present the state's electricity sector with the table E.

Industries

The state now has 489 private industries, up from 409 in 1988. The number

At present, there are 146 high, middle and primary schools in Kayin State, and over 5,000 teachers. The number of students is over 200,000. In 1988, there was only one college in Kayin State. Now the state is one arts

Consumption unit (millions)
*megawatt

of cottage industries in the state is 110. Three new State-owned industries have been commissioned into services in the state to generate more job opportunities. The state already had six State-owned industries in the past.

Mining and minerals

Kayin State could not produce any mineral on commercial scale in the past. But in 2004-2005, it produced 3,000 metric tons of zinc, 44 metric tons of antimony, 6,142.65 metric tons of industrial limestone for use in industries, 103,933.33 metric tons of iron ore and 39,845 metric tons of asbestos.

Education

The education policy of

and science university and one education college. In the past only a few hundred students pursued higher education. Now the number has increased fifty-folds.

Kayin State is now enjoying significant increase in the school enrolment rate and adult literacy rate while reducing the school dropout rate. The table F shows the readers the development of the state's education sector.

Science and technology

The State is making arrangements to increase the number of intellectuals as well as intelligentsia in Kayin State. Hpa-an, the capital of the state, now

Table H

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
Road/bridge			
- mile of earth road	-	159	159
- mile of gravel road	-	229/2	229/2
- mile of tarred road	-	32/3	32/3
- maintenance	-	35/0	35/0
- bridge (l/s)	-	1/100	1/100
Health			
- hospital/dispensary	-	18	18
Education			
- BEPS, BEMS, BEHS	-	33	33
- number teachers	-	208	208
- number of students	-	10567	10567
Agriculture (office/station)			
- dam/canal	-	2	2
- waterworks	-	1	1
Farming			
- veterinary office	-	2	2
Energy			
- generator	-	18	18
- town/village, supplied with power	-	15	15
Public relations			
- TV retransmission station	-	6	6
Communication			
- post office	-	1	1
- telegraph office	-	5	5
- telephone	-	2	2
Expenditure (million)*			
- development funds	-	5626.13	5626.13
- ministries	-	2907.14	2907.14
	-	2718.99	2718.99

is the 25-megawatt Dayaing Creek (Paingkyon) Hydel Power Project and the other is the Hatgyi Hydel Power Project that will generate 400 megawatts in the first stage, and 200 megawatts in the second stage. Now,

the Government covers developing the education sector of all states and divisions and producing human resources. Kayin State is also producing brilliant human resources that will serve its interest in the future.

has a government computer college and a government technological college in addition to the arts and science university. The two colleges have already produced nearly 600 technicians to this date. A total of 116 teachers are giv-

Table F

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
Basic education			
- number of schools	1149	1295	146
- multimedia classroom	-	42	42
- e-Learning Centre	-	18	18
- number of teachers	4116	5663	1547
- number of students	133777	219819	86042
- KG enrolment	66.28%	96.17%	29.89%
- adult literacy rate	59.15%	95.80%	36.65%
School dropout rate			
- primary school level	35.6%	14.08%	21.52%
- middle school level	43.86%	20.06%	23.80%
Higher education			
- arts & science university	-	1	1
- college	1	1	-
- education college	-	1	1
- e-Learning centre	-	19	19
- academic programmes	8	39	31
- number of teachers	47	173	126
- number of students	116	5639	5523
- Human resource development centre	-	1	1

Table G

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
upgrading of hospital	17	26	9
health units	50	58	8
health staff	480	814	334
- doctors	63	134	71
- nurses	94	199	105
- midwifery	220	283	63
- health assistant	28	38	10
- supervisor (1Y/2)	28	88	60
traditional medicine			
- traditional medicine hospital	-	1	1
- traditional medicine dispensary	4	9	5

ing lectures to 658 students at the two colleges.

Health

The Government's health care services also cover Kayin State. More hospitals have been opened and the existing ones upgraded. Under the 24-development zone project, Hpa-an has got a 200-bed hospital. Nine more hospitals and eight more health care centres have been opened in the state since 1988.

The Government has been appointing more health staff including specialists to the state. In addition to the existing mid-wifery school, a new nursing school has been opened in the state. One traditional medicine hospital and nine dispensaries are taking care of the health of locals in the state. The table G reflects the Government's goodwill towards Kayin State concerning the health sector.

Urban, rural development

With the belief — Towns will develop only with the rural develop-

ment — the Government has extended its development drive to cover all towns and villages in the state. The state now has 50 miles of urban tarred roads and 237 urban bridges.

Six towns now have clean water supply, and one more town will receive it under the project. A total of 391 waterworks have been erected in 248 villages for providing potable water to them. The state has seen the emergence of 1,084 miles (66 miles have been tarred) of new rural roads.

Border areas and national races development

Kayin State is covered by the Tatmadaw Government's border areas and national races development drive. The entire nation is seeing with pleasure the regional development in the state due to the harmonious efforts of the Government and the national race groups that have returned to the legal fold.

In addition to opening opportunities for local

youths to pursue arts and science subjects and computer science and technology of the higher learning, the Government has also opened a vocational training centre and a youth development training school in Hpa-an.

The Government is gaining success in warding off the evil legacies of the past. It is reinforcing new strength for development of border areas and national races. The table H shows the Government's endeavours.

Information and public relations

The information sector is distributing the news about the Government's endeavours to consolidate national solidarity, and to narrow the development gap between one region and another with the conviction — all the national people will join hands in the national development and modernization drive with goodwill and unity. The table I shows the state's drive towards reaching the golden land. (Translation: TMT)

Table I

Subject	1988	12.2.05	Progress
- TV retransmission station	-	6	6
- IPRD offices	-	10	10
- IPRD libraries	6	10	4
- Dept libraries	-	1	1
- rural libraries	-	196	196
- e-Library	-	1	1