

State Counsellor receives Korean National Assembly Speaker

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr. Chung Sye-kyun, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, yesterday at 3pm at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on bilateral relations and cooperation, promoting friendly relations between two Parliaments of Myanmar and the Republic of Korea.— Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Mr. Chung Sye-kyun, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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“Press Release on the Situation in Maungdaw” (11 August 2017)

1. To bring about national reconciliation, peace and development in Rakhine, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is striving, with both long term and short term plans, to resolve the issues between the two communities. This includes provision of humanitarian assistances from both international and domestic resources, and development of basic infrastructure in the region. Priorities are given to building roads, bridges and enhanced access to electricity in the Rakhine region.

2. Currently, (13) out of (20) townships in Rakhine State and their adjacent (184) villages have access to electricity.

Electricity is distributed in Buthidaung and Maungdaw Townships by utilizing diesel generators. Additionally, a team from the Union Ministry concerned joined by the Rakhine State government has been sent to Rakhine on 11-8-2017 to conduct a feasibility survey to evaluate the possibility of electrification of townships that do not have electricity.

3. Long term plans are being implemented for development of transportation and infrastructure in the Rakhine State. For the effective maintenance of peace, security and rule of law, priorities are given to building connecting roads, bridges and concrete roads to link eastern to

western parts of the May Yu mountain range in Sittwe and Maungdaw Districts.

4. While the Government is implementing the above development plans and striving to maintain peace and security in Maungdaw District in Rakhine State, extremists are stepping up their terrorist activities in the region. Up to 9th August, (59) innocent people are murdered and (33) had gone missing. Many administrators, village heads and those who are believed to be cooperating with the government and those who talked to media are being killed. Latest situation is that (7) Mro ethnic nationals are killed by these extremists. They are making death threats in order to prevent the people from cooperating with the government as well as to disrupt the national verification process and peace and security of the region. These dastardly acts must be condemned by everyone.

5. The Government is handling the situation strictly within standing laws, rules and regulation. Taking advantage, the extremists are stepping up their terrorist activities in the region. The Government will resolutely take effective action against these terrorist acts in accordance with law. To protect the innocent civilians, security enforcement will be enhanced in the region. At the same time, actions will be taken against all extremists and those who abet their extremism. The Government is working together with Tatmadaw security forces to quell these stepped up terrorist acts including issuance of Article 144 curfew in necessary areas in order to establish and maintain peace, stability and security in the region.

6. We urge the people, political parties, NGOs, friendly countries and international community to show support by opposing the extremist terrorist acts.

Effective Measures Taken to Enhance Development and Security in Rakhine

IN line with the decisions taken at the meeting on the security situation in the Rakhine State held on 9 August 2017 and presided by the State Counsellor, development activities in Rakhine are being enhanced with momentum.

A group of engineers and technicians, led by the chief engineer from the Electricity

Supply Enterprise, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy left for the Rakhine State on 11 August 2017 to conduct a feasibility survey to evaluate provision of electricity from the national grid to townships that do not have electricity.

Moreover, as proposed by the Rakhine State Government, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the

Ministry of Defence at the meeting, the Ministry of Construction is to undertake building of four connecting roads to link eastern and western parts of the May Yu mountain range which will contribute to peace, security, and rule of law as well as safe and smooth transportation.

In accordance with the decision taken at the meeting

on 9 August, the Rakhine State Government will impose curfew under the Article 144 for relevant areas within the Rathidaung Township to maintain peace and stability. Plans are underway to reinforce security forces and military forces by deployment of additional troops to support the security maintenance and clearance operations.

It is learnt that in order to prevent extremist terrorists from taking a stronghold in the May Yu mountain range, security clearance operations are being heightened. Union Ministries concerned are coordinating to station troops in the May Yu mountain range to enhance the security in the region.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Agreement reaches between Peace Commission and UNFC

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I think half of success can be achieved though full agreements cannot be gained at present. I would like to say that we are closer for all of us to implement by taking part with rights granted equally. Here I want the whole populace to understand us fully. There are many steps for us to do. I want to say that it is required to decide after finding

solutions through negotiations at different levels.”

According to the meeting, negotiation results are very good and the remaining 4 facts to be negotiated are left to get the approval from the leaders of both sides.

Dr Tin Myo Win said, “Today’s 6th official meeting can achieve to some extent. Likewise the leader of DPN, we also

hoped similarly. That is because all from two sides as well as the people, national brethren and respective organizations watching us behind and encouraging us are waiting for good results. Though we labeled them in serial numbers, the most difficult part—mutual trust can be built up. Yet we have to submit it to leaders. After this, we will meet again and we pray for moving

together to the peace goal.”

In the news release, it is described:

1. 6th official meeting between Peace Commission and Delegation for Political Negotiation was held at National Reconciliation and Peace Center on Shweli road in Yangon on August 10 and 11.

2. At the meeting, 9 proposals submitted by DPN were

cordially and frankly negotiated. Results on negotiations are to be submitted to our respective leaders again.

3. At the 6th meeting, mutual trusts were more strengthened, and more negotiations will be further made for all to take part in peace process.

7th negotiation between PC and DPN will be held not later than 2nd week September. ■