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care should be taken to prevent such outbreaks. Currently, there are outbreaks of seasonal flus and those with symptoms of it should take care not to spread it further by wearing masks, washing hands and good personal hygiene”, said the Union Minister.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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7 am. Although U Tin Maung Win and another man returned to the village, U Than Htay did not return home. Security police forces together with residents are investigating the case.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Nine men arrested, 29 cattle confiscated in Kaladan

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The security forces came upon the boat and gave a signal for the boat to stop.

The boat instead tried to get away, forcing authorities to give chase.

Security forces finally managed to stop the boat near Thekhon village, Pauktaw Township and arrested nine suspects. During interrogation, No Lu Lauk, also known as No No, and eight other suspects confessed that they were attempting to go to a neighbouring country.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Woman killed as express bus overturns on Ygn-Mdy Highway

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Twenty-eight people — seventeen men, nine women and two monks — were on board when the accident oc-

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The accident was due to reckless driving, police said. At least two drivers have been charged by police.—Than Oo (Lemyathna) ■



Overturned Arkar Tha Express seen at the accident. **PHOTO: MPF**

Measures to be stepped up for security in Maungtaw

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department yesterday, he said the Rakhine State government has assigned the security forces to make tour of inspection to the villages as they achieved success in arresting the law breakers as part of efforts for underpinning the administrative and security sectors of the district.

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The 3rd meeting also focused on agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health and social affairs sectors. Following the meeting, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu handed over two fire engines to Maungtaw District Management Committee.— A One Soe, Myo Thu Hein ■



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