

# Fish pond expanded to over 200 acres in Buthidaung Township

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ACCORDING to the Buthidaung Township Fisheries Department, there are 7 times the amount of fish-breeding more than before, increasing in the period of three years, thanks to the calling for the townspeople to do freshwater fish-keeping in the township, now reaching over 200 acreage.

U Hsan Win, Head of the Fisheries Department said, "Our department has been carrying out to sustainably develop the fishery, and to increase the fishery production and fishery resources. With the plan, we have been releasing fingerlings annually into ponds, creeks and rivers. Previously, the people in Buthidaung township did not get accustomed to the practice of catching freshwater fish and breeding as a profession. So, the



A fish pond in Buthidaung township, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG THANT (THE MIRROR)**

department educated them to develop freshwater fish breeding linking with rural people in the area. We have been making call for them to aspire to keep fish annually. Now, fresh fish-keeping remarkably devel-

oped in three years period.

In the past, there were no practices of artificial fish breeding by induced spawning in Buthidaung township. Now the department went to villages, educating and giving artificial fish

breeding by induced spawning free of charges, selling spawned fish at cheap prices.

As a result, there were up to over 200 acres of fish breeding in the township in 3 years after 2014. ■

## Factories in Yangon release gallons of waste water daily

AROUND 250 plants and factories in Yangon Region release nearly one hundred thousand gallons of waste water every day, according to Dr. Aung Myint Maw, an assistant department Head from Environmental Protection and Cleaning Department under Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

Though five indicators were set to limit the production of waste water from factories and plants, about 30 factories out of 200 met the set indicators. Factories producing alcohol, beverage, chemical, battery and food were mostly producing waste water.

Officials are planning to check five to ten factories weekly and the effects of the waste water on the environment will also be examined.

In the meeting of Yangon Region Hluttaw held on 2 December 2016, officials planned to control waste water production by testing waste water in laboratories and taking action against the factories that went against rules and regulations. But, factories are still not complying with rules and regulations.

There are 24 industrial zones with 3,474 factories in Yangon Region. Over 200 factories are producing waste water but only 10 per cent of them implement the process of cleaning the waste water.—200 ■

## Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda attracts 83,000 visitors in six months

A total of 82,953 travellers visited Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda in Mon State and earned Ks4,900 lakhs of entrance fees, according to the organization of pagoda trustees.

Foreigners visited Kyaikhtiyo pagoda more from October 2016 to April 2017 and entrance fee for each of them was Ks6,000.

"More entrance fees of

Kyaikhtiyo pagoda were collected in this year due to the increase of foreign travellers", said an official from the organization of Kyaikhtiyo pagoda trustees.

Kyaikhtiyo heritage zone was mostly visited by tourists from Thailand and other Asian travellers including Viet Nam,

China and Japan but also American and European tourists.

Every year Kyaikhtiyo pagoda holds an opening ceremony on full moon day of Thadingyut and closing ceremony on full moon of Kasone.

A total of 34,851 travellers visited Kyaikhtiyo pagoda and over Ks2,000lakhs of entrance

fees were collected during November 2013 to march 2014. During April 2014 to March 2015, nearly 149,625 travellers visited and over Ks8,000 lakhs of entrance fees were obtained. In April 2015 to March 2016, nearly 106,963 travellers visited and over Ks6,000 lakhs of entrance fees were received.—200 ■

## Man feared dead after falling into river in Buthidaung Tsp

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A man is feared to have died after falling into the Panzin River from onboard a cargo ship—Aung Dagon 6 plying between Sittway and Buthidaung at 9:15pm on May 7 while going onboard through a wooden ladder.

The 38-year old victim who is identified as Maung Maung Chay from Sittway is still missing, according to local police.

According to Ko Myat Soe, the victim's brother-in-law, he called the victim to take dinner

out, and the victim followed him, falling into the river. Despite the fact that he called for help, it failed. The victim was said to have grabbed at the edge of wooden frame of the ship. The victim is working for the ship as a clerk, living in Sittway. While loading at the Panzin River jetty in Buthidaung before departure for Sittwe, the accident happened. The event has been reported to the nearby port police station, and the search had been made with the help of fire-brigade at night, it has been learnt.

U Aung Min Htike, 2nd head

of the fire-brigade said, "At the request of the port police station at 11 pm or so, I permitted them to take out the motor boat. In spite of searching for the body for over one hour with the combined force of fire-brigade members and the men from the ship, we failed to find it. The time he fell down into the river is 9 o'clock or so and the water flowed fast, it is difficult to find the body."

According to a local, at Panzin River such accidents happen annually. It is necessary for passengers to get onboard a ship with great care. ■

## List of missing and deaths in Maungdaw

During the period since the violent attacks in Maungdaw from 9 October 2016 to 8 May 2017, 30 innocent civilians have been killed and 22 have gone missing.—Myanmar News Agency ■

| Month         | Deaths | Captured/Missing |
|---------------|--------|------------------|
| 2016 October  | 3      | -                |
| 2016 November | 1      | 2                |
| 2016 December | 4      | 2                |
| 2017 January  | 5      | 5                |
| 2017 February | 3      | -                |
| 2017 March    | 5      | 3                |
| 2017 April    | 5      | 9                |
| 2017 May      | 4      | 1                |
| Total         | 30     | 22               |

Table of deaths and missing people compiled by the months.

## Two men die in explosion in Buthidaung



Evidences found at the explosion site show that terrorist training was conducted there.

