

Union Minister for Information inspects Pekhon Township IPRD office

Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint inspected Pekhon Township Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) office and met with the staff yesterday morning.

The Union Minister viewed the traditional utensils of ethnic people displayed in the library hall of the IPRD office and inspected the reading room for children at the library.

Afterwards, the Union Minister met with office staff and gave remarks on making the library as a place that is frequented by locals, office staff to become familiar with locals, increase their capabilities and work diligently.—Ko Htwe (Pekhon), Maung Maung Htwe (IPRD) ■



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint visits the library at the Pekhon Township IPRD. **PHOTO: MNA**

SG Min Aung Hlaing receives German ambassador to Myanmar

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives H.E. Mr. Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch German ambassador to Myanmar who is concluding his tour of duty, at Zeyar Thiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In the meeting matters relating to efforts by Tatmadaw on achieving eternal peace in Myanmar, increasing Myanmar-Germany non-military defence cooperation and status of Germany assisting in Myanmar transition process were discussed.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing receives German Ambassador Mr Christian-Ludwig Weber-Lortsch. **PHOTO: MNA**

65 new heavy search and rescue vehicles to arrive in Yangon

Sixty-five new heavy search and rescue vehicles purchased by Yangon Region government with a loan from Poland will arrive at the end of this year to be used by the Fire Services Department, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The size of these vehicles is bigger than the currently used vehicles from Myanmar. The new arrivals are more suitable for high-rise buildings.

Twenty trainees from the Myanmar Fire Brigade will be sent to Poland for training to enable them to operate the new vehicles. The Fire Services Department has previously received 21 medium sized search and rescue vehicles from Japan. Those vehicles are currently being used in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other states and regions.— GNLM ■

List of civilian missing /abducted in Maungtaw district (2016 October to 2017 June 27)

No.	Date	Name	Township/Village	Abducted/Lost	Remark
1.	2-11.-2016	Win Maung Thein, Tun Lin Aye @ Nyi Chae, Thein Kyaw	Ywet Nyo Taung Village, Maungtaw Township	3	Lost while on his way from Phawut Village to Ywet Nyo Taung Village
2.	13-12-2016	Habi Rohman	Thawun Chaung Myauk Village, Maungtaw Township	1	After Habi Rohman was abducted, the remaining family was threatened by phone for reporting the abduction to police
3.	2-1-2017	Lalu	Mingyi village, Maungtaw Township	1	Didn't return home
4.	22-1-2017	Ibrahim	Sinthaypyin (east), Maungtaw Township	1	Didn't return home
5.	27-1-2017	Shofi Ramut	Ywet Nyo Taung Village, Maungtaw Township	1	Didn't return home
6.	27-1-2017	Swedot Armain	Myawchaung Village, Maungtaw Township	1	Abducted by 4 men while sleeping with family at home
7.	12-3-2017	Mahmat Shofi	Sitaung Village, Maungtaw Township	1	After recieving a phone call, Mahmat Shofi went into the village and didn't return. He reported to Tatmadaw columns and is suspected to be abducted for aiding the Tatmadaw
8.	30-3-2017	Yaya	Ywet Nyo Tuang Village, Maungtaw Township	1	Didn't return after visiting Yetwin Village
9.	31-3-2017	Nur Mahmot	Kyunpauk Pyusu Village, Maungtaw Township	1	15 masked men abducted him after breaking into his house while he was sleeping with his family
10.	1-4-2017	Ibrahim, Shawlshi Arlong and Alza Huson	Thetkinenya Village, Maungtaw Township	3	30 masked men with matchete and sticks forced into their homes and abduct them. (Abdula Hadulmi was found bounded by ropes)
11.	10-4-2017	Mawfi Arlong	Kunthipin Village, Maungtaw Township	1	Went to catch fish and prawn in a pond 500 yard from his home and didn't return
12.	17-4-2017	Mamat Talong @ Zaw Hlaing	Kyein Chaung Taung Village, Maungtaw Township	1	Rode a motorcycle to Jetchaung village market and was abducted by 2 persons at Myazin Village
13.	29-4-2017	U Aung Mya Kyaw, U Maung Aye Tha	Kyauksataing village, Yathedaung Townshipo	2	Went up Mayyu Mountain range to fetch snails with 3 days ration and didn't return.
14.	19-5-2017	Mozi Rahman	Kyaungtaung Village, Maungtaw Township	1	50 masked men dressed in black cloth abducted that victim toward Gantashu village
15.	27-5-2017	Mahmod Harel	Kyikanpyin middle village, Maungtaw Township	1	Didn't return home
16.	5-6-2017	Ibrahim	Ward 2, Maungtaw	1	While Ibrahim and 4 others were guarding a prawn pond, 25 masked men abducted the victim
17.	2-6-2017	U Hla Sein @ Amaran	Sarkaing Village, Buthidaung Township	1	Unidentified group of persons called him away and didn't return home. His wife reported on 10 June.

