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Economic development is equal to progress

State Counsellor meets with Central Body for Myanma Special Economic Zone

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has called for success of the economic zones in Myanmar, as they are politically and economically subtle.

In her speech at the meeting with members of the Central Body for the Myanmar Special Economic Zone in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the State Counsellor stressed the need to win trust from international communities that the country has the stability and development upon which the success of international investors in the special economic zones is built.

"The progress of the economic zones is of great importance to achieving the United Nation's Sustainable development goals. Creating job opportunities are currently being implemented as the short term plan. Unemployment may cause moral bankruptcy, which begets blockage in building a nation. Strengthened finance is important for a country to provide the public with sufficient subvention for the development in education and health sectors. In a short period of time, we need to make our projects a success for our people to be able to live in sufficiency", she said.

Personnel are obliged to openly submit their difficulties encountered in implementing projects, she said, expressing her concerns that dereliction of our duty, fear of being hated or a deficiency of skills may lead to loss of people's wealth and resources.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the meeting with members of the Myanmar Special Economic Zone in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: REUTERS

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35 suspects in violent attacks arrested in Maungtaw

DOZENS of suspected terrorists were rounded up and arrested by the authorities over the weekend in the northern Rakhine State, where the 9th October attack killed nine border guard policemen.

In an area clearance operation by the combined forces of the government troops and the border guard police at Wetpyin village in Maungtaw Township at 3:21pm on 12th November, 4 suspects, including Nur Bobby, were arrested.

Another suspect, Mammud Karsi from Thechaung village, was detained earlier at about 11:30 p.m in the village of Aung Mingalar.

Thirty more suspects, who had fled from other villages, including Khwelar, were arrested during the clearing in Yetwinkyun village at about 3pm.

Arrangements are now under way to interrogate the suspects according to the laws.— *Myawady*

1st US-Myanmar Partnership meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 1st Myanmar-US Partnership meeting between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the State Department of the United States of America was held in the Ayeyawady Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General and senior officials from various ministries on the Myanmar side while U.S. Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia, Mr Patrick Murphy and responsible officials on the US side.

During the meeting, both sides discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the US including cooperation in trade and investment sector, health and education sector, tourism sector, combating drugs and human trafficking and capacity building for government officials.— *Myanmar News Agency*

1st US-Myanmar Partnership meeting is in progress at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Maungtaw hospital opens to all around the clock

A doctor gives medical care to a newborn baby. PHOTO: PO HTAUNG AND MIN HTET

MAUNGTAW Hospital has been providing healthcare services to local residents around the clock but field trips to patients in rural areas have been hampered by security situation at present, according to a surgeon at the hospital.

"I am a surgeon and medical superintendent of the hospital and we have a physician, an anesthetist, four assistant surgeons and 18 nurses. Doctors are providing services to patients around the clock. We are all on call and thus are always available any time they call us," said Dr Soe Aung Than, from the hospital.

The government provides medicines and other needs of the hospital.

"Medicines and equipment are provided by the Ministry of Health. We are treating all patients regardless of their race or religion," he added, saying that the hospital is always open to all, even during the violent attacks on 9th October. However, we sometimes have to tell patients' families to buy some medicines that we do not have. That rarely happens as we are trying to provide healthcare services as much as we can by ourselves," the surgeon said.

Common diseases in the area include tuberculosis and hypertension. Children often suffer from respiratory infections. However, the hospital has had to provide care for bullet and knife wounds recently, according to the surgeon.

In addition to providing medical care at the hospital, it also refers patients who are in critical condition to hospitals in Sittway and Yangon.

The hospital has also set up points for rural areas such as Alethankyaw, Ngakhuya, Thayetoke, Tamantha and Taungpyoletwe Villages where health assistants, nurses and midwives are stationed to provide healthcare services.

However, the health staff are sent to such points only when security is ensured.

"We also give the same treatment to injured people who are accused of crimes," the surgeon added.

