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State Counsellor, Indonesian FM hold talk over issue in Rakhine State

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the visiting Indonesian Foreign Minister Mrs. Retno L.P. Marsudi yesterday exchanged views on the matters pertaining to humanitarian assistance and development assistance in Rakhine State and strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

The delegation led by Mrs. Retno L.P. Marsudi called on the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Indonesian Minister also conveyed her Government's support to the efforts of the Government of Myanmar for peace, stability and development in Rakhine State.

Present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor; U Thaung Tun, National Security Advisor; U Kyaw Tin, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Dr. Ito Sumardi, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar.—Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Indonesian Foreign Minister Mrs. Retno L.P. Marsudi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO:MNA



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ARSA burns down villages

GUNMEN affiliated with the extremist terrorist group of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) invaded villages in Maungtown Township yesterday and Sunday and set fire to hundreds of houses, according to the information committee of the government yesterday.

On 3 September, govern-

ment security forces inspected suspicious activity near a bridge between Aukpyuma and Ngakuya villages in Maungtown Township. Upon arriving at Ngakuya market bridge, ARSA extremist terrorists fired on the security force. The government forces pushed the ARSA extremist terrorists towards Aukpyu-

ma Village, where the terrorists burned down 50 houses. After the clash, security forces confiscated an improvised explosive device and other materials.

Yesterday morning, security forces conducted clearance operations in Maungtown Township and discovered over 120 houses in West Ountaw Village had been

burned down by ARSA extremist terrorists.

Security forces heard that that 30 houses in Dingar, 50 houses in Sawkeenama and 10 houses in Hintarya villages in the Zawmatet Village tract were on fire and rushed to the scene to extinguish the blazes.

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Myanmar parliamentary delegation visits China

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party left by air yesterday afternoon to pay a goodwill visit to China at an invitation of H.E. Mr. Zhang De-jiang, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the People's Republic of China.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Hluttaw representatives, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang and officials from Hluttaw office.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speak-

er was accompanied by Mahn Nyunt Thein, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee, U Than Nyunt, member of Investment and Industrial Development Committee, U Khun Than Htoo, member of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Social Development Committee, Daw Wint War Tun, member of Economic and Financial Development Committee, U Tin Nu @ U Tin Nu Aung, member of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw office.

The Hluttaw delegation arrived at Kunming International Airport in China at local standard time 3:45 pm and were



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint meets with Mr. Chen Hao, the Communist Party Secretary of Yunnan Province at Haigeng Garden Hotel yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

welcomed by Mr. Long Zhuangwei, Vice Chair of the National People's Congress Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, U Thit Lin Ohn, Myanmar Ambassador to China, Kunming-based Myanmar Consul-General U Soe Paing and officials.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speak-

er met with Mr. Chen Hao, the Communist Party Secretary of Yunnan Province at Haigeng Garden Hotel at local standard time 5:00pm and discussed matters relating to bilateral friendship and cooperation.

The Communist Party Secretary then hosted a dinner for

the Myanmar Hluttaw delegation.

Afterwards, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and party departed from Kunming International Airport by air to Shanghai at 8:25 pm local standard time.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Myanmar Red Cross Society's members help an elderly woman to evacuate. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar Red Cross Society provides aids to people in northern Rakhine

The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) is working with the Department of Health to help displaced people who were affected by the recent unrest in northern Rakhine State, according to a report yesterday by the Myanmar News Agency.

Displaced people are being evacuated to safety, treated for injuries, illnesses and mental trauma and provided with necessary supplies, including hygiene goods, food and water.—Myanmar News Agency ■

More hacking of government websites

A cyber attack defaced the website of the Central Bank of Myanmar yesterday. The hack was detected at 2:30 am and the website was restored by 5 am.

Director U Ye Naing Moe of the National Cyber Security Center, Department of Information Technology and Cyber Security said "We responded to the attack as soon as we learned about it and we were helped by young amateur information technology specialists."

Remarking on the earlier at-

tack on five websites announced on 1 September, he said "These five websites were on a single server. There were attempts to attack other departments as well. The relevant departments were monitoring and setting up safeguards. There may also be some cases that we didn't know about."

"When using the internet, people should not click on URL links or files sent from unknown sources or download them," he added. "Our department had informed relevant departments

while volunteers were working with us to defend us from cyber attacks and to recover as soon as there were attacks. Emergency plans were also drawn up for this." If other websites in Myanmar come under similar cyber attacks technical assistance can be obtained at mmCERT, National Cyber Security Center, Department of Information Technology and Cyber Security, phone 01-650891, 067-3422633 and e-mail: technicalteam@mmcert.org.mm — Myanmar News Agency ■

SWRR Ministry accepts donations for displaced people

Myat Cetana Foundation patron Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin donated Ks4.5 million yesterday to local people in northern Rakhine affected by the recent unrest in

Rakhine State, according to the Myanmar News Agency.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye accepted the

donation at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (SWRR) and will distribute the funds. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Ethnics fleeing from terrorist attacks arrive in MraukU

LOCAL residents from the Northern Rakhine townships of Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung fled their homes due to terrorist attacks and arrived in Mrauk-U on 2 September.