Two men died and three other men were injured while trying to make a landmine on 4th May, according to the State Counsellor Office Information Committee yesterday. The explosion happened near the forest edge west of Thae Ni village in Buthidaung Township. After the accident,

local security forces carried out the area clearance operation, and discovered materials used for improvised explosive devices including some packs of mixture of gunpowder, sulphur and charcoal powder, two pistons, a burnt shirt, ground sheets, blankets, and mosquito nets were found

in a two cleared lands.

The Security forces are taking probe into the case. The incident is believed to be connected with terrorist training to conduct violent attacks in the region. —State Counsellor Office Information Committee ■

## Man escapes from five abductors in Maungtaw

A MAN escaped from five abductors in Maungtaw on 6th May by jumping into a creek and running away, according to local police yesterday.

Sweyuk Husaung, 30, was abducted by five men armed

with machetes as he was walking along a creek in Kyeinchaung North Village in Maungtaw Township. When he was near Kyein Chaung market, the five men told him that they were sent by Zubai, a former member

of Padaka Village administration committee to bring him.

Sweyuk Husaung managed to jump into the creek and informed the case to a local police station. — State Counsellor Office Information Committee ■

## Low-quality rice price rises with China's demand

THE price of low-quality rice rises with the increasing demand from China, according to the Muse border market.

Around 40,000 to 50,000 bags of rice are daily flowing into Muse market. Currently,

Chinese merchants are daily purchasing large volume of rice these days, resulted in increase of 10 Yuan per bag.

The rice price slightly increases in the domestic market. The prevailing mar-

ket price of low-quality rice is Ks17,000 to Ks18,000 per bag while the high quality rice prices ranges from Ks30,000 to Ks43,000 per bag, according to the domestic rice market. — Ko Khant ■

## Many voices for the Year...

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#### Desire for gaining peace:

Dr. Hlan Mhon Zarkhon, of the working committee for discussing political affairs said: "We welcome wholeheartedly the assertion that fruits of peace will be gained in 2017.

Among what we are implementing, it may take time or delay the peace process. But we firmly believe that we will get good results because the whole populace and all the national ethnics in the whole country want peace greatly."

He added, "We want the over-60-years-long civil war to come to an end and to build up a peaceful and developed Union. But we have a problem of the civil war, which has lasted over 60 years with very deep conflict.

There can be other problems behind the conflict if we are required to solve a problem. Whenever we consider ourselves to solve the country's problem, through political means for a 60-years-long civil war to cease, we experienced subsequent problems. For example, starting a civil war is the political problem.

When we approach to solve the problem through political means, it occurred to us that there are many problems concerning land and forests, socially related victims and humanitarianism that were created

by the 60-years-long civil war. These are not political affairs, hence the need to solve these by taking time with patience."

Dr. Wah Wah Maung of the working committee for discussing economic affairs said: "Myanmar remained in a less developed state, lagging behind others. Peace and development is closely connected. To be able to move on the development route with great momentum, we cannot accomplish it without peace.

Therefore, peace plays an important role for the regions across the country to develop on the same level. Now that all the national ethnics came to be well convinced of the essence of the peace, we urge all to make concerted efforts hand in hand with each other to win peace as soon as possible."

#### Compromises:

She added, "Peace is of great importance. Doctrines, benefits, national interest, the benefit of an organisation, and national benefits must be taken into consideration fairly. Peace must be built based on understandings, and it needs to build common agreements.

Provided that the whole populace becomes well convinced of peace process and take part in it, the Union Peace Conference will bear fruitful negotiations to some extent." ■

## To strive hard to draw up a constitution suitable for the union

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Federal union. In this phrase, federal means a system of government in which the individual states of a country have control over their own affairs, but controlled by the central government for national decisions.

Within a federal system, for example, the United States and Canada connected with national government, rather than the local government of an individual state. For example, a federal law, state and federal income taxes.

And Black law dictionary defines "federal means of or relating to a system of associated governments with a vertical division of governments into national and regional components having different responsibilities, especially of or

relating to the national government of the United States."

The aforementioned are some quotations from a book and from pieces of writings of scholars about the democratic federal states. From a layman's point of views, I would like to present something about the federal state.

At university, our lecturers, and professors, to whom I still owe immeasurable debts of gratitude, for what I am today, explained to us about federalism or federal state.

As far as I could remember, federal state or federalism is a kind of government in which states and provinces are delegated with powers to control and manage their own affairs. But the federal government or the central government retains the crucial

powers concerning the whole country. For example, foreign policy, national defence and national currency, i.e. the kind of money that is in general use as the currency or coins. Our professors and lecturers explained to us about "federalism" giving the examples of United States of America and Canada.

Federalism, if I may say, is aimed at unity among diversity. Though, federalism delegates some powers to its states and provinces, federalism has a clear vision of its own. "United we stand and divided we fall" are the eternal vision and policy of federalism.

"With malice towards none, with charity for all, and with firmness in the right" may I present my own opinion – opinion of a citizen, a nonentity,

a retiree, as follows:

The 1947 constitution of the Union of Burma contains the eternal principles of Justice, Liberty and Equality based on democracy. The constitution also contains some elements of federalism except one provision, i.e., right of secession and its procedures. To quote only a very few provisions.

"The sovereignty of the union resides in the people." As regards the elements of federalism, we can see union legislative list; state legislative list. In connection with the human rights guarantees, there are universally accepted rights, for example, rights of equality, rights of freedom, rights relating to religion, cultural and educational rights, economic rights, etc.

In presenting my opinion on our first constitution, it was, as far as I know, based on the resolutions passed by the first Panlong Conference 1947. At that conference, our martyr, General Aung San had played a vital role.

I have no other iota of interest than academic interest, in presenting this article. Thank you, sir.

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