The medical staff of the hospital hope to deliver medical care to rural areas as soon as security in the region has been restored.— *Ye Khoung Nyunt and Team*

Economic development equals progress

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The State Counsellor stressed the importance of economic development, because it plays an important role for all national ethnic groups and the whole populace to live in peace and stability.

Material progress cannot be achieved without economic development, and neither can intellectual nor artistic development. For the peace and stability of the nation, its people need to be endowed with enough physical development. Hence, we must take the important role of capacity of supply into consideration in building economic zones", said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

Afterward, U Henry Van Thio, VP and chairman of central committee of MSEZ said, "SEZs are directly related to a nation's development, so we urge management committee members of Thilawa, Dawei and Kyaukphyu SEZs to try hard as much as possible with concerted effort.

Union Minister Dr Than Myint, Chairman of Myanma SEZ central working committee, Dr Hset Aung, Dr Htun Naing, Dr Soe Win and Taninthari Region Chief Minister, Dr Le Le Maw clarified situations under implementation and future plans respectively. Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Pe Zin Tun, U Thein Swe, Dr Than Myint, U Win Khaing and Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo also made suggestions. The State Counsellor discussed submitted cases and gave necessary advice. — *Myanmar News Agency*

Violent attackers torched houses in Kykhutchaung Village, Maungtaw

GOVERNMENT troops extinguished the arson fires on Monday set by the violent attackers, which caused in 17 houses destroyed, officials said.

While inspecting villages burnt down by the violent attackers, the government helicopter spotted a suspicious fire in Yekhutchaung Village, Maungtaw Township around 3 pm on 14th November, and informed the government troops. Violent attackers have also set fire to houses in villages in order to cause misunderstandings about the security forces that are conducting the clearance operations in the township, authorities said. Fabricated stories made in collusion with the media have been written in an attempt to receive assistance from the international community, officials said. —*Myawady*

Rakhine State's Advisory Commission members to study ground situation in violence affected villages

SEVEN members of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State held talks with representatives of both communities in Sittwe in Rakhine State yesterday.

The delegation comprising members of the commission U Win Mra, Dr Thar Hla Shwe, Ms Laetitia van den Assum, U Aye Lwin, Dr Mya Thida, U Khin Maung Lay and Daw Khin Saw Tint arrived Sittwe yesterday.

Before meeting with representatives of the two communities, the delegation held a meeting with the authorities comprising cabinet members of the Rakhine State Government, Rakhine State Advocate-General and the secretary of the Rakhine State Government.

At 3.45 pm, the delegation held talks with a nine-member representative group of a local community led by U Maung Thar Sein and a five-member representative group of the other community led by U Kyaw Hla Aung.

The members of the advisory commission will visit villages affected by the violent attacks and camps for displaced peoples in Maungtaw Township and will meet with townselders there.— *Tin Tun (Sittwe District Information and Public Relations Department)*

Members of Advisory Commission on Rakhine State arrives Sittwe. PHOTO: MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives CEO of US-ASEAN Business Council

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PYITHU HLUTTAW Speaker U Win Myint received Alexander Feldman, CEO of US-ASEAN Business Council, at the Hluttaw Building yesterday afternoon.

Discussions focused on promotion of trade and investment, economic and banking development and cooperation between the two countries in drafting laws. —*Myanmar News Agency*

Statement by Kofi Annan, Chair of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State on the recent violence in Rakhine State, Myanmar

AS Chair of the Rakhine Advisory Commission, I wish to express my deep concern over the recent violence in northern Rakhine State, which is plunging the State into renewed instability and creating new displacement. All communities must renounce violence and I urge the security services to act in full compliance with the rule of law.

The Advisory Commission is mandated to provide recommendations to the Myanmar government on measures for resolving the complex challenges facing Rakhine State, which are holding back the State's economic and social development. Recent events have reinforced the urgency of tackling these challenges in order to find viable solutions in the interest of all the people of the State.

