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State Counsellor separately receives UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy, Australian Senator



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener at 10 am yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the State Counsellor and the Special Envoy exchanged views on cooperation between Myanmar and the office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General in addressing the challenges facing Myanmar including situation in Rakhine State as well as on the progress in the Government's efforts in reconciliation and peace process.

The Special Envoy stated that her mission is to liaise with the Government of Myanmar to enhance its cooperation with the United Nations in a constructive manner to address the issue of the Rakhine State, and to provide assistance in bringing the two communities closer and in the Government's efforts in peace process.

The State Counsellor stressed the need for the Special Envoy to try to get to know the ground situation and its com-

plexities in an objective manner and to stand up for the truth and convey the real situation to the international community. She also expressed her hope that the Special Envoy can act as a bridge with the United Nations and positively contribute to the strengthening cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations. Also present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, U Myint Thu, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Likewise, the State Counsellor received Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, the Minister for International Development and the Pacific of Australia at 2:00 pm at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation, provision of Australian Government's assistance for Myanmar's peace process and socio-economic developments including education sector and positive contribution of Australia in resolving the situation in Rakhine State.—MNA ■

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U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, met with H.E. Mr. Taro Aso, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance at the Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Shinichi Kitaoka, President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), at the office of Japan International Cooperation Agency yesterday.

During the discussions, they

exchanged views on the strengthening of Myanmar-Japan friendship, closer cooperation in different sectors which can benefit both citizens, promoting people-to-people connectivity, Myanmar's peace process, current situation in Rakhine State, Myanmar's positive developments in the reform process and continuing the march on the federal democratic path.—MNA ■



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe shakes hands with Mr. Taro Aso, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, the Minister for International Development and the Pacific of Australia in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Thaung Tun receives UNSG's Special Envoy



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with UNSG's Special Envoy Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

U THAUNG TUN, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, received Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General and her delegation at 11 am yesterday at the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, they discussed on co-operation between Myanmar and the United Nations as well as matters relating to the Rakhine State.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Minister for International Cooperation hosts lunch to Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin hosted lunch to Senator the Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, the Minister for International Development and the Pacific of Australia, at 12:30 pm at Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi and officials also attended the lunch.— Myanmar News Agency ■



State Counsellor's peace talk in Mon State to broadcast live

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is conducting a peace talk with local people in Mon State, starting from 10 a.m. on 14 June, at the Great Hall of the Mawlamyine University in Mon State.

The peace talk of the State Counsellor with the local people will be broadcast live by Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV), Myanmar International (MITV), MNTV,

Skynet Up to Date, Skynet Hluttaw, Myanmar Radio, MIR Radio, Myanmar President's Office Facebook page, Myanmar State Counsellor's Office Facebook page, Information Committee's Facebook page, MOI Web Portal Myanmar's Facebook page, MRTV's Facebook page and Myanmar Digital News' Facebook page.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Minister for International Cooperation hosts dinner to UNSG's Special Envoy



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin meets with UNSG's Special Envoy Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin hosted a dinner to a delegation led by United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener at 6:30 pm at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Prior to the dinner, they exchanged views on strengthening

cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations.

The dinner was attended by the Union Minister, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Thu, high-ranking officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— Myanmar News Agency ■

The Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State

Report to the People on the Progress of the Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State
(January to April 2018)

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

Humanitarian Assistance

Provision of humanitarian assistance continues for people who still need help to meet their daily basic needs. 10,327 people from 1,694 households in Buthidaung and Maungdaw Townships of Rakhine State received food aid (rice, cooking oil, salt and beans) worth of

128.42 million MMK. Likewise, 29,140 people from 4,520 households received rice, cooking oil, salt, beans, onions, tinned fish and infant formulas worth of 277.296 million MMK, through the UEHRD Youth Volunteer Program. Female personal care supplies and hygiene kits were also provided to 156 households in Thaechaung Village in Sittwe and 84 female-headed households in Gaungdoetka Camp.

