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Residents from Shwezar Village in Maungtaw Township show their National Verification Cards. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Youth to take role in Rakhine aid project

OPENING ceremony of preliminary on-job training for volunteer youths to take part in the Union Enterprises for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development—UEHRD process was held at the Women's Development Centre in Than Lwin Street, Kamayut Township in Yangon yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Vice-President of UEHRD, and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein gave welcoming addresses.

“The UEHRD is an all-inclusive project which will be implemented with the strength of the people. The UEHRD has three main goals — resettlement and development, freedom from conflicts including provision of humanitarian aid for all people living in Rakhine State suffering greatly due to the conflicts which took places in Rakhine State. In implementing the project with the cooperation of the people, the provision of humanitarian aid will be performed by our youths. Youths possess great prospects, by which they must take responsibilities for national peace and stability.

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National Verification Card-NVC process stepped up in Maungtaw

AUTHORITIES have issued National Verification Card-NVC to residents in Shwezar Village in Maungtaw Township, northern Rakhine, as a first step for the process of citizenship

scrutiny. More than 520 villagers from Shwezar Village-tract have got the cards since the work began on 12 October.

The work of verifying identification and issuing NV cards

is a priority for the government, because it was one of the main suggestions made by an independent committee to spur on the development of Rakhine State.

The officials from the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department explained to local villagers the merits of having an NV card.

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National-level Water Resource Committee holds 4th meeting

WATER resource projects which would benefit Myanmar should be given priority while working together with international organizations for water management of the country, said Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

He made the remarks at the fourth meeting of the National-level Water Resource Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio, also urged the ministries concerned, in his capacity as the chairman of the committee, to make further cooperation with other related ministries looking into sustainability of the country's water resources.

The committee will make efforts to encourage investment in the water sector, to reduce disasters connected with water,



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers a speech at the fourth meeting of the National-level Water Resource Committee in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

sustainable use of water resources, to cooperate with neighboring countries for rivers flow across the countries, to encourage win-win cooperation in water-related projects, to distribute water-related information to the people, to improve capacity for water management, to draw plans for water management and to assist in cooperation with international organizations. Myanmar will host the Asia-Pacific Water Confer-

ence and leaders from 48 countries and the United Nations and international organizations would be invited to the conference.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, vice chairman of the committee, reported on implementation of the tasks laid down during the third meeting of the committee.

The previous meeting focused on carrying out survey for natural springs across the

country and to conserve them.

Currently, ministries are working together for prevention of flooding and water scarcity and development of the water sector in the country.

The committee has set its target of achieving success in conservation of the Inle Lake and watershed areas of dams and forest plantations in watershed areas in the 2017-2018 Financial Year.—Myanmar News Agency ■

State Counsellor to attend 31st ASEAN summit and related summits

At the invitation of his Excellency Mr. Rodrigo Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will leave for the Republic of the Philippines to attend the 31st ASEAN Summit and related Summits in Manila.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will also attend the ASEAN-APEC Leaders' Informal Dialogue in Da Nang, at the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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So the government must take the responsibility of laying down strategic directives for fulfilling the aspirations of youths with social, political, educational, cultural and developmental prospects for the future", the Union Minister said.

"After the terrorist attacks, humanitarian assistance is being provided in many ways. For more effectiveness, the UEHRD will continue to operate. Preliminary on-the-job training will be opened for volunteer youths to implement the project. The training opened today is a good chance for youths to take part in the democratic transitional process, also expressing the unity, love for the nation and the Union. During the administration of the incumbent government, we firmly hope that there will be good support for the programmes which will make efforts in bringing about means and ways to implement youth policy drawn up in democratic ways. The present project is not being launched for using youths for politics. The progress of democratic reforms is shown in the youth's participation, stance and efficiency. The State Government is responsible for giving care to all the people residing



Volunteer youths receive on-job training to take part in the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development-UEHRD in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

in the nation, regardless of race, religion and their traditions. In doing so, we will try our best to give unbiased, equal support. We firmly hope that youths will make efforts to lift up their abilities by taking part in the campaign."

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyto Min Thein said the terrorist incidence in Rakhine threatened the unity of the country, which will now be repaired

"The affair of Rakhine nationals reached up to the stage of harming nationalism, national sovereignty and ownership of the land. Now the Union Government is bringing about the

peace, stability and development of the nation. UEHRD is the all-inclusive project which will be implemented with the force of the people. In providing humanitarian aid to the conflict-affected people in the region, this is a chance for youths to show their abilities with firm determination. The opportunity to take part in the campaign is of great importance and will show the characteristics of our young people. The government is carrying out a programme for youths to take part in the campaign in helping people in trouble from the people living in peace. So, we humbly urge

our people to co-operate with the government."

The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Chief Coordinator of the UEHRD, U Kyaw Myaing, Information and Communication Director, representatives from Rakhine national social societies, representatives from Yangon civil societies and invited guests. The first training course was attended by 83 trainees from Regions and States including Rakhine. One group comprised of 20 youths will travel and provide aid for 20 days, then another group will follow in turn. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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"With the card, we can go everywhere we want. We got the card in a day free of charge," said Gawra Kumar, 18, a Hindu from the village.