Violence will not create an environment conducive to peace and inter-communal cohesion, which is a prerequisite for economic progress and prosperity. The interest of the people of Rakhine is best served through inclusive dialogue, by the promotion of mutual respect and cooperation and by providing local communities with opportunities to live their lives in dignity and to achieve their legitimate aspirations.

The Commission continues its work. We are grateful for the support we have already received and we encourage all communities to engage constructively with the Commission.

Japan grants US$316,302 for two Schools in Ayeyawady Region

THE handover ceremonies of the projects took place in Hinthada Township on 9th November 2016 respectively. Mr. Yoshimasa KASAI, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, U Htay Oo, Member of Central Leading Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Party, U Kyaw Soe, Hluttaw Representative for Hinthada Constituency, U Ambro, Deputy Director of Ayeyarwady Region Education Department, Committee Chairpersons, committee members of the construction projects, and local residents attended the ceremonies.

As the existing school building at Inn Win Basic Education Primary School built in 1968 was extremely outdated and had numerous holes and gaps on its roof, the students had been exposed to rain over the years, which seriously had negatively affected their study. Furthermore, the school couldn't afford to have enough classrooms to accommodate all students although the number of students has kept on increasing. To address this problem, the Japanese Government, under its GGP scheme, provided funding for construction of a 132'x30' two-storey Reinforced Concrete Construction (R.C.C) building with lavatories and full furniture. The project will benefit 293 students of the school.

Ywa Oo Basic Education Branch High School had been facing a difficulty in accommodating the increasing number of students since the school had no sufficient classrooms as well as school furniture and lavatories. Under such circumstances, the Japanese Government, under its GGP scheme, provided funding for construction of a 120'x30', 60'x30' one-storey (L-shape) R.C.C building with lavatories and full furniture. The project will benefit 431 students of the school.

The Government of Japan has assisted 778 various grass-roots projects in Myanmar under the GGP scheme since 1993: the number consisting of 370 education projects, 196 healthcare projects, 138 public welfare and environment projects, 39 infrastructure projects and 35 other projects. It is anticipated that these assistances will further strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar.—*GNLM*

Group photo session of a school building handing over ceremony. PHOTO : SUPPLIED

Tender for construction of monopole in Mandalay to be sold out

ACCORDING to U Zaw Win, in-charge of building and warehouse of Mandalay City Development Committee, tender application forms for construction of monopole in Mandalay municipal area for the betterment of communication website commenced to be sold out beginning from of November 15.

It was the joint venture between MCDC and tender winning company and the latter will have to invest 100 per cent in the project.

The existing amount of monopoles is not sufficient for the current need as online service linking with international operators require more. On completion of building, connection will be better. Anyone with telecommunication can apply. Tender forms will be sold from November15 to 18. The deadline is 30th November, addressed to building and warehouse. Tender opening date will be announced.

U Khin Maung Nyunt, branch officer of building and warehouse, said that some shops of Zegyo and other high-rise buildings have poor internet connection. These locations will be granted to build monopoles if demanded.

Monopoles are targeted to promptly send information to the public and help imminent BRT system ply along their routes. Daw Ni Ni, whole sale distributor of clothing in Mandalay Zegyo, supported the plan. — *Aung Thant Khaing*

Over 200 emergency patients come to MGH on Full Moon of Tazaungmon

ACCORDING to U Thein Hla Tun, a senior male nurse of the emergency unit, Mandalay General Hospital, there were 202 patients who arrived the emergency unit for injuries from accidents. They were said to be so overjoyed with their revelries on such a merrymaking occasion.

He added, "They came here from injuries caused by drunk driving and altercation. As soon as they arrived emergency unit, plan to rescue life of the victim has to be prioritized, followed by dressing and other processes. Doctors give necessary treatment afterward."

Out of the patients, 110 males and 23 females from accidents, 60 males and 9 females from injuries in altercation came to the hospital. Among them, 24 had their brain operated, one had its jaw operated and 43 were patients from injuries.

He went on saying, "Victims of this year outnumbered that of last year. They came from Pyin Oo Lwin and Sagaing. — *Aung Thant Khaing*