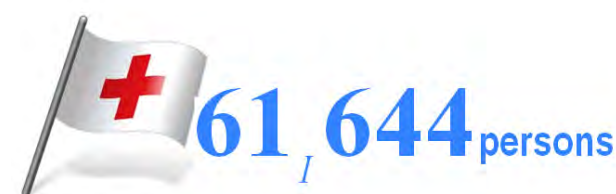
Child friendly spaces were also set up in Mingan, Thetkaepyin, Danyawaddi and Say Thamar Gyi Camps in Sittwe as part of the child development program, as well as in North Ohntawgyi, Set Yone Su, Gaungdoteka, Phwe Yar Gone and Thaechaung villages. These child friendly spaces were also supported with educational



Number of pregnant women and mothers of children under two years of age in Rakhine State who received monthly cash transfers

materials and toys for children.

The First 1000-Day Nutrition Initiative was launched in Rakhine State on March 1, 2018, to reduce malnutrition rate in the area. The program supports pregnant women and mothers with children under 2 years of age in all townships across Rakhine State with monthly cash transfers. To date, a total of 2538.72 million MMK has



Number of beneficiaries that received support from Red Cross Movement

been disbursed to 56,560 beneficiaries.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Rakhine State Government, the Red Cross Movement (RCM) also provided food and other non-food relief items, emergency health kits and hygiene products, packets of high energy food and oral rehydration salts, seeds, temporary shelters, drinking water and water purification units to 61,644 people from 12,184 households in Rakhine State, during the period of January 1 to April 11, 2018.

Media Access

During this reporting period, the Rakhine State Government- in cooperation with the Myanmar Media Council - arranged four media tours with 74 journalists from various local and international media outlets, with an aim to provide balanced coverage of the situation in Rakhine State as well as the status of rule of law, peace and stability.

Additionally, the following media support activities were carried out for raising awareness amongst domestic and international communities about efforts being made for development, stability, peace and rule of law in Rakhine State:

- TV broadcast of 689 news, 3 interviews and 41 education and documentary programs;
- Radio broadcast of 1,797 news, 17 interviews, 5 education and documentary programs and 368 awareness raising programs;
- 264 Public Service Announcement (PSAs)
- Online coverage of 1,207 news and articles on the Ministry of Information website;
- Daily newspaper coverage of 482 news, 858 photos and 27 interviews;

Education

The government continues to endeavor for equal access to Education in Rakhine State regardless of religion, race, citizenship status and gender. 34 additional schools were reopened in January 2018; And this brings the total number of schools reopened after the terrorist events to 324, out of 424 schools that had to close down. End-term tests were also completed for all basic education levels, and the exam results have already been announced. Additionally, the FY 2018-19 budget will include funds to open two government technical high schools in Gwa and Buthidaung townships, to increase access to livelihood training opportunities.



Number of schools reopened after the terrorist attacks

The total expenditure for the education sector in Rakhine State for FY 2017-18 is 105,362.963 million MMK. This is by far the largest budget among all the states; and accounts for 8% of the total capital expenditure for



Total Education expenditure in Rakhine State (FY 2017-18)

the Ministry of Education in the fiscal year.

Accommodation for school teachers is provided in the premises of local offices, local police stations and police outposts under the command of the Office of No 1 Border Guard Police Force, for safety and security during the summer holidays.

About one hundred school teachers who speak Bengali dialect were also appointed as permanent staff to promote literacy in communities living in Maungdaw District.

Plans are in place to provide free text books and stipends in basic education schools in the upcoming 2018-19 Academic Year. The Department of Technical, Vocational Education and Training is also calculating required budgets for the FY 2019-20, to assist vulnerable households from all communities in Rakhine State who are finding difficult to access vocational education due to financial barriers.

Health

Equitable health care services are provided in the state, with public announcements to ensure people are aware that anyone can access health care services and that the hospitals and that clinics are "protected zones" for people seeking health care. A total of 14,196 people (2,823 ethnic nationals and 11,373 Muslims) received outpatient and inpatient care at Sittwe, Thetkaepyin, Myaungbwe, Buthidaung, Zeditaung and Muangdaw hospitals during this reporting period.



