

## **FORCED LABOUR IN WESTERN BURMA, May 2002 (FTUB)**

### **Forced Labour**

- New Yuchong bridge function will open at the end of this month in 2002.
- The bridge is situated between Myotit village and Bandula village, Tamu township, Sagain Division.
- The villagers from near by like Kuntown, Wetshu, Kyunbinta, Ingyinkon, Tonkyaw were force to clean on the road left side trench and right side.
- The work have been started on 18-05-2002 order by township authority Cap Khinmaungmyint through Construction department.
- Department is providing 50Kyats for per day male when the real male cost is 350Kyats.

**\*\*\* Could not get photo document but I can manage interview with the person directly who came back from that work if require.\*\*\*\*\***

### **Force to sell paddy.**

- Farmers from Tamu township have supplied summer paddy duty to Government Paddy Purchase Depot in May 2002.
- They have to supply compulsory Eight Tin in an acre.
- Supply duty worth is 360 Kyats per Tin when local market worth is 1100 Kyats.
- According to the PPD source , upper Tamu area PPD name like Myotit, Minta, Kuntown, Tanan have received over 40,000 Tin and lower Tamu received over 60,000 Tin.

**\*\*\* Seinhlain - Head of Myotit PPD, U Tun - Head of Minta PPD, Pakut - Head of Tamu Myoma PPD.\*\*\***

### **Prisoners relax work**

- Prisoners from Yasakyo , Wetshu, Sayasan, Bandula and Myotit jail upper tamu ,sagain division were relax from their daily work after UNICEF team came on 14-05-2002.
- Those who got wounded at their leg and hand were send to hospital for medical treatment and locking chain has been released on their body.
- There are about 600 prisoners in that area and have to work Yuchong bridge construction, Bandula wild fields and Wetshu wild fields as usual.

### **Force to seize**

- MI No.17 Minta unit detachment Aung Win have seized 8 buffalo belong to Thanya M/40 wife with 4 children from Phailin village on 14-01-2002 and 8 buffalo belong to Kyaw Moe from Minta village, Upper Tamu, Tamu township, Sagain Division on 12-03-2002.
- The order was issue by Cap Khin Maung Myint Tamu Township authority.
- Those seized buffalo were send to YanNyeinAung village which is construct by army.
- One buffalo cost 4000 Rs to 5000 Rs in local market.
- According to the order issue by authority have to seized total 40 buffalo as well as cow before raining season come.

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