

25-bed hospital in Myebon to double its capacity

THE Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Thar Aung, accompanied by officials from the office of the Amyotha Hluttaw and the township administrator, donated offertories to the monks from monasteries and Pariratti Sarhintaik in Myebon Township, Rakhine State on Monday.

The Amyotha Hluttaw deputy speaker then visited the 25-bed People's Hospital, where he viewed patient rooms, delivery rooms and operation rooms. During a meeting with the medical staff, the deputy speaker called for construction of quality buildings using ministry-approved funds that would double the capacity of the hospital to 50 beds. The deputy speaker recounted his parliamentary experiences and replied to questions in meetings with the township administrator,

township-level departmental officials, ward administrators and citizens at the town hall in the afternoon. The deputy speaker together with Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Sit Naing, the deputy commissioner, township administrators and the officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw office inspected the construction site of the 1,920-ft long Kyatsin Bridge Project that will link Minbya and Myebon Townships in Rakhine State. He was briefed about progress of the bridge by In-charge Deputy Director (Civil) U Thein Naing. The deputy speaker called for timely completion of the project meeting the set standard, urging the officials concerned to compensate for the farmlands possessed by the farmers as soon as possible.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Deputy Speaker U Aye Thar Aung, centre, inspects the 25-bed People's Hospital in Myebon, Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

Foreign and local media leave for Maungtaw

MEDIA representatives including reporters from foreign media groups boarded a plane in Yangon for Maungtaw township in Rakhine State yesterday.

The media trip conducted by Ministry of Information will allow journalists to report independently from 28 March to 1 April about the ground situation, border passing, commodity importing, the fishing industry, incidents of fire, resettlement, returnees who fled due to terrorist incidents, and prevention of conspiracies for terrorist acts in

Maungtaw township.

The media representative are from TV Asahi, the BBC, VOA, EPA, Nippon, Fuji TV, Central News Bureau, Frontier Myanmar, Myanmar News Agency, Myanmar Alin and Kyaemon, a total 18 journalists led by General Manager U Ye Naing from the News and Periodicals Enterprise.

A media group visited Maungtaw previously in December 2016 for the first time since the October attacks on border outposts that killed nine policemen.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Local and foreign correspondents are seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, poses for a photo with two women who had a photo taken with Bogyoke Aung San, the father of State Counsellor, many years ago. PHOTO: IPRD

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to build the Federal Democratic Union, together. Please tell me openly as to which kinds of difficulties you have for signing the NCA and attending the 21st Century Panglong Conference. I had never said I would fulfil all your needs. I cannot give up the trust of the public. But I can give solemn promises I will perform as much as I can, everything I can do for you. Thus, all need to discuss openly in this discussion."

Those present at the meeting disclosed their concerns — armed conflicts between the Tatmadaw and the KIA, the increasing amount of displaced people as a result, urgent needs for food and humanitarian aid, amending the Constitution that will help to build a genuine federal union in accord with 1947 Panglong Agreement, an effective anti-drug campaign, the evil effect of the armed conflicts, freedom of worship and eradication of religious discrimination, and the peace process as it concerns the participation of Kachin people. The State Counsellor gave her advice about the concerns of the people.

Fighting between the KIA and the Tatmadaw resumed in June 2011 after a 17-year-old

ceasefire collapsed. The ensuing violence has resulted in the deaths of thousands and the displacement of over 100,000 civilians.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met separately with leaders of Kachin societies, executive committee members for dialogues for peace, and refugees at the Hsatcho Camp for displaced people, the KBC Minar Camp for displaced people and Lansae flood rescue camp.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi boarded a plane in Nay Pyi Taw for Myitkyina early yesterday morning together with Union Ministers Lt-General Kyaw Swe, Lt-General Ye Aung, Dr Win Myat Aye, Dr Tin Myo Win, Deputy Minister U Min Thu and responsible officials.

Afterward, the State Counsellor held discussions with leaders from Kachin social societies at the Palm Springs Hotel in Myitkyina and announced that there were two reasons for her visit.

"First, it is necessary to give assistance to those present at the camps for displaced people and another is matters for peace. Myanmar gained its independence nearly seven decades ago. The period is not a long period in terms of history. Due to many

reasons, progress can be said to be little in the attempts for the peace in this 70 years period. Though our government has been in office for only one year, we have been continuously trying to gain progress. Christianity or Buddhism is based on Metta, the loving kindness. In Christianity, it is said that there is no fear in love. In Buddhism, Metta can extinguish fire, which can cause anger.

Present at the meeting were dignitaries and leaders from Evangelist Church, Salawshaung of the Free National Christian organisation, U Lonjon Too Rau, Myitkyina Christian Council, Kachin Advisory Committee, Zaiwa tradition committee, Lhovo tradition committee, Bhamo Tradition committee, literary development literature and culture committee (Namphatkar), PCG (Peace Creation Group).

After the meeting, the State Counsellor and Kachin Societies' leaders posed for documentary photos, followed by photos of State Counsellor and Daw Magaung Khawnraw and Daw Rwenaung, two women who had posed for pictures many years ago with the State Counsellor's father, Bogyoke Aung San.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Union Chief Justice attends ASEAN Meeting

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo attended the fifth Council of the ASEAN Chief Justices' (CACJ) Meeting held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 24 March 2017.

Present at the meeting were the Chief Justices and their delegate to ASEAN. During the meeting they unanimously announced the "Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration", which agreed to form a study group for the up-

coming process and to establish the Secretariat of the CACJ.

At the meeting, the chief justices discussed matters on implementing the Internet Portal of ASEAN Judiciaries, cooperating the training for judges and judicial officers, studying the Court Technology and Case Management, convening the First ASEAN Family Judges Forum, and finding a way for facilitating the civil service process.

The ASEAN Chief Justices' Meeting has been held annually since 2013 and was renamed the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices (CACJ) and has been listed in Part 1 of Annex 2 of the ASEAN Charter as an entity associated with ASEAN. The Supreme Court of the Union will be engaging in judicial cooperation with the objectives of CACJ.—*Myanmar News Agency*