More than 210 tons of fish products exported into Bangladesh via Sittway

MORE than 210 tons of fisheries products with an estimated value of US$0.20 million was exported to Bangladesh during the week of 9th-15th December through the Sittway border gate, according to the news recently released by the Commerce Ministry. This figure shows an increase of 117 tons against the previous week. In addition to freshwater fish, tamarind, dried plum, ginger, preserved plum jam, cereal and vermicelli are exported. Myanmar’s border trade with Bangladesh flows in and out of Sittway and Maungtaw checkpoints. Trade values were US$7.74 million at Sittway and US$6 million at Maungtaw gates. Both land points of entry showed an increase in trade compared to similar period of last FY. —GNLM

Myanmar freshwater prawn prepping for export

MYANMAR’S Shooting Star Company and Thailand’s Bio Tech have joined together to produce Myanmar freshwater prawn for the domestic and export markets, according to yesterday’s report of Myawady Daily.

Those freshwater prawns are of Myanmar origin and will be farmed in Twantay Township, Yangon Region. Operation will commence next month.

Prawn larvae will be produced with the technical assistance of Bio Tech. Those species will be distributed in the local market. If there is a surplus of prawn larvae, it will be exported to Thailand, said U Hla Hlay, the deputy officer of Yangon Region Fishery Department.

Prawn hatcheries are situated for Bogale, Pyapun and Labutta in Ayeyawady Region. Around 20,000 to 30,000 prawn larvae can be farmed per acre in Twantay Township.

Saltwater and freshwater prawn farming businessmen are currently facing challenges due to inefficiencies in the breeding process. Out of 27 hatcheries for freshwater prawns, only about three are left due to difficulties in the hatching process.

Only 40,000 tonnes of freshwater and saltwater prawns can be produced in the country, prompting prawns to be imported from Thailand to fulfill the requirements of local prawn consumption. —GNLM

Myanmar imports over 8,000 tonnes of fertilizer by sea routes

MYANMAR imported 8,176 tonnes of fertilizer worth US$1.9 million from international countries during the week ending 16 December, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

From 10 to 16 December, the country imported fertilizer from China, Viet Nam, Canada, South Korea, Pakistan, Thailand and Malaysia. The import volume of fertilizer was a decrease of over 2,300 tonnes matched against the previous week’s total of more than 10,500 tonnes.

Myanmar usually imports ammonium sulfate, potassium chloride, ammonium chloride, compound fertilizer, nitrogen, foliar and urea from Europe, East and West Asia, and Southeast Asia.

The agricultural sector is the main driver of the economy in Myanmar. The demand for fertilizer has increased year by year. To improve public health, farmers have been urged to reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and develop organic farms by using natural fertilizer obtained from waste or by-products of fauna and flora.—Shwe Khine
Reorganizing of Union Legal Supporting Group

UNION Chief Justice has issued a notification dated 29 December 2017 on the reorganizing of the Union Legal Supporting Group it is learnt.

The full notification is as follows:

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Supreme Court
Notification 1018/2017
12th Waxing of Pyatho 1379 ME
(29 December, 2017)

Reorganization of Union Legal Supporting Group

1. The Union Legal Supporting Group formed in accordance to Section 5 of the Union Legal Supporting Law with the Union Supreme Court Notification 865/2017 dated 15 November 2017 is reorganized with following persons.

(a) U Nyan Win
Advocate (No-1203) Chair

(b) U Soe Lwin
Director
Union Judicial Supervisory Office
Union Supreme Court

(c) U Aung Tuan
Director
Department of Prosecution
Union Attorney-General’s Office

(d) U Thein Htay
Director
Bureau of Special Investigation
Ministry of Home Affairs

(e) Daw Len Win Win
Director
Social Welfare Department
Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

(f) Dr Khin Mar Yi
Professor (Head of Department)
Department of Law, Yangon University
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Education

(g) U Kyaw Hoe
Advocate (No, 1933)

(h) U Kyaw Htay
Advocate (No.1488)

(i) U Thet Tin Lin
Director
Foreign Economic Relations Department
Ministry of Planning and Finance