KIA/TNLA artillery strike kills two and wounds one civilian

A joint armed group of the Kachin Independence Army and the Ta'ang National Liberation Army struck Tatmadaw forces stationed near Kutkai in northern Shan State with artillery rounds, yesterday afternoon, killing two civilians and wounding another, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Mortar rockets hit Panehwe Village northwest villagers Daw Aye Am and U Aik De, and wounding U Aik San, who was admitted to Kutkai Hospital for treatment.

A fighting between the Tatmadaw troops and TNLA also happened recently in northeast Shan State.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Over 4,700 domesticated elephants registered across Myanmar

MYANMAR has the second largest number of domesticated elephants after India, according to the City News newspaper yesterday.

Myanmar has 4,748 registered elephants that are kept as pets, used for timber extraction and other heavy lifting and at tourism sites for elephant rides.

Seventy-two elephants were killed by hunters between 2010 and 2016. Currently, Myanmar has an estimated 2,500 wild elephants in Myanmar's rainforests.

Myanmar signed the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) to protect Myanmar wild elephants and has passed laws against poaching.

Myanmar government has also constructed the wild elephant preserves to protect the elephants against hunters and has plans for several more in the new future, including Hukaung Valley Elephant Reserve, Alaungdaw Kathapa Elephant Reserve, Shwe U Daung Elephant Reserve, Myauk Zar Mayee elephant

Reserve, Rakhine wildlife Reserve, and Rakhine Yoma Reserve.

Nationally, Myanmar has set aside 9,205 square miles for elephant sanctuaries. Local and international non-governmental organizations are also planning to expand the amount of land dedicated to wildlife reserves in Myanmar. Mingalar Myanmar, a local NGO, and an elephant conservation organization from Australia have announced plans to establish an elephant reserve in Myanmar.— City News ■



Visitors feeding elephants at Yangon Zoological Garden. **PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAH**

Myanmar Post Box Grand Renewal Ceremony held

A CEREMONY of Myanmar Post Box Grand Renewal was held at Strand Hotel in Yangon on 27 June 2017.

The ceremony was organized by Fuji Xerox and Nagata Myanmar under Japan-Myanmar cooperation in postal field. All of renewal cost of post box construction will be covered by sponsorship of advertisement. It can provide a sustainable social infrastructure development system with less burden for local society.

Total 250 post boxes in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay will be renewed to the latest Japan style post box.

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication of Japan contributed for Post-



A pedestrian puts a letter into Myanmar Renewal Post Box at Strand Road in Yangon. **PHOTO: TIN SOE (MYANMA ALINN)**

al Service Improvement in Myanmar and introduced new business and services to Ministry of Transport and Communi-

cations of Myanmar based upon new postal service infrastructure since 2014.—Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn) ■

Narration of Events and Thoughts on Democratization

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The announcer mentioned them in transliterated Myanmar names of Pyithu Hluttaw (incomplete translation 'Lower House' of the Legislature) and Amyotha Hluttaw (incomplete translation 'Upper House of the Legislature') which is the (to me) preferred and correct version of naming and describing the two Houses of Legislature. In any case, to the best of my knowledge, currently none of

the former British colonies from Australia to Zambia and perhaps (even) to Zimbabwe has, 25% APPOINTED military representatives in all levels of the Union and State Divisional Legislatures. As President U Htin Kyaw stated in his Myanmar New Year speech of April 2017 that certain actions or moves have to be taken with great delicateness (in Burmese THADI KYEE SWAR HTAR LOKE KAING HSAUNG

YWET YA) and a full 'Parliamentary Democracy' (in the ordinary sense of the term) as predicted by former, late Prime Minister U Nu in early 1969 is, in my opinion, not here as yet. We do face a lot of 'intricacies' and have to tread with caution and care in our 'march' towards a Democratic Federal Union. We certainly (one hopes) would not and we should not revert to the bad old days of the past few decades. ■

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

U Ko Ko Shein appointed as Ambassador of Russian Federation

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Ko Ko Shein, Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

Ks 5.2 million worth of yaba seized in Maungtaw district this year

THIRTEEN seizures in Maungtaw District, Rakhine State netted yaba with a street value of Ks 5.2 million during the first six months of 2017, according to a report released from the Rakhine State Counternarcotics Police Force Corps 46 yesterday.

"The number of the drug cases has increased this year compared to the same peri-

od of last year," said Rakhine Counternarcotics Police Major Maung Maung Yin. "We conducted special anti-terrorist operations last February, when we seized yaba worth Ks 4.1 million."

Currently, the counternarcotics forces are conducting drug prevention training courses in Rakhine State wards and villages.—Myint Maung Soe ■



Yaba worth Ks 5.2 million seized during first six months of 2017. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office