

State Counsellor and world leaders attend China talks

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Discussions were held under the titles “Policy synergy for closer partnership” in the morning, “Closer people-to-people bond” during working lunch and “Connectivity cooperation for interconnected development” in the afternoon.

During the discussion, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave a speech emphasising that a closer people-to-people bond, a peaceful and stable neighbourhood based on mutual understanding and respect are the basic principles for the success of the One Belt, One Road programme, a major initiative by China to revive, and modernise the land and sea routes used in ancient times to trade spices and silk. The modern version of the Silk Road will potentially benefit all the countries along the route, from Asia to Europe.

A joint communiqué was issued after the discussion.

In the evening, the State Counsellor met the United Nations Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres in the Diaoyutai State Guest House and discussed matters relating to the Myanmar peace and reconcili-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets the United Nations Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres. PHOTO: MNA

ation processes and invited the United Nations Secretary General to attend the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong second meeting.

Attending the forum with the State Counsellor are the Un-

ion Minister for Transport and Communications, the Union Minister for Construction, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and the Deputy Minister for Commerce.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Letter of Appreciation

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1. Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and United Nations Global Compact Network Myanmar signed a memorandum for businesses to participate in the peace process at the Business for Peace event held in UMFCCI, Yangon on 4 April 2017.
2. The Memorandum includes being responsible and dutiful in the society to create job opportunities especially in regions where development is minimal as well as to achieve and maintain peace in workplace, in goods and services market and the society by studying, learning, discussing and working together.
3. In order to protect and maintain human rights, businesses and companies must obey and respect the law, protect the environment and must not support corruption and corrupt practices. Myanmar companies can play a part in peace by subscribing to the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and become members of UNGC. Global Compact started in 2012 with 15 companies as members and by 2016, there were 300 member companies. There are about 30,000 companies in UMFCCI of which about 10,000 is seeking to become members.
4. As such, National Reconciliation and Peace Centre welcome Business for Peace supporting the peace process from the economic side and thank UMFCCI, United Nations Global Compact Network Myanmar and business owners who helped businesses participate in the peace process.

Aung San Suu Kyi
Chairperson

National Reconciliation and Peace Centre
(Unofficial Translation)



A meeting between Rakhine Advisory Commission and Central Committee on Implementation for Peace, Stability and Development for Rakhine State in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Rakhine Advisory Commission meets with Central Committee

THE members of Advisory Commission on Rakhine State led by Mr. Ghassan Salame met with the Vice Chairman and Members of Central Committee on Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development of Rakhine

State at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The National Security Advisor to the Union Government was also present on the occasion.

During the meeting, the two

sides discussed matters relating to efforts being made by the government and progress on the implementation of recommendations of the Advisory Commission in its interim report of March 16, 2017.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Five bodies unearthed near 5 May explosion site in Buthidaung

FIVE bodies were found in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, two identified as foreigners and the rest locals, the apparent victims of a 5 May bomb blast, according to the State Counsellor's Office.

The bodies were discovered by security forces on 13 May near the site of the explosion in Thaenhi Village. Security forces also found materials commonly used in Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and two plots of cleared land that likely were to be used for building huts. Authorities have said the area may have been used for terrorist training.

Two of the bodies were identified only as foreigners, and the rest were identified as Maw-

lawi Adu Kawrein from Ward-3 of Tinmay Village, Mawlawi Yar Seint from Kyauktaung Ale-Village and Zubai from Sarkhai Village.

The bodies were taken to Buthidaung Hospital.

An on-site investigation resulted in the discovery of the bodies, which authorities said were buried. Acting on a tip-off that an explosion had occurred at the edge of a jungle near Thaenhi Village on 5 May, security forces conducted an area clearance and found the site on 7th May.

Actions are being taken in accordance with the law, said the State Counsellor's Office Information Committee.—Myanmar News Agency ■