This work was already being conducted in the past, but was delayed due to the ARSA extremist terrorists attack of 25 August and was restarted in Maungtaw Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October.

Shwezar Village-tract comprises of three villagers namely Shwezar Village (Middle), West and North.

National Verification Cards have been issued to more than of 26,00 people from the village-tract over the past two months in accordance with the 1982 Citizenship Law and the 1949 Myanmar Citizens Registration Act and the Registration of Residents in the Union of Myanmar Act-1949.—News Team/MNA ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets outgoing Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua. **PHOTO: MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives outgoing Singaporean Ambassador

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received outgoing Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar HE Mr. Robert Chua who completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the guest room of Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

During the meeting, they discussed on matters relating

to promotion of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, human resources development, investment, trading and travel. Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from the Hluttaw also attended the meeting.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Special edition stamps to be sold to commemorate 50th anniversary of ASEAN

FOR the commemoration of 50th anniversary of ASEAN, Myanmar post and telecommunication from Ministry of Transport and Communications will sell special edition stamp of Ks 1000 value imprinted with *Pterocarpus macrocarpus* flower (Burmese Padauk) picture on 11

November at each and every post offices of states and regions in Myanmar.

The special edition stamps that will sell on 11 November will have the dated seal at Central Post Offices of Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay.—Myanmar News Agency ■

One civilian injured by ARSA terrorists in Rakhine State

A RAKINE ethnic people was injured by terrorists on 2 November during an attack on Pachiyatan village in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.

Four of extremists terrorists from the ARSA attacked with knives and other devices on seven people including U Hla Than, 53, living at Thayaygon village at 4:00 pm on 2 November in Maungtaw. Linking with the case, the security forces detained the three suspected terrorist who

were found on 3 November while the measures for the rule of law are being taken in Buthidaung Township.

The three terrorists were found on the beach between Hmowin Chaungwa outpost and Gawduthara Chaungwa.

Security forces arrested Mammud Shakku, 27, Mammud Rawphi, 22, and Zubai, 15, and charged in accordance with the law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Tunnels dug by ARSA extremist terrorists found in Maungtaw

SECURITY personnel found tunnels dug by ARSA extremist terrorists in Kyaukpandu and Thinbawkway villages it is learnt.

Following up on information received, security personnel searched the said villages on the morning of 5 November and discover a log-roofed man-made tunnel 15 ft. long, 10 ft. wide and 5 ft. high in a small hill in the middle of Kyaukpandu village. Upon inspection, it was found to be used as store for food and medicines.

On continuing the search at Thinbawkway village, a 4 ft. high, 3 ft. wide tunnel dug into the rocks in a hill east of the village was found.

Entering about 30 ft. into the tunnel from the mouth, the tunnel split into two. The right tunnel is about 40 ft long with about 2 ft. wide human living spaces along the side of the tunnel and a 5 ft. square empty space at the end. The left tunnel is about 40 ft long with about 2 ft. wide human living spaces



Tunnels dug by ARSA extremist terrorists seen at Thinbawkway village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

along the side of the tunnel and the end had an exit to the outside. The tunnels are found to accommodate about 20 to 25 persons and five rice bag parts, empty oil can, two student cards with the names of Mahmat Tusong, son of Mahmat Kalamya, Thinbawkway village and Abdul Harlope, son

of Abu Hussain, Kyaukpandu village, 3 Korans and 3 torn clothing were also found.

According to the office of Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief, security personnel are continuing detailed search of the area where the tunnels were found.—Myanmar News Agency ■

A man arrested on suspicion of ARSA terrorist in Maungtaw

SECURITY forces arrested a man on 1 November on suspicion of being ARSA terrorists in Kyaukhlaykha village in Maungtaw, Rakhine State.

Following a tip off that suspected terrorist was in Kyaukhlaykha village in Maungtaw township round about 4:30 pm on 1 November, security

forces carried out a search in the village and found Al Na, 23, living at MichaungTet village holding a handset and Robi branded sim-card used in another country.

Upon an interrogation, Al Na was allegedly involved in the terrorist attack on the five heads of the villages on 30 June. Dur-

ing the attack, 15 terrorists attacked on five villagers including two heads of the 100-household near the market in PyinPhyu village in Maungtaw. Al Na arrested on suspicion a one of the 15 terrorists who escaped from the scene and he was investigated in accordance with the law.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Agricultural Mechanization Department harvesting monsoon paddy in Rakhine State

AREAS of Rakhine State where there were terrorist attacks were facing difficulties to harvest monsoon rice and Agricultural Mechanization Department had deployed harvesters to harvest the monsoon rice. A total of 460 acres in Kanpu, Kyaungtaung, Myothugyi, Ohntaw, Alethankyaw, Nwayo-



A worker harvests rice in Maungtaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

netaung villages of Maungtaw Township were harvested from 26 October to 5 November.

Similarly, 44.5 acres in Thinganet, Chaungwe, Ky-

witay villages, Sittway Township, Rakhine States were harvested from 30 October to 5 November it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■