

Maungtaw Investigation Commission meets local residents

MEMBERS of Maungtaw Investigation Commission U Aung Naing, U Saw Tala and other officials discussed with No (1) Border Guard Police Force Chief Police Brig-Gen Thura San Lwin, Maungtaw Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut to report to the Investigation Commission's Chairman on progress made in Maungtaw. The meeting was held at the office of No (1) Border Guard Police Force on the morning of 18 March.

Afterwards, the commission members and the deputy commissioner visited Pwintpyuchaung, Kyarkaungtaung, Yaytwinkyun, and on 19 March visited Dargyisar, New Yaymyattaung, Kyatyoeypin, Pyuangpate and Nganchaung villages to meet with the local residents.

The commission members met with resettled families and individuals who fled during the incidents in October. The resettled individuals told the reasons behind their fleeing was because of feelings of



Members of the Investigation Commission meeting resettled families in Maungtaw at the hall of No (1) Police Border Guard Force. PHOTO: MNA

insecurity in their own region but now thanks to rescue efforts by respective organizations they are able to return to their homes. Then commission members discussed about plans to ensure health, shelter and food which requires correct statistics for a smooth and

effective result. Maungtaw deputy commissioner then explained on preparations being made for local residents to visit imprisoned family members and then answered to other questions raised by residents. Commission members Deputy Director Daw Than Than Win



and Dr. Daw Htar Htar Linn met individually with elderly women and mothers to discuss on psychosocial matters and how to get help and support for women and child abuse among other breaches to human rights from mobile organizations travelling around Maungtaw

and delivering medical aid. The medical aid includes vaccination and oral medical treatment, and for medical officers to be able to come provide assistance it is important that everyone participates to ensure there is safety in the area. —Myanmar News Agency

Maungtaw Investigation Commission inspects Rakhine housing sites

MEMBERS of the Maungtaw Investigation Commission, who have already visited north Rakhine several times, arrived at Zinpaingnyar village's post-primary school yesterday morning and met with residents from Zinpaingnyar and Wapeik villages who returned home after being displaced by armed conflicts.

In the meeting, there were discussions on numerous matters, such as the need to know the language so it is easy to communicate with the people concerning health, social welfare and the economy and so that they can cooperate with respective administrative bodies at different levels after assessing experiences encountered in the region.

It was also said that the arrested are required to have the protection of the law in compliance with rules and regulations, and to be eligible for punishment according to the findings from trials.

Only if there are accurate statistics and data for providing subsidies will the respective departments and organisations be able to help to solve difficulties, so it is necessary to report the correct situations and needs to ward and village-tract administrators.

And, if actions for asking for help were made in accord with the facts described in the notice-boards, necessary help will be provided. Afterward, designating days and dates for

the family members to meet those arrested over the October incidents and arrangements for transportation and getting permission to meet the arrested were clarified, following questions raised by the villagers.

Commission members then arrived at Wapeik village, inspecting the construction sites for housing estates to resettle families whose dwelling places were lost in the October incidents, which was being implemented under the instruction of the Rakhine State Cabinet.

The construction was being managed by the Maungtaw district and township management committee. U Myint Khaing, chairman of Maungtaw township management committee explained in detail.

In the village of Wapeik, each family will be helped in getting a plot.

It is learnt that the housing estate will be built with a street crossing in the middle of the village, path going around the village and an entrance way linking with Maungtaw-Kyeinchaung.

The religious edifice existing in the village will remain intact and the use of the building will be granted as previously allowed.

Afterward, commission members inspected the trials for the 42 suspected of involvement in the armed attacks at the court of justice (Maungtaw District Court) in Buthidaung. —Aye Mya (Mandalay), Aye Min Thu

Narcotics seized in Maungtaw



Four suspects from the seized boat and narcotics worth Ks 370 million are seen. PHOTO: MNA

YESTERDAY morning in Maungtaw, around 185,000 amphetamine tablets were seized from a boat floating along Naf River and 9,750 amphetamine tablets were seized from a house in Myomataung ward.

A naval security troop was on patrol when they spotted a suspicious looking boat sailing in the direction of Bangladesh around 3 in the morning. Chas-

ing in pursuit, they were able to seize the boat in Myanmar waters and apprehended the 4 people on board along with gunny sacks full of 185,000 tablets of the WY drugs worth an estimated Ks 370 million. The gunny sacks were opened at the inspection gate in Maungtaw Township.

Similarly, around 7 in the morning a joint group with border security troops searched the

house of 32 year old Maung Hla Win (also known as) Mahmoud Yiyas in Ngakuya Village, Maungtaw. They discovered under a table in the basement around 9,750 tablets of the WY drugs worth an estimated Ks 19.5 million and an Honor Smartphone used in the drug transactions.

It is reported that the arrested suspects are under legal proceedings. —Myanmar News Agency

Thirteen suspects arrested in Buthidaung



ACTING on a tip-off, police and border guards arrested 13 people as they descended a hill east of Tinmay Village in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State.

The 13 people had fled earlier while being questioned by police. They were found to be residents of Tinmay village and one of them has been identified as Adu Shaw Shi. It is reported that the arrested suspects are under legal proceedings. —Myanmar News Agency