They are currently taking shelter in the Lawka Mra Aung religious building in Mrauk-U city and in the Kyauktwint-gone villages in Myatyeikkyun

village tract.

A total of 37 people from Kanpyintharse village in Maungtaw Township, Theindaungpyin village and Ward 4 in Buthidaung Township fled to MraukU where they were welcomed by the Township Administrator U Bo Bo Min Thaik, department officials and village elders who provided them with

humanitarian aid.

The humanitarian aid included six sacks of rice, twenty mosquito nets, thirty blankets, thirteen sets of aluminum pots, four sheets of tarpaulin, three boxes of Family Kid diapers and Ks270,000 in cash. It is reported there are plans to provide healthcare to the IDPs.—MraukU IPRD ■

Profile of the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi

SHRI NARENDRA MODI was born on 17 September 1950 in a small town in Gujarat. The initial hardships of life not only taught the value of hard work but also exposed him to the avoidable sufferings of the common people.

In the year 2001, he became the Chief Minister of his home State Gujarat and went on to serve a record four terms as Chief Minister.

PM Modi is a 'people's leader', dedicated to improving their well-being. Nothing is more pleasing to PM Modi than being among ordinary people, sharing their jobs and alleviating their sorrows. He is very active on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and other forums.

On 26th May 2014, Narendra Modi took oath as the Prime Minister of India, becoming the first ever PM to be born after India attained Independence.

Ever since he assumed office in May 2014, PM Modi has embarked on a journey of all-round an inclusive development where every Indian can realize their hopes and aspirations.

Several new schemes have been initiated by the PM which bring direct benefits to the common man, like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana which aims to integrate every citizen in the financial system of the Nation; the "Make in India" complimented by a focus on making business easy has stimulated unprecedented vigour and enterprise among investors and entrepreneurs; labour reforms and dignity of labour under the "Shrameva Jayate" initiative has empowered several workers of small and medium industries, also providing a boost to our skilled youth.

On 2nd October 2014, Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary the PM launched "Swachh Bharat Mission" a mass movement for cleanliness across the Nation.

PM Narendra Modi's foreign policy initiatives have realized the true potential and role of world's largest democracy; India on the world stage.

Since taking over, PM Narendra Modi attended UN, BRICS, SAARC and G-20 Summits, where India's interventions and views on a variety of global economic and political issues were widely appreciated. In October 2015, a historic India Africa Summit was held in New Delhi, in which 54 African nations participated.

In November 2015, the Prime Minister joined the COP21 Summit in Paris, where he, along with several world leaders deliberated on climate change, Shri Modi and President Hollande of France unveiled the International Solar Alliance, a forum to harness energy of the Sun to light homes.

PM Narendra Modi's clarion call for marking one day as "International Day of Yoga" received an overwhelming response at the UN. In a first, a total of 177 Nations across the world came together and passed the resolution to declare 21st June as the "International Day of Yoga at the UN".

Beyond politics, PM Narendra Modi enjoys writing. He has authored several books, including poetry. He begins his day with yoga, which centers his body and mind and instills the power of calmness in an otherwise fast-paced routine.



VP U Myint Swe receives China's Special Envoy of Asian Affairs



Vice President U Myint Swe welcomes China's Special Envoy of Asian Affairs Mr. Sun Guoxiang in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Myint Swe received Mr. Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

During the meeting, matters relating to terrorism, stability and rule of law in Maungtaw District, northern Rakhine State, quickly informing internationally the terrorist acts in Maungtaw District, bilateral relation and cooperation were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and officials.— Myanmar News Agency ■

About 3,000 avoiding terrorism put in 17 temporary camps in Sittway

By Tin Maung Lwin,
Min Htat Aung

About 3,000 people displaced by recent unrest in Maungtaw District, Rakhine State are being housed at 17 temporary camps established by monasteries and Hindu temples in Sittway as of 3 September.

The camps were established at Dhammayama monastery, Adeikhtan monastery, Mahazayatheikdi Pahtan monastery, Thayetaw monastery, Pyigyimandine monastery, Dhammapala monastery, Yadana Beikman monastery, Yay Pike Sone monastery, Alodawpye monastery, Theikdikayone monastery, La Yaung Wun monastery, Lanmadaw North monastery, Maniyadana monastery, Sutaungpye monastery, Buddhawmaw mon-

astery and two Hindu temples.

Camp occupants include 914 households with 1,282 men, 1,716 women.

Deputy Head of Sittway Township General Administration Department U Min Thein said the state government is providing rice and cooking oil in addition to Ks 1,500 per person daily for livelihood expenses.

"We are conducting head counts everyday of people in the camps and organizing living spaces. In each camp, a head of each respective ward and a clerk from our department are being assigned. They report to us and we in turn report daily to the state government," he said.

