

C-in-C of Defence Services holds talks with EU Military Council Chairman



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, meeting with General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman of the European Military Council General Mikhail Kostarakos, in Brussels, Belgium. PHOTO: MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, met with General Mikhail Kostarakos, Chairman of the European Military Council General Mikhail Kostarakos, in Brussels, Belgium, at 2.45 pm local time yesterday.

At the meeting, they dis-

cussed exchange of visits between the Tatmadaw and armed forces of the member countries of EU, promoting relations between Myanmar and EU, training and future cooperation.

Before the meeting, the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited the Memorial 1815-the battle

of Waterloo memorial site, and Namur town in Wallonia.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also met with staff of Myanmar Embassy and presented gifts to them.

Staff families of the embassy hosted dinner in honour of the delegation.— *Myanmar News Agency*

Ammunition dump fire at Sittwe Regional Headquarters under investigation

AT the regional command headquarters of Sittwe, Rakhine State a fire burnt an ammunition dump stored in the arsenal this morning at 11:55, extinguished by Tatmatawmen and members of the township fire brigade. The fire

was put out at 1:10 pm or so.

The fire destroyed the left hand side of the arsenal and its contents—some of the ammunition. The fire did not spread to the western part of the room with no one injured, it is learnt.

According to the preliminary enquiry of the case, the cause of fire may be the chemical reaction. The enquiry committee consists of experts, who will find out as to whether it was linked with terrorists.—*Myawady*

Crime NEWS



Yawha and Soe Myint being seen together with seized yaba pills. PHOTO: MPF

Yaba pills seized in Monghsat

A combined team including members of Anti Narcotic Drugs Squad based in Monghsat searched a motorbike driven by Yawha, 20, with Soe Myint, 21, on board, at the Sitekaung Wheel Tax gate at the entrance to Monghsat and seized 20000 yaba pills on 6 November. Police have filed charges against them under the Psychotropic Substances and Anti Narcotic Drug Law.—*Myanmar Police Force*

Myanmar Gazette

Confirmation and Appointments

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Dr Ye Tint Tun, Director-General of agricultural department, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation with effect from the date of the completion of one-year probationary period.

2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as head of service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Aye Lwin Deputy Director-General Department of Population Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population	Director-General National Registration and Citizenship Department Ministry of Labour, Immigra tion and Population
(2) U Aung Kyaw Than Deputy Director-General Monetary Management Department Central Bank of Myanmar	Director-General Monetary Management Department Central Bank of Myanmar

Fire destroys two buildings in Myinlut, Maungtaw Township

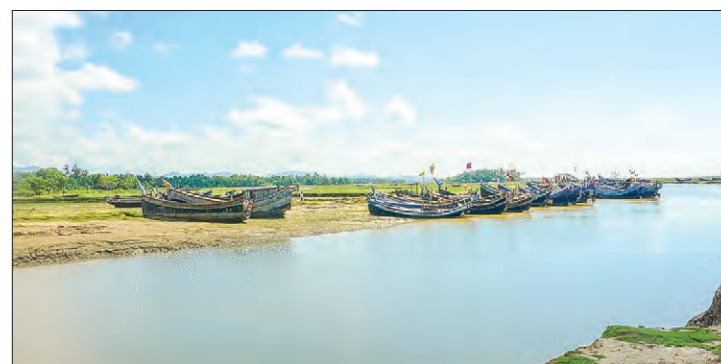
TWO buildings constructed for teachers in Myinlut, Maungtaw Township, caught fire yesterday.

The fire started at about 6:45pm yesterday and was extinguished by troops and villagers by about 7pm.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by authorities.

Teachers at schools in Myinlut and in some villages are currently living in Maungtaw while waiting for the opening of their schools.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Multiethnic Alethankyaw stable and peaceful



THE 9 October violent attacks on border guard police outposts left border guard policemen dead and a number of weapons and ammunition lost.

As a result, members of Defence Services and border guard police are clearing the areas, but Alethankyaw Village, whose residents are from different religious and ethnic groups, are as safe and peaceful as before.

"Most of us are engaged in agriculture and fishery. People here believed either in Buddhism or Hinduism or Islam, but all of us have been living together peacefully without any problem. However, recently, business activities were stagnant as a result of the violent attacks. Schools and markets are still open," U Zaw Htoo, village administrator of the village said.

The market in Alethankyaw is open every day with over 160 shops. The market is busiest on Sundays and Thursdays.

The village has potential for an offshore fishery industry,

according to Deputy Director U Naing Win Thein of the Fishery Department.

"We have two kinds of fishing at sea, one being near shore fishing and another being off-shore fishing. In inland waters, we have freshwater fishing and we have about 15,000 fishery workers and about 120 trawlers and about 1,700 traditional fishing boats. Fish caught in the region were consumed locally and the remaining are dried and exported to a neighbouring country," he said.

However, the residents of the village are not able to go to sea due to the security situation of the region. They are not allowed to go to sea due to security reasons.

"We are negatively affected by the violent attacks. We cannot fish in the sea at present. Many workers have suffered.

