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State Counsellor receives Head of Int'l Liaison Department of Communist Party of China

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received H.E. Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China at the State Counsellor's resident in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation and bilateral relations.

With State Counsellor, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for office of the State Counsellor, U Thaug Tun, National Security Advisor, Dr. Tin Myo Win, chair of the Peace Commission and Mr. Hong Liang, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar attended the meeting.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor hosted a dinner to Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China.

—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Mr. Song Tao, Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Teams response to contain, control H1N1 virus

Rapid response teams are making field trips to areas which saw most H1N1 infections, keeping an eye on the infection of the virus, said the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Giving priorities to Insein, Hlinethaya and Dagon Myothit (South) townships in Yangon Region, Patheingyi and Nyaungdon in Ayeyawady Region and Bago Township, the teams have visited the homes of the patients which were confirmed to have contracted H1N1 virus and gave medical check-ups to the family members of the patients as from 24th July. The statement of the ministry said the number of patients who have been contracted the virus since 21st July reached 132 yesterday, increasing 110 from Thursday. The ministry noted that there was no reported deaths due to the virus yesterday.

The H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, has killed 14, or 4.6 per cent of persons confirmed to be infected so far.

Meanwhile, 62 patients who have contracted with the virus are receiving treatment at hospitals and 45 have already been discharged.—GNLM ■

Emergency meeting after killings of civilians in Maungtaw

By A1 Soe & Myothu Hein

IN the wake of the violent killings of six ethnic Mro farmers and the disappearance of two others suspected to be the work of terrorists, Rakhine State authorities held an emergency meeting in Maungtaw yesterday to discuss ways of anticipating and preventing future tragedies.

Speaking at the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu stressed the need to put more

emphasis into preparations for the future as the most recent violent attacks on civilians are not similar to earlier ones.

He also urged local authorities on all levels to discuss details about the violent attacks, calling for more cooperation between administrative and management sectors in attempts to handle the issue in an efficient, coordinated manner.

The six dead villagers, who ranged in age from 25 to 38,

were found by patrolling security forces on Thursday near Kaigy village and the Mayu mountain range in Maungtaw, according to the State Counsellor's Office.

The six victims, identified as members of the Mro Arakan ethnic group, were found brutally murdered with machetes and gunshots by violent attackers, the statement said. Security forces are actively investigating and in hot pursuit of the killers, the State Counsellor's office said.

Meanwhile, Myanmar's security forces have also discovered some hidden tents of armed extremists in Mayu mountain range in Buthidaung-Maungtaw area in the weekend during a search in the area.

Last week, some 31 terror suspects were rounded up by the Myanmar security forces in Maungtaw township for holding a secret meeting in Kyauk Hlaykha village.

A spate of violence occurred

in Buthidaung and Maungtaw from last October to July with at least 44 civilians being killed and 27 others kidnapped by masked gunmen.

Yesterday, No. 1 Border Police Commander Police Brig-Gen Thura San Lwin, Rakhine State minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Mines U Kyaw Lwin, State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transportation U Aung Kyaw Zan,

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