Cooking and food utensils are being provided by the state government to some monasteries lacking supplies due to the

large number of people. Health professionals are also assigned to the camps.

"Nurses are assigned in each camp while doctors are going around in mobile team to provide health services," said U Min Thein. "If there is a need for hospitalization, arrangements are made. The main problem we face now is lack of toilet facilities at the monasteries. State government officials and companies are arranging to construct more toilets."

U Than Tun, a volunteer helping out in Mahazayatheikdi monastery said "There are about 300 people in Mahazayatheikdi monastery. Locals are providing food and other personnel items but there is a need for government officials to be more involved." ■



Displaced persons seen at Mahazayatheikdi monastery in Sittway, Rakhine State. PHOTO: MAUNG HMWE

The Government of Myanmar will ensure the effective provision of humanitarian assistance to all inhabitants displaced by terrorist attacks in Rakhine State

THE Government of Myanmar has the primary responsibility to ensure that humanitarian assistance is provided to all who have been displaced by the recent terror attacks in Rakhine State. Effective measures are being put in place by the Government to provide humanitarian assistance to all those affected by the terrorist attacks. To implement this, the Government will work together with the Red Cross Movement.

A Coordination Meeting was held on Monday at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor.

The Meeting was attended by Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, National Security Advisor to the Union Government U Thaung Tun, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin, the Secretary of the Rakhine



Union ministers hold talk with diplomats and INGOs over providing displaced persons in Maungtau with humanitarian aid. **PHOTO: MNA**

State government and responsible personnel. Also present at the Meeting were development partner countries represented by Ambassadors of United Kingdom, United States, Denmark and the Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Australian Embassy, the Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Delegation of the European Union

and the UN Resident Representative, as well as representatives from the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Society (IFRC).

The Government's plan to provide humanitarian as-

sistance was intimated at the Meeting. The Meeting discussed how the international community could most effectively support the Government's efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to all inhabitants of Rakhine State who have been displaced since 25 August 2017 by terrorist attacks.—MNA ■

Government forces clash with ARSA extremist terrorists

GOVERNMENT forces clashed with about 30 extremist terrorists of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) while on patrol yesterday morning near Thinbawgwe Village, Maungtau Township, Rakhine State, according to the information committee of the government.

After the clash, security forces found one body and a handmade gun.

On Sunday night, an estimated 20 suspected ARSA extremist terrorists attacked the Mitike Village guard post in Maungtau Township with handmade guns.

After the attack, security forces discovered a body, a flintlock gun, lead bullets, two boxes of gunpowder, a sword and a flashlight.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor hosted a working lunch to the visiting Indonesian Foreign Minister

THE Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe hosted a working lunch for the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia H.E. Mrs. Retno.L.P.Marsudi at Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

The working lunch was attended by the National Security Advisor to the Union Government U Thaung Tun, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and the Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar H.E. Dr. Ito Sumardi.

The Union Minister explained that as the Government has the primary responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance to all inhabitants who are displaced by terrorist attacks in



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe hosts working lunch for Indonesian Foreign Minister Mrs. Retno.L.P. Marsudi. **PHOTO: MNA**

Rakhine State, effective plans are being made for provision of humanitarian assistance to all those affected by it. This assistance is to be provided without discrimination in accordance with the

basic principles of humanitarian assistance. The possible way by which the ASEAN member states can cooperate and assist the work of the Myanmar Government was discussed.—MNA ■

Rakhine State Gov't pledges greater support to displaced Maungtau residents

RAKHINE State government held an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss how to normalize Maungtau Township, Rakhine State, according to the Myanmar News Agency.

Chief Minister of Rakhine State government U Nyi Pu has called for greater cooperation to address the needs of displaced people, including transportation. The chief minister also demanded that departments collect better data on the situation in Maungtau.

"The state government is subsidizing provisions as much as possible," he said. "Respective departments need to pay

close attention to death tolls and destruction caused by armed attacks and where they took place. The departments are required to help the displaced people." The meeting addressed the conditions of rescue camps, road conditions, communication infrastructure and the activities of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army extremist terrorists. Chief minister arranged for subsidies of rice, cooking oil, salt, pea, onion, potatoes, medicine, cigars and betel nuts for displaced people at rescue camps and delivery by military helicopter.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu addresses the emergency meeting with departmental officials in Sittway. **PHOTO: MNA**

ARSA burns down villages in Maungtau

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When government forces arrived at noon, the fires had already been extinguished.

At the same time security forces to find the extinguished fires, other government forces patrolling in Chainkarli Village in Maungtau Township found

another house on fire in and reported that two explosive devices had detonated at the house. Another government security force patrolling in Thinbawgwe Village in Maungtau Township reported that ARSA extremist terrorists burned 400 houses.

Government security forces

in Ward 5 in Maungtau Township reported seeing a suspicious person near an MPT communication tower. Upon closer inspection, they found an improvised bomb near tower's fence connected to wires. Security forces disarmed and removed the bomb.

—Myanmar News Agency ■