We denounce the violent attacks," U Maung Myint, a trawler owner said.—*Myanmar News Agency*

VP Inspects Training School for Ethnic Youths from Border Areas



Vice President U Myint Swe inspects teaching aids at Khanti Basic Education High School. PHOTO: MNA

VICE President U Myint Swe called on students at the Development Training School for Ethnic Youths from Border Areas to study hard for the development of the nation and their respective regions yesterday.

Accompanied by Union Ministers Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr Myint Naing, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Pon and

deputy ministers, Vice President U Myint Swe arrived at the school yesterday, meeting and speaking with students.

The meeting with the students was followed by an inspection of hostels and the dining hall.

The vice president proceeded to the government technical institute and technical high school, observing students in classes and receiving on-the-job training at

workshops. U Myint Swe told the teachers that their vocational knowledge shared with students would result in their earning more per capita income and would allow the education and training sectors to develop.

GTI, Khanti, was opened in 2009, offering 3-year diploma courses specialising in four subjects and 2-year training and vocational courses suitable to their

respective regions, it is learnt.

Afterwards, the vice president met with district and township education officers, the headmaster and teachers at Khanti Basic Education High School, listening to reports on examination results year by year and learning about the number of students and teachers and the school's needs. The facts and figures were submitted by the headmaster.

"Teachers need to try for students not to drop out without completion of their primary education", the Union Minister for Education said. "Only well-qualified teachers can produce qualified students. Thus the ministry will provide, depending upon their capacities and supply the needs of the school as much as possible."

The vice president added: "We are here to fulfil the needs of regional development of Khamti in education, health and border affairs. The State has formed the commission for national education policy for development of educational sector. To do so, we need a great number of educated persons, spending much more of the budget than usual. And to pro-

mote qualifications of teachers, it needs to conduct training courses in cooperation with international organisations."

Afterward, the vice president gave exercise books for basic primary schools in Khanti to the township education officer, followed by an inspection of the science laboratory physics and chemistry laboratories, the domestic practical classroom, the computer room and the school library.

At the worksite of construction of the Chindwin bridge being built by the No. 3 bridge construction team, the vice president was presented with reports on the location of the bridge, the cost of the project, the budget allotted, and situations on completion by the director and responsible officials.

Chindwin Bridge is being built on Khanti-Hsinthay-Lahai road, with a length of 449.5 meters, 8.5 meters in width. It is a steel-framed bridge and its piles are reinforced concrete. Now 27 per cent complete, it is targeted to be completed in November 2017, it is learnt.

—Myanmar News Agency

5th Conference on Myanmar Media Development Held



Head of UNESCO (Myanmar) Ms. Min Jeong Kim delivers speech at the 5th Conference on Myanmar Media Development. PHOTO: MNA

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Afterwards, speeches were heard from the head of UNESCO (Myanmar) Ms. Min Jeong Kim and the Swedish ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Staffan Herrström, followed by the presentation of an audio file sent by U Khin Maung Lay (Pho Thaukkyar).

After the address made by U Thiha Saw, executive director of Myanmar Journalism Institute, Dr Daw Thida Tin, U Myint Kyaw, U Khin Maung Win and Mr Oliver Spencer the head of Article 19, Asian Region, discussed "Media Laws and reas-

essment of weakness in them.

The issues discussed were security of newsmen, crimes and offences, affairs on genders and the effect of social media. The 1st media conference's title was The Way Forward, that of the 2nd was The Role of Media in Democratic Transitions: Success, Challenges and the Way Forward, the 3rd was Moving Towards a Sustainable Media Environment, the 4th New Dynamics in Myanmar Media and this year's is Inclusive Independent Media in a New Democracy, it is learnt.

—Myanmar News Agency

Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers address at anniversary of GAD

THE staff of the General Administration Department are important to the success of government policies, because they perform duties at all levels, from the ward/village-tract level up to the union level, Vice President U Henry Van Thio said at the anniversary of GAD held at the Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

While the success of the policies of the government depends on nation-building and internal peace, the staff of the GAD are responsible for organising people in many different places to participate in nation-building and internal peace, the vice president added.

In conclusion, the vice president urged staff of the department to strive to become a government agency with responsibility and accountability.

After delivering the speech, the vice president presented prizes



Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the booth set up at anniversary of the General Administration Department. PHOTO: MNA

to the winners of best one-stop service offices. Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Ye Aung and officials awarded prizes to winners from central institutes for civil services and management development schools.

The vice president also viewed exhibition booths of the department and posed for documentary photos with participants before enjoying the anniversary dinner of the department.

—Myanmar News Agency

Pair suspected in October violent armed attacks arrested



Phawra Ahmed and Marmed Tarhe. PHOTO: MYAWADY

A COMBINED team comprising Tatmadaw troops and border guard police yesterday detained two villagers on suspicion of involvement in the 9 October violent armed attacks in Maungdaw.

Phawra Ahmed and Marmed Tarhe were arrested during an area clearance operation in Phawwachaung Village (Ywahaung), Maungdaw Township.

The two suspects were handed over to the station of border guard police forces in Maungdaw yesterday. —Myawady

Correction

PLEASE READ "Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of the Commission for Assessment of Legal Affairs and Special Issues" in the news story "Union Government offers Kathina robes to monks on page 3 of November 7 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar. —Ed