Bailey Bridge to be built on Ann & Sittway road after landslide

Offcials inspect the site of the lanslide on the Yangon-Sittway road to construct a bailey bridge. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

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Due to heavy rains, there occurred over-flooding on Yangon-Sittway Road, causing landslides between mileposts 28/0 and 28/1, leading to building a bailey bridge for vehicles to ply in rainy season, according to road special engineering team-16.

U Hla Shwe of the team 16 said that a bailey bridge is urgently built between milestone 28/0 and milestone 28/1 for cars to ply in rainy season, and it will be finished unless it rains in a night.

The bailey bridge is 90 ft long and it will be used temporarily. Only in open season, repair work of the road will be made.

Due to erosion nearby milestone 28, 30—10ft of the road was ruined. It has been learnt that cars began to ply on the road again since yesterday morning due to the concerted effort of workers from the team 16 by using machineries.

Mini-cars were allowed to pass on the road whereas trucks and lorries were allowed to use the road just in the morning, said U Hla Shwe.

Due to torrents in 2015, some parts of Yangon-Sittway road were ruined by landslides. In 2016 there was no road damage.

On account of torrents in Rakhine State, there occurred over-floods on Sittway—Yangon road. According to the ministry of transport and communication, in 12 places between Ann & Kazukai village over-floods occurred. ■

Two nationals of neighboring country arrested for illegal entry

WHILE conducting a routine patrol near the mouth of Puang Za creek in Maungtaw Twonship, Rakhine State, around 8 p.m. on 13 June, security forces arrested two nationals of neighboring country on a boat.

The two are found to have entered into Myanmar territorial water while fishing in Bangaldesh territorial water and a case was opened while investigation was conducted. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Indawgyi Lake basin selected as biosphere reserve by UNESCO

Indawgyi Pagoda situated in the middle of Indawgyi Lake is accessible by boat. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

INDAWGYI LAKE in Kachin State was designated as a Man and Biosphere Reserve (MAB) of the UNESCO's MAB network at the 29th session of MAB International Coordination Committee (MAB-ICC), held on 12-15 June 2017, at UNESCO Headquarter in Paris, France.

Indawgyi Lake has been designated as an ASEAN Heritage Park of Myanmar in 2003 due to its unique ecosystem and biodiversity richness.

It was also designated as a Ramsar Site in 2nd February 2016 because of the large and diverse population of globally important bird species and other unique wetland characteristics.

Dr. Nyi Nyi Kyaw, Director-General of Forest Department, said the designation as a MAB reserve is recognition of the value of its biodiversity.

He said it is also a promise from the government for further development efforts and cooperation with local residents for preservation of the lake and its surrounding areas. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Security, Rule of Law and Peace and Stability Carried Out in Maungtaw District

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ACCORDING to the Maungtaw District Police Office, security forces in Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Taungpyo-Letwe towns are specifically making operations by types of sentry, patrol and post for security, rule of law, reduction of crimes and peace and stability in Maungtaw District.

Police Lt-Col Nyan Win Oo said, "Security duties are being carried around the clock, in 12 places in Maungtaw, 7 places in Buthidaung and in Taungpyo by patrol teams.

In Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Taungpyo Letwe under the control of Maungtaw district police force , seizure of drugs occured commonly.

As regards the outbreaks of crimes in the area under the control of the police force, Police Lt-Col Nyan Win Oo said that the area controlled by police forces is the town area, so it can be said to be very narrow. Out of crimes, cases of drug seizure had been involved mostly, compared to others. Maungtaw district police force is controlling 5 wards in Maungtaw, 7 wards in Buthidaung and 7 wards in Taungpyo Letwe for security and rule of law in the area.

Police Lt-Col said, "Police force alone cannot perform the task of security and rule of law. Only if the people join with the police forces, can success be achieved to the full. So, I humbly request our people to join us."

It has been learnt that Maungtaw police forces are carrying out educative talks in townships.

A police sentry patrols the streets of Maungtaw at night. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**