Number of patients who received medical care at hospitals in Sittwe, Buthidaung & Maungdaw townships

Health care professionals and staff are continuously recruited, trained and appointed to improve the health care personnel vs. population ratio. In brief -

- 430 nursing/midwifery trainees are currently being trained at the Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Sittwe;
- 78 new health care professionals and doctors including specialists were appointed to increase health care service delivery;
- 32 new auxiliary midwives from Kyauktaw, Ann and Myaybon townships received an auxiliary midwife training; while 49 auxiliary midwives from the existing workforce received two refresher trainings;
- 101 Public Health Supervisors II (PHS II) who completed their training in February 2018 have started working for the health care service delivery in Rakhine State;
- 7 training for 196 new community health workers and one refresher training for 20 existing community health workers were also delivered in 8 townships across Rakhine State.

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Pyithu Hluttaw speaker receives UNSG's special envoy on Myanmar

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received a delegation led by United Nations (UN) Secretary General's Special Envoy to Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener at the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on cooperation between the UN and Myanmar, issues related to human

rights, the Hluttaw's participation in Myanmar's transition process to democracy, internal peace processes and agendas for holding the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong.

Also present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and other officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener, United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy on Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung provides aids to children at Nga Khu Ya reception centre yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement meets with boat crash survivors at Nga Khu Ya reception centre

DEPUTY Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung arrived at the Nga Khu Ya reception centre yesterday morning. The Deputy Minister met with the boat crash survivors, inspected the process of scrutiny and coordinated with the organising teams.

The Deputy Minister and party, with the cooperation of the Red Cross Movement, gave the crash survivors 11 personal

items, including aluminium pots and bowls, mats, blankets, mosquito-nets, longyis for men and women, and clothes for the children. Moreover, they assisted the staff of the reception centre by offering them an amount of Ks600,000. Following this, they offered words of encouragement to the staff. The Deputy Minister and party then left for Maungtau in the evening.—Myanmar New Agency ■

One dead in Shwesin U motorboat accident

A MOTORBOAT, named Shwesin U, plying between Homalin and Kawyah, sank near the old USDA office's jetty, Homalin, as it departed from the jetty.

The boat carrying 25 passengers and operated by Min Thet Oo, 23, sank when it was leaving the jetty on Strand Road, Naungpakyit Ward, Homalin for Kawyah village. Chairman of the Township Management Committee U Kyaw Soe Lin, fire

fighters led by the commander of the township fire brigade, police officers of the Myoma Police Station, the administrator of Naungpakyit Ward General Administrative Department and members rushed to the scene and provided relief aid.

All the passengers were rescued, except for a woman who died on way to the 100-bed Homalin Hospital.—Lin Lin (IPRD) ■

Local authorities help boat crash survivors in Yathedaung Township

LOCAL authorities in Yathedaung Township in Rakhine State rescued 104 persons, including 44 men and 60 women, who were stranded in Aungbala stream near Thaze village after their motorboat crashed. They were relocated to Nga Khu Ya Reception Centre on 11 June.

Officials from the Department of Immigration then performed mandatory checks, and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (SWRR) provided humanitarian aid to the survivors. On 12 June, Union Minister for SWRR Dr. Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint, Director-General U Win Kyaw Aung of the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office, Police Brig-Gen Myint Toe of No.1 Border Guard Police Division, ministry

officials, and the Maungtau District deputy commissioner met the boat crash survivors at Nga Khu Ya Reception Centre. During the meeting, the union minister said the ministry will assist Bangladeshi citizens to contact their country's authorities and help those who settled in Myanmar to contact any existing relatives in Buthidaung and Maungtau Township. He requested the boat crash survivors to be patient during the process and report any difficulties faced during their time in the reception centre.

The survivors with relatives in Buthidaung and Maungtau told officials they would like to return home by 16 June, while those without relatives asked the officials to help them.

The union minister and officials then held a meeting with all staff members in the recep-

tion centre and discussed the matter in detail. The Ministry of SWRR is providing food for the survivors, while the border guard police forces are attending to their safety. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population will provide diplomatic assistance to the Bangladeshi citizens involved in the boat crash. As for the Myanmar citizens, they will be relocated and resettled in accordance with the UEHRD principles of humanitarian aid, provided by the Department of Disaster Management and the Red Cross Movement.

