**Police search for missing man in Maungtaw**

SECURITY forces are conducting a search for the head of the village of Tulahtukkuin in Maungtaw Township who went missing on Friday.

Larl Myar, the village leader who is the head of 100 households, saw off an administrator from Mingyi Village who came to Tulahtukkyin Village to provide security around 7 pm on Friday but he did not return home.

Police were informed of the missing person at 10 pm on Saturday.

Police continue to search for Larlu Myar.

— Myanmar News Agency

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**744 road accidents happened on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in 2016**

A total of 744 traffic accidents happened on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in 2016, killing 167 and injuring 1,307. Following is the table showing monthly accidents, death toll and the number of the injured.

—Myanmar News Agency

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**Pyinnyarahlin Free Library opens in Taungoo District to mark 69th Independence Day**

TO mark the 69th Independence Day, an opening ceremony of the Pyinnyarahlin Free Library was held in front of the library in Ohegon village, Zidaing village-tract, Taungoo, Bago Region yesterday morning.

The one-storey library, a brick-and-wood building 24 feet in length and 21 feet wide, was built with money donated by villagers.

Regional Hlutatw Representative U Aye Min Win and Taungoo District Officer of Information and Public Relations Department Daw Khine Khine Thin delivered speeches after Regional Hlutatw Representatives U Moe Ma Kha and U Aye Min Win, and village administrator formally cut ceremonial ribbons to open the library.

U Zaw Myoe, town elders U Khin Maung and U Myint Thwin gave words of thanks and then presented certificates of honour to the donators. The official Independence Day falls on 4 January—Shwe Win (Pyay)

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**Action to be taken against police abuse ...**

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Following the operation, the police released the remaining villagers and urged them to support community peace in the village.

The operation was led by Police Superintendent Ye Tun Naing of the No. 2 Border Guard Police Force and Sub-Inspector Te Zar Lin of the No. 36 Security Police. It is learnt that the video clip was made by Constable Zaw Myo Htike. The police officer who is seen beating villagers in the video clip is Constable Pyai Phyo Thwin, said the press release of the State Counsellor’s Office Information Committee.

Further investigations are being carried out to expose other police officers who beat the villagers in the operation, according to the press release.

Measures are being taken to take action against those who violated police force rules.

—Myanmar Police Force

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**National objectives for the 69th anniversary Independence Day, 2017**

1. To build a genuine Union in the future, making use of the common agreement which will emerge from the negotiations and discussions to be reached at the Union Peace Conference – 21st century Panglong.
2. For all nationalities to collectively preserve and protect non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national unity; and perpetuation of sovereignty.
3. To strive hard to draw up a constitution suitable for the union and in accord with democratic principles and norms for the emergence of a democratic federal union.
4. To endeavour to create good economic conditions that ensure equitable development between the regions and the states and that will be in conformity with the national economic policy and goals.

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**25 arrested heading to neighbouring country**

THE navy found 25 villagers in two boats heading to neighbouring country near Maungtaw yesterday early morning.

The navy ship signaled for the two boats at 2:50 am to stop and intercepted them as they attempted to elude the navy ship.

Twenty-three villagers from Maungtaw township were found among the passengers in the two boats along with two Bangladeshi nationals.

The detainees will be handed over to the Maungtaw Myoma Police Station for further investigation.—Myanmar News Agency

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**Remarks**

- The table shows the number of traffic accidents, death toll and the number of the injured on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in 2016.
- Pyinnyarahlin Free Library was opened in Taungoo District to mark the 69th Independence Day.
- Police searched for a missing man in Maungtaw Township.
- 25 villagers were arrested for attempting to travel to Bangladesh.