

Over 10,000 dengue victims so far this year

By May Thet Hnin

ABOUT 10,100 people are suffering from Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (DHF) with 54 reported deaths caused by the disease between January and 1 July, said Dr. Zaw Lin, project manager of anit-DHF in Dengue and Elephantiasis section under the Ministry of Health and Sport.

The dengue fever breaks out mostly in Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Rakhine State. The number of dengue fever patients has slightly increased this year compared to the same period of last year.

“Occurrence of DHF this year was seen to be more frequent with fewer gaps between cases compared to previous years. Dengue fever, which traditionally a disease usually contracted during monsoon, has been common all year round for the last five years. The sickness afflicts different regions in different seasons. In Yangon, dengue fever infects people in the earlier months of the year. In Mandalay, dengue occurs in the last six months of the year. It is raining earlier this year”, said Dr. Zaw Lin.

Between 1 January and 27 May this year, over 3,300 patients were infected with the fever, 19 of whom died. The number of the dengue fever incidents significantly increased this month.

Myanmar officials are encouraging residents to keep

their homes clean and to discard standing water to deny the mosquitos the ability to breed, said Dr. Zaw Lin.

Between 1 January and 27 May this year, about 1,277 patients were infected and 10 dead in Yangon Region and 1,393 patients were infected; 15 died in Ayeyawady region and 1,277 infected and 10 died in Rakhine State.

The DHF outbreak hit hardest in Hlinethaya and South Dagon Myothit townships in Yangon Region. Outbreaks are also common in Minbya, Kyauktaw, Taungup and Sittway townships of Rakhine State and Patheingyi, Myaungmya, Maubin, Hinthada, Wakema and Labutta townships in Ayeyawady Region.

The Aedes mosquito can be recognized by white stripes on its body. The Aedes mosquito often breeds in bottle-caps of water, old tires, vases, puddles and other vessels of standing water. The Aedes mosquito is distinct in that it is active during the day. Dengue fever symptoms include high fever, headaches, joint and muscle pains, vomiting and rashes. Dengue fever is a serious illness, and patients who suspect they have it should seek medical treatment.

There were 42,913 cases of dengue fever in Myanmar resulting in 140 deaths in 2015. There were fewer cases in 2016, with 10,770 cases and 58 deaths. ■

One illegal immigrant arrested in Yathedaung

Border patrol officers arrested one illegal immigrant who stayed in Auknam Yar village in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State at 4pm on 9 July.

Harbae Zarmout, an ille-

gal immigrant has ever run away from Myanmar to other countries in 2010 and entered back illegally to Myanmar.

An investigation is ongoing under the immigrant law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Kyein Chaung Market becomes active again with business

By Myint Maung Soe & Aung Kyaw Oo

DURING the inspection by a combined team of Maung-taw Township’s administrator, head of township police force and officials, the market of Kyein Chaung village, the biggest one in northern Maungtaw was found active again with buyers and sellers from nearby villages. The market sells especially agricultural produce from the local area, fish and meat, equipments and tools used in agriculture, dried fish, drugs and a variety of commodities.

Being situated at the junction of Bandoola and Taungpyo Letwe, bordering area of Bangladesh, Kyein Chaung market is a crowded place. The village has a state high school and a village dispensary.

Responsible officials gave words for making the market clean and for sellers to sell their



Officials inspect ploughs on sale at the Kyein Chaung Village. PHOTO: THAKKA

commodities in disciplined ways. Following that, the team inspected the collapsed houses due to erosion by the Pyuma Creek, U Ko Ko Aung, township administrator explained that 17 houses

were evacuated to a safer place.

Township responsible personnel consulted on the matters of protecting from erosion and evacuating houses to safer places, it was learnt. ■

Myanmar Anti-Corruption Commission and UNODC hold Asset Recovery Workshop

Under the UNODC’s Aid Programme, the Asset Recovery Workshop was held with the intention of upgrading capacities of Myanmar Anti-Corruption Commission and other related organisations, especially for the tasks of eradication of corruption in Myanmar, at the Royal ACE Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Present at the workshop were commission members of Myanmar Anti-Corruption Commission, Mr Shervin Majlessi, the Senior Legal Advisor to the World Bank/ United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) and representatives, representatives from ministries and respective organisations, officials and staff from the commission office and invited guests.

Mr Shervin Majlessi gave introductory words at the workshop.

