

Stake Driving Ceremony for Mandalay High Court held

Stake Driving Ceremony of Mandalay High Court was held at auspicious pandal in the place of construction situated at 66th and 67th road between Tharaphi and Gangaw street at 9:50 am of 16 July. Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo attended the ceremony.

Union Minister U Win Khaing for Electricity and Energy and Construction, Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Maung of Mandalay Region, Deputy Minister Dr Htun Naing for Electricity and Energy, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin for Construction, Speaker of Hluttaw of the Region, Union Chief Justice of the Region, Mandalay May-

or, Region Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and Minister for Finance participated in Stake Driving Ceremony and sprayed the scented water around the pandal.

Feeding dragon ritual was done by Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo in the event as a symbol of successful execution of Stake Driving Ceremony.

The Region High Court building is 240 ft long and 240 ft wide RC, 3-storied building which will be constructed on the land of 4.89 acres by Building Department (2) special team (6) of Ministry of Construction. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Stake Driving Ceremony of Mandalay High Court in progress. **PHOTO: MNA**

Six more suspects arrested in connection with October Rakhine State attack

MYANMAR security forces arrested six suspects on 15 July allegedly connected to an armed attack in Ngakhura village, Maungdaw Township,

Rakhine State in October. The suspects were detained in Ngakhura police station pending further investigation. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Independent media group collecting news in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Independent media group tours Rakhine

AN independent media group including foreign journalists interviewed the chief minister and ministers of Rakhine State cabinet at the government office in the regional capital Sittway yesterday morning.

They also gathered news at Thetkai-pyin and Dar-paing relief camps in Rakhine State.

The media group arrived back Yangon from Sittway by air in the evening. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Kidnapped victim found dead in Buthidaung

Abdu Sulwon who was abducted by about 15 masked men at his home in Maunghnama Village on 4 July was found dead near Kalan Pann Zin creek on 15 July.

Mar Mauk Tuhel, a boat

driver, in Nga Yant Chaung village, Buthidaung found a body stranded near Kalan Pann Zin creek and reported to the Taung Ba Zar Police Station. After an investigation the security forces

identified the dead person as Abdu Sulwon of Maunghnama village.

The case is under investigation. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Ms. Yanghee Lee meets Kayin State Government officials

Ms. Yanghee Lee, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar led a delegation to meet with Kayin State government officials at Pyidaungsu Yeiktha in Hpa-an yesterday, according to a report from the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD).

Ms. Lee met with Interim Kayin State Chief Minister and Minister of State Project, Finance and Development U Than Naing; with state government ministers and with Government Secretary U Pyone Cho to discuss Kayin State's security situation.

The discussion also covered

resettlement of displaced Myanmar people along the Myanmar-Thai border and local development projects, including mine clearance.

Following the meeting, the UN delegation met with civil society organizations at Thiri Hpa-an Hotel, Hpa-an.

—Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD) ■

Maungdaw crab catchers benefit from breeding season

CRAB catchers are earning an average of Ks10,000 during the rainy season, according to local fishermen in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State.

"Crabs are bred in rainy season and consequently the crab catching is good during this season" said Ko Soe Aung of Aungminglar Village of Maungdaw Township. Sea crabs are caught by placing traps in prawn ponds. "Sea crabs caught from Maungdaw area are sent to Sittway through Angumaw by Hilux pick-ups. Daily output is three Hilux truckloads. They are sent alive to China from Sittway", said crab trader U Tin Maung of 4th Ward of Buthidaung



Crab catchers enjoying good business in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: THETKA**

Township. "Dead crabs are sold to local consumers at a reasonable price." Crab traders buy crabs from crab catchers at the

price Ks15,000 to 25,000 per batch (usually a recycled 110-pound rice bag).—Myint Muang Soe, Aung Kyaw Oo ■