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## Honouring the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Union Day



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP at Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

### State Counsellor, Boris Johnson holds talk over latest development in Rakhine

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United

Kingdom (UK), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to the latest develop-

ments in Rakhine State, including the repatriation process. In the afternoon, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Win Myat Aye, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief

and Resettlement, travelled to Sittway in a special plane and were welcomed by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu.

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Gov't seeks advice from entrepreneurs before enactment of 2018 Union Tax Law

By May Thet Hnin

Government officials held a discussion with entrepreneurs for two days to seek their advice before enacting the 2018 Union Taxation Law.

The meeting was held at the headquarters of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) during the second weekend of this month, with an aim to make the tax law more productive.

Regional authorities, the tax working group of the UMFCCI, officials from the Internal Revenue Department and private entrepreneurs gathered at the meeting to give their suggestions on income tax, commercial tax and special goods tax.

The government is seeking advice from the entrepreneurs to avoid possible disputes that may occur after the enactment of the law.

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Foreign Secretary Johnson arrives at Taung Pyo Letwe Temporary Repatriation Camp. **PHOTO: MNA**



Foreign Secretary Johnson arrives in Sittway to visit repatriation camps in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The Foreign Secretary and his entourage then travelled to Pantaw Pyin Village Tract in Northern Rakhine via military helicopter. The village tract is mostly populated by Muslims. Johnson spoke with the villagers there and asked them about the fire incidents and the help they had received from the Union

government.

Later, they inspected the construction of houses for the villagers, which were being built with the help of the Yangon Region government. They then travelled to Taung Pyo Letwe Township and inspected and toured the temporary repatriation office there.

Mr. Johnson was briefed

by officials on the repatriation process. The repatriation was scheduled to start on 23 January 2018 after Myanmar and Bangladesh reached a mutual agreement. Arrangements have been made at Taung Pyo Letwe Camp to accept returnees from Bangladesh returning by land, and at Nga Ku Ya's repatriation camp for those returning by sea.

Returnees will also have access to a temporary shelter in Hla Pho Kaung Camp, a transit camp.

The Foreign Secretary later thanked the officials responsible for showing him around Rakhine State and said he supported the efforts being made by the Union Government in the repatriation process and for Rakhine State's development. He said Britain

was interested in further discussions to support education and healthcare for women and children, as part of Britain's Department for International Development plans.

Johnson and his entourage then travelled back to Sittway from Taung Pyo Letwe and flew to Nay Pyi Taw in the evening. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Taung Pyo Letwe Repatriation camp. **PHOTO: MNA**



Foreign Secretary Johnson meeting with immigration officers at the Taung Pyo Letwe repatriation camp. **PHOTO: MNA**



Foreign Secretary Johnson arrives in Pantaw Pyin Village to speak with local residents on their situation. **PHOTO: MNA**



Foreign Secretary Johnson speaking with a local Muslim resident in Pantaw Pyin Village. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**