The Social Welfare Department will send psychosocial support and the Ministry of Health and Sports will open a medical tent to provide health-care to the boat crash survivors.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye (Centre) and Officials meet the boat crash survivors at Nga Khu Ya reception centre. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Democracy coincides with rights, responsibilities

Human rights violations and all other acts that impair stability and harmony and undermine the rule of law will be addressed, in accordance with strict norms of justice.

We feel deeply for the suffering of all the people who have been caught in the conflict. Those who have had to flee their homes are many – not just Muslims and Rakhines, but also small minority groups, such as the Daing-net, Mro, Thet, Mramagyi and Hindus, whose presence most of the world is totally unaware of.

We would like to bring an end to the suffering of our people as quickly as possible. We would like to make our country a nation within whose borders everybody can live in security and prosperity. This is a large order. This is a big ambition, but it is not impossible to fulfil. We all have to join hands for this.

We accept that the real responsibility lies with us, the people of this country. The people of Myanmar, from the Union Government to each and every single individual within this country, have the responsibility to develop and ensure the progress of this country.

We condemn all human rights violations and unlawful violence. We are committed to the restoration of peace, stability and the rule of law throughout the State

We consider the Rakhine issue a challenge, not a problem.

Even well-developed democracies face challenges that they have to overcome.

The most important thing is for our people to be aware of their responsibility in establishing democracy in the country. It is not just the responsibility of the government. That the success of democracy is in the hands of the government is oxymoronic because democracy is

people-based. People have to be part of the process.

The government and those connected to the government are being openly criticised more than they ever used to be in the past. It is an indication that democratic freedom has progressed in Myanmar. But we all have to be aware that freedom brings with it many responsibilities. Myanmar, as a country, has suffered from poor education and still faces this problem, besides poor communication due to ordinary roads.

To enjoy democracy, it is necessary to display the spirit of democracy. Only then will our democracy survive forever. Democracy coincides with rights.

Along with these rights, responsibility is important.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). – Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

Myself and the truth about givers and takers

By Professor Dr. Aung Tun Thet

SINCE the newly elected National League for Democracy (NLD) government stepped into power, the campaign on anti-corruption drives moves to center stage. President U Win Myint spotlighted the graft situation of the country as priority. The freshly formed Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar is flexing its muscle with might and main. The talk of the town is about the anti-corruption and welcomed by all the citizens. This bad bribery blight is mostly hit against the basic and low income bracket workers and the common people. All the societies across the planet unfortunately embrace the blunt of social evil practise and redressing the matter by all possible means. Some societies ironically accepted the corruption as a deep rooted culture and tradition, and forgive and forget the act of “givers and takers” easily. They never ever think that the bribery is indeed a shameful deed. The abuse and misuse of power is never ever considered as a wrong feat.

Many facets of anti-corruption drives

Various attempts are being exerted in the drive against bribery and corruption in most of the countries on this planet. Therefore, the United Nations prioritized the anti-graft agenda on its plan of action. The World Bank also follows suit in this campaign. The Transparency International annually issues the list of ranking of the nations in this regard. A nation can look and reflect where it stands.

The least corrupt countries are found in Europe such as Norway and Sweden, and our neighbor Singapore stands out in the top ranking slot. Myanmar dived down to 136 in ranking among 176 countries, two steps lower compared to last year. It could be said that we have 40 countries down below, but the truth is that we have 135 nations above our head. The author of this article wishes that the anti-corruption commission might use this statistic to raise the correct awareness of the public. The public should be persuaded to come together in the campaign as national movement. The statistic on the status is easily understandable and nothing is in the doubtful perspective. It might be useless to argue on the status of ranking, and instead the people must come up with pragmatic ideas to cope with the ailing situation.

If we are not satisfied with the situation and the disclosure, we usually argued with the statistics to be faulty. We never ever assess and review ourselves but fight over the figures. We must go for it and face it by finding a better solution.

We must trim down corruption

If we want to pull down the bribery, then the government, the private and the society must come together and take the responsibility. When these three sectors rallied around in unity and harmony, then we could uproot the corruption. The main responsibility of the task rests on the shoulder of the government. In other words, it means the administrative, justice and legislative spheres, backed up by the regional and state levels institutions.