Mr Shervin Majlessi and those present at the meeting discussed at length topics re-



Participants of the Asset Recovery Workshop in Nay Pyi Taw pose for a documentary photo. PHOTO: MNA

garding recovery in order to implement the recovery of assets included in chapter 5 of UNCAC Prescription among other topics.

At the workshop, members and staff of Myanmar Anti-Corruption Commission, representatives from the Union Supreme Court, Myanmar Police Force of Prevention and Suppression of Financial Crimes, Bureau of Special Investigation and Office of Union Attorney General, regarding the recovery of assets.

UNODC established (StAR) Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative

in cooperation with the World Bank. With regards to assets acquired from corruption, it has been learnt that a special international website on the acquisition of assets in countries suffering from loss and those receiving assets had been formed. In addition, UNODC will conduct trainings on upgrading capacities of justice institutions, investigation officers and filing officers.

The workshop will be held till 12 July.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Tatmadaw delegation attends a dinner hosted by No. 11 Division Commander Major Gen Anil Puri. **PHOTO: MNA**

Commander of India's No. 11 Division host dinner in honour of Tatmadaw delegation

A TATMADAW delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Ahmedabad, Gujarat State, India were hosted a dinner on 10 July by Commander of No. 11 Division Maj-Gen

Anil Puri.

After being entertained by traditional dances Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife presented gifts to the military band and dance troupe. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar Economic Bank says 7Day daily's article is misleading

An article in the 5 July edition of the 7Day Daily newspaper that said Myanmar Economic Bank could not make interest payments on Shwedagon Pagoda savings accounts is incorrect and the bank is demanding a correction.

Donations to the Shwedagon Pagoda totalling about Ks60 billion and US\$20 million are being kept in several accounts in Myanmar Economic Bank (MEB) in Yangon. The Pagoda's board of

trustees had decided to deposit the donations in several savings accounts, savings certificates guaranteeing fixed interest for 12 years and several fixed deposit accounts.

The bank said they regularly add interest into the bank accounts when they reach their respective maturity dates.

MEB reports that the total amount of interest they have added into the bank accounts totals over Ks17.7 billion as of

31 March 2017.

The bank said Shwedagon Pagoda's board of trustees purchased the savings certificates of their own accord and not because MEB is unable to continue paying the interest rates. The bank said it objects to the article containing the phrase "because the bank is unable to pay the interest rate" and has requested that 7Day publishes an official correction in their paper. —Myanmar Economic Bank ■



Ms Yanghee Lee visits Kyauktalon IDP Camp. **PHOTO: PHYO WAILIN**

Ms Yanghee Lee meets authorities, people in Kyaukpyu

Ms Yanghee Lee, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar met with local authorities and people in Kyaukpyu yesterday.

At the meeting with Ms Yanghee Lee, officials of the Kyaukpyu District General Administration Department clarified measures for development, security, the rule of law and regional development.

Following the meeting, the UN delegation went to Pyinphyumaw Village which has a population of 318 Rakhine people

are living and looked into resettlement and challenges of the villagers.

She also met with 15 farmers in the evening, discussing over Kyaukpyu Economic Zone. She also met with 12 people from Mala Island, Chaungwa Village and Kalarbar Village at the Palace Hotel.

She also visited the Kyauktalon Camp for the internally displaced persons and held talks with 20 people living there. —Phyo Wai Lin (Kyaukpyu District IPRD) ■



Cambodia Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Prak Sokhonn views the white elephant at the elephants house at the foot of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Cambodian delegation tour Nay Pyi Taw

Cambodian delegation led by Mr. Prak Sokhonn, Minister for foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia is on an official visit to

the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and made a pilgrimage to Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw at 1:15pm yesterday.

Next, they visited the white

elephants house at the foot of Uppatasanti Pagoda and then visited Myanmar Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Crane conservation planned in Inndawgyi

Fauna & Flora International (FFI) will implement a conservation programme for endangered cranes, also known as sarus crane (*grus antigone*), near Inndawgyi Lake in Kachin State. FFI will attempt to improve the local eco system by providing environmental awareness training to local people to promote sarus crane breeding.

FFI started a survey of the sarus crane in 2016 in collabo-

ration with local people. After a year, FFI statistics show that there are only 23 sarus cranes in Myanmar. They also found five nests of sarus cranes near Inndawgyi Lake.

"The most important thing we need to know is the location of breeding sarus cranes. The number of sarus crane can decline further if we do not conserve their breeding," said a Inndawgyi wildlife sanctuary employee. —GNLM ■