(j) U Kyaw Soe Bo (a) U Kyaw Soe
Advocate (No-1616)

(k) U Maung Maung Hla Thaung (a) U Hla Thaung
Advocate (No.1666)

(l) Daw Nan Kham Ohn
Advocate (No.4470)

(m) U Khin Zaw
Advocate (No.1475)

2. Rights and responsibilities of the Union Legal Supporting Group are in accord with the prescription of Section 6 and 7 of Union Legal Supporting Law.
Three 100 Kyat commemorative stamps for 70th Anniversary Independence Day

In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary Independence Day, the Myanmar Post Office of the Ministry of Transport and Communications is issuing three special 100 Kyat stamps starting at 9 am on 4 January in states/regions capital post offices.

In honour of Independence Day, the Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, the Yangon Post Office and the Mandalay Post Office will affix a postal date on the stamps bought on 4 January, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency

Border trade with ITCs reaches Ks30 billion as of 15th December

THE value of border trade using the Individual Trading Card (ITC) amounted to Ks30 billion as of 15th December, which includes the export value of Ks2.8 billion and the import value of Ks28 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myawady border trade is reported to have the largest volume of trade with a value of more than Ks25 billion. According to Ministry statistics, the export value with the ITC was Ks6.8 million as of 15th December, while the import value with ITC was Ks23.4 billion. The trade value via ITCs at individual border points was: Ks1 billion at Tamu trade camp; Ks7.2 million at Muse border gate; Ks861 million at Tachileik trade camp; Ks70 million at Lwejei trade camp; Ks4 million at Chin Shwe Haw border gate; Ks1 billion Kanpiketee; Ks599 million at Kawthaung border town; Ks696 million at Htantalan border trade camp; Ks25 million at Tamu trade camp; Ks1 billion Kanpyetee; Ks599 million at Kawthaung border gate; Ks140 million at Kengtung border trade camp. The total trade value with ITCs was Ks18.97 billion in the fiscal year 2016-2017. The Ministry of Commerce has permitted 292 ITCs in 2012-2013 FY; 261 cards in 2013-2014 FY; 317 cards in 2014-2015 FY; 146 cards in 2015-2016 FY; 248 cards in 2016-2017 FY and 134 cards in this fiscal year as of 15th December.

Since its introduction, the ministry has issued a total of 1,306 ITCs to date.—Zwe

Police arrests suspect for child smuggling at Thandwe Airport

POLICE arrested a women on suspicion of smuggling a child at Thandwe Airport on Wednesday.

During interrogation, Ma Mi Mi Htay, 30, who lives in Myothit Ward, Ponnagyun Township, said that she accepted the job to transport Thar Nge (a) Har Me Du Shaw Shee, 8, from a IDP camp of Sittway to Yangon for K100,000.

The job was offered by U Tin Than, 49, of Hsinhaung Village, Thandwe Township, she said. She was arrested by the police shortly after U Tin Than gave two air tickets to her at the airport.

While police were inspecting Ma Mi Mi Htay, U Tin Than managed to escape.

Police has opened files against the two suspects at the GiTaw Police Station. —Myanmar News Agency

Stimulant tablets and marijuana seized in Maungtaw

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested four men in connection with yaba pills and marijuana found in a house in Maungti Village in Maungtaw Township on Wednesday night and discovered 660 stimulant tablets and 1,456 g of marijuana, estimated worth Ks1,378,000.

They also arrested Adu Har Shein, the owner of the house, and other three who were found in the house.—Myanmar News Agency

Issuing of NVCs and NIDs in Maungtaw

MUSLIMS living in Shwezar Village, Maungtaw Township were being issued with NVCs (National Verification Cards) and NIDs (National Electronic IDs), and as of 25 December, 1,457 were issued with an NVC and 1,503 were issued with an NID, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency

Poppy plantation in Waingmaw Tsp destroyed

The combined team comprising local authorities and police had destroyed poppy cultivation in Kanpakti area in Waingmaw Township, Myitkyina District, from 13 to 21 December. They destroyed poppy trees on 136 acres in total in six villages in the township. —Photo: WAINGMAW TSP IPRD