Ks2.2 billion to implement Maungtaw Kanyinchaung Economic Zone

THE Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, only 3 miles away from Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, will be implemented with an additional Ks.1.5 billion from the Rakhine State government and Ks 700 million from private businesses.

The Ks2.2 billion work will be implemented in a joint venture between the Rakhine State government and Naf Myit (Naf River) Alin (Light) company limited, it was announced at the ceremony on commencement of work to implement the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone yesterday.

Dump trucks are seen in Kanyinchaung Economic Zone, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MIN HTAT**

"This is the first step of the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone. Much was done to take this first step. Establishment of an economic zone would benefit the region. Peace can bring about good economy and good economy will also bring about peace in the country. The government is setting up policy and implementing it for the simultaneous development of peace and economy. Government is putting much emphasis on Rakhine State situation. After August 25, it is known to everyone that economic development of the region, stability, peace and long term socio-economic development has been given a priority. The whole country is cooperating for all round development of this region", said management committee chairman U Nyi Pu.

Implementation of the Maungtaw Kanyinchaung Economic Zone was started by the Rakhine State government and Maungtaw region businesses in October 2015. As a first stage, it was constructed on 49.6 acres of land and to upgrade from Kanyinchaung trade zone to Kanyinchaung economic zone, 100 acres of land was added. Using the waterway, Kanyinchaung economic zone is only about 15 minutes away from Bangladesh and it is an economic zone that will prioritise the export/import sector. Of the border trade economic zones, Maungtaw border trade conduct 90 per cent exports and only 10 per cent imports, while trades are conducted solely in American currency.

"Of the nine border trade gates, Maungtaw Economic Zone is the one that has a trade surplus. Before the 2012 event, target achieved was beyond the amount set by border trade head office. After July 2016, combined export/import values dropped below 60 per cent. The work on the economic zone was started in October 2015 with the Rakhine State government putting up Ks600 million and the private sector putting up Ks400 million. Now the state government is putting in an additional Ks1.5 billion, while the private sector is putting in Ks700 million at the ratio of 65:35. Earth work and road construction will be completed in February. Construction of the remaining buildings will be completed in March", said Kanyinchaung Economic Zone management committee Vice Chairman 2 U Aung Myint Thein.

The Kanyinchaung Economic Zone will have cold storage facilities to store meat, fish and prawns, garment factories, trading offices, restaurants and rest houses. Part one zone A is being implemented on 49.58 acres of land while zones B, C and D in part two will be on 103.36 acres of land. The Kanyinchaung Economic Zone will be on 152.94 acres of land and once completed, it is expected to increase the Maungtaw border trade volume significantly, it is learnt.—News team ■

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union inspects Kyaukpyu Prison

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thar Htay along with Judge of the High Court of Rakhine State U Kyauk and Judge of the Kyaukpyu District Court Daw Khin Sanda Khin inspected Kyaukpyu Prison recently.

The team led by the Supreme Court's judge met with the prisoners, enquiring whether the prisoners get their rights.

During the visit, they inspected meals, accommodation, health care, water supply and library service provided to them.

The delegation also enquired the inmates whether they were tortured in the prison.

The judges made arrangement for ensuring rights of prisoners in accordance with the prison manual.

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union and officials inspect Kyaukphyu Prison. **PHOTO: PHYO WAI LIN(IPRD)**

Following the tour of inspection, the delegation met with judges and law officers in Kyaukpyu Ditstrict at Kyaukpyu District Court and urged them to avoid partiality and corruption to gain the trust of the public.—Phyo Wai Lin(IPRD) ■

Over 845,000 stimulant tablets confiscated in Naf River

Security police confiscated 845,500 stimulant tablets from three suspects who crossed the Naf River, Maungtaw Township Rakhine State yesterday.

On yesterday morning, police were on patrol in Naf River near U Saw Hla Island and arrested a suspect, Maw Noe, 30 who lives in Thayat Oak Village, Maungtaw Township, together with 655,500 stimulant tablets in four gunny sacks, with an estimated worth of Ks1. 31 billion on a boat en route to another country.

Police are taking action against the suspect at Nga-Khuya Police Station in accord with the law.

At around 7:15pm on that day, police were on patrol near U Saw Hla Island and arrested two more suspects, Saw La Mu Lar, 34, and Ar Lee Yar Mauk, 19, who live in Thatyet Oak (east) Village, Maungtaw Township, together with 190,000 WY stimulant tablets in three bundles while the suspects were swimming across to U Saw Hla Island from the northwest of Ywet Nyo Taung Chaung Wa using four yellow baskets as buoyant objects.

Police investigated and filed a lawsuit against the arrested suspects at the Nga Khu Ya Police Station.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Two suspects arrested, ammunition seized in Maungtaw, Rakhine State

Security personnel conducted law enforcement measures yesterday and seized ammunition from a house in West Myoma Ward in Maungtaw township.

Acting on a tip-off, security personnel searched a house owned by Zaw Mi Armad, 53, in the West Myoma Ward in Maungtaw Township and found one Luger-type pistol and one ballistic shield with 23 bullets in the ground underneath the excrement pipe of the house. Officials also arrested Zaw Mi Armad as well as his son, Soe Naing Kyaw, 24.

The police filed charges against them under the Law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Three men arrested in Naf River

Security police arrested three men on board in Naf River near Mg Ni Village, Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on Thursday morning.

While security police were patrolling the Naf River, the three suspects, Motstar Harmat, 54, Jubai, 19 and Hlan Han Ki Arlaung, 19 who live in Tatkanat, Bangladesh were found on a boat headed away from Myanmar.

Police are taking action against the suspects under Immigration Act 13(1) at Ma Gyee Chaung Police Station.—Myanmar News Agency ■