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Honouring the 73rd Armed Forces Day



Kainggyi Dam in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State, is expected to complete by April. **PHOTO: AYE MIN THU**

Dam to benefit local farmers in Maungtau Tsp

THE Kainggyi Dam, which is one of the 26 dams being constructed by the Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management Department in Maungtau Township, will irrigate some 100 acres

to grow paddy in summer and will supply water to nearby villages on completion.

The dam is targeted to be completed in March, the Irrigation and Water Utilisation Man-

agement Department said. The construction of the dam near Kainggyi Village in Maungtau Township started on 16 December 2017, and the project is 85 per cent complete. The Rakhine

State government contributed with Ks300 million for the project. Thanks to the dam, local farmers can practise double cropping, as well as get sufficient water supply. —Kyaw Thu Win ■

Presidential election on Wednesday

THE election of the president will be conducted by the Presidential Election College on 28 March 2018 (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. where the president and vice-presidents will be elected.

The announcement came at the seventh regular session of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held its 19th-day meeting yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw. At the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than read and submitted to the Hluttaw the report of the Presidential Electoral College on the assessment and evaluation of the vice president nominated by the elected Pyithu Hluttaw MP group. The report said the elected Pyithu Hluttaw MP group elected U Win Myint of Tamu constituency as vice president, and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker informed the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker about this via a letter on 23 March 2018. The Presidential Electoral College was formed with Speakers and Deputy Speakers of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale constituency from the Representatives Group of the Pyithu Hluttaw,

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Wooden portrait sculpture of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing handed over to Tatmadaw Museum

A CEREMONY to donate a wooden portrait sculpture of Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in honour of the 73rd anniversary of the Armed Forces Day was held at the Tatmadaw Military History Museum, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning.

The Tatmadaw commander-in-chief accepted the donation.

On behalf of the donor, U Kyaw Kyaw explained the reason for donating the Padauk (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*) wooden portrait sculpture to the Tatmadaw commander-in-chief.

Next, the donors presented the wooden portrait sculpture, which was accepted by the Tatmadaw commander-in-chief, who in return gave U Saw Hla Aye and his party a certificate of honour and gifts.

The wood portrait sculpture was carved from more than a 100-year-old Padauk tree in Myaingyingu area near the Myanmar-Thailand border. The wood was donated by U Saw Hla



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gives the certificate of honour to donors. **PHOTO: MNA**

Aye and the carving was done by wood sculptor U Ye Yint Naung Latt, who worked on the sculpture for some two months. The

wood portrait sculpture weighted a tonne, and the work is estimated to have cost some Ks100 million. —Myanmar News Agency

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UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and wife Professor Dr Mya Thida were welcomed by Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Manjurul

Karim Khan Chowdhury at a ceremony to mark the 47th Bangladesh Independence Day and National Day which was held in Sedona Hotel in Yangon at 6:30 pm on 26 March.—MNA ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and wife Professor Dr Mya Thida welcomed by Bangladesh Ambassador at the ceremony to mark 47th Independence Day and National Day. **PHOTO: MNA**

Psychotropic drugs caught in Yaychanpyin Port, Sittway

POLICE forces seized around 649,600 psychotropic drug tablets, estimated to be worth Ks 1,948.8 million, hidden in seventeen SCG cement bags in one of the motor vehicles aboard the Mayu Bayin watercraft en route from Yaychanpyin Port, Sittway Township to Angumaw Port, Yathedaung Township on 24 March.

Yaychanpyin police force searched the watercraft around 4:55pm and found the drugs wrapped in clear plastic in an SCG cement bag in a SKAT truck onboard. The drugs were branded with the letters WY/R on them.

Upon inspection the police force discovered the car



Suspect Kyaw Kyaw Lin together with drugs. **PHOTO: MNA**

belonged to Kyaw Kyaw Lin, son of Upper Clark U Htun Hla from Maungtaung District Education Office, and his driver Htun Aung Lin (a) Maung Chay from Ward-1, Maungtaung City.

The two men escaped the ship and police forces kept a lookout in checkpoints near the area. Police forces halted and inspected a WISH (4L/5194) car on the Angumaw-Maungtaung road near Ward-9 in Yathedaung Township. The car belonged to Nay Zaw Min, son of U Hla Maung from Pyitawtar

Ward in Sittway City, and his wife Ma Mya Thandar, a middle school teacher from Kamaung Seik B.E.H.S in Maungtaung Township. Police officers apprehended Kyaw Kyaw Lin who was in the car and confiscated Ks429,000 from him.

Sittway Myoma Police Station has filed a case against Kyaw Kyaw Lin, Nay Zaw Min, Ma Mya Thandar and runaway Htun Aung Thein under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Aungmyaythazan Branch of Innwa Bank opened

AUNGMYAYTHAZAN branch of Innwa Bank branch held an opening ceremony yesterday in Mandalay as a gesture of honouring the 73rd Armed Forces Day. Central Command Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swar Lin, Union Minister for Security and Border Affairs Mandalay Region Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Min, Myanmar Economic Corporation Deputy Managing Director U Eant Zaw and Managing Director U Aung Ngwe Oo opened the ceremony by cutting the ribbon. Next, Brig-Gen Kyaw Swar Lin formally opened the bank by unveiling a sign. The Commander sprinkled it with scented water and his party viewed around the bank.

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The 48th Innwa Bank branch is ready to offer financial services for local people and beyond. The bank is located at the first floor of Mandalay Call Center at the corner of 26th street and 66th street in Mandalay Region.—Myanmar News Agency ■



The opening ceremony of Innwa Bank's new branch in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MNA**