All the government departments must adopt



the anti-corruption scheme and policy to be abided by all officials. Officials from top to bottom must pledge and sign to stay away from corruption. An open system and mechanism for receiving complaints from the whistleblowers must be established. At the same time, the truth seekers must be protected. Most effective strategy must be created.

In the People's Republic of China, death sentences are forced on graft and corruption cases. Heavily corrupted “Big Fish” is to be fried in hot boiling oil. Severe and shock treatment must reign in this space of anti-corruption. Handling must be even and fair by taking action not only on small cases but also to larger ones; otherwise, it may not be applicable among the society.

The most basic concept is to squeeze and squash the “personal interest”. The author of this article mostly writes, lectures and advocates on “conflict of interest”. However, it was not effective as required. Most people wanted to “slip in the hard cash” into their own pocket. The author of this article had served in the government employee in the past but the self esteem was put in the upfront by staying away from graft. At this juncture, the author has observed and seen with much dismay that the personal ownership of property, possession and lavish spending of some people is unbelievably illogical, irrational and unreasonable when compared to their official salary. The volume of wealth is so mountainous



is high profit in sight.

Generally, the government officials are the takers and the persons from the business sectors are the givers. When the tender is offered at a government department, it is not transparent as the shadowy and tricky businesses usually take place under the table. The bribe is generous. It is not because of personal relationship and friendliness, but it is based on what a person could unlawfully gain out of the business. This bribery and corruption is considered as a gift culture. The awful notion should be handled and nailed down with “Zero Tolerance” by a policy of applying laws very strictly so that people are punished even for offences that are not very serious.

Enticement of giving and taking MMK one is to be treated with the same mode of bribing MMK one million. The deep rooted and rotten culture on graft should be redress with “Good Corporate Governance”. Each and every individual should sign the anti-corruption policy. The notorious “hush-hush” tender system under the dark, dim and shadowy secret atmosphere must be pulled up to the open wide space with transparency.

We need responsible economic entrepreneurship in our country. That is why the author is advocating to all the companies to enroll with the “UN Global Compact”. About (200) companies are now participating in the anti-graft drive. In collaboration with the UNODC the anti-corruption campaign is underway. Some civil societies (not all) are blaming and pointing fingers over the government departments and private companies. Such civil societies should realize the ongoing anti-graft scheme.

Wishing all the best

The author has high expectation on the newly formed anti-corruption body, and wishes them all the best. Probe should dashes first, if possible, even before the complaint letter comes in. A community and a society as a whole should be created that really values the clean and free “givers and takers” in the context of bribery and corruption.

While composing this article, the writer was reflecting the notion of bribery and corruption which in short is the breach of “promise and guarantee”. Each and everyone should keep their words and promises. It is therefore, all the youths must come forward and lead the way in the fight against bribery and corruption by shouldering the onerous duty of the country.

In conclusion, the author would like to say that the youth stands out as a great force of future in our nation.

Translated by UMT of Ahlon

Myanmar welcomes the Joint Statement issued at the US-DPRK Summit

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar welcomes the Joint Statement issued by President Donald Trump of the United States of America and Chairman Kim Jung-un of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 12 June 2018 at the Singapore Summit.

The Government of Myanmar hopes that the positive outcomes that have resulted from the meeting of the two leaders will enable them to work towards the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and thus contribute to the peace and stability of the region and the world at large.

Myanmar commends both the United States of America and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and all concerned parties involved in making the historic Summit possible, in particular the current ASEAN Chair, Singapore, for hosting this milestone event.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Head of service organization appointed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Daw Kay Thi, General Manager, Myanma Foreign Trade Bank under the Ministry of Planning and Finance as Managing Director of the same office on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.—MNA

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 13th June, 2018)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 14th JUNE, 2018: Rain will be widespread in the whole country with regionally heavy falls in Magway Region, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Naypyitaw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyarwady Regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (10 - 15) feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Strong monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th JUNE, 2018: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th JUNE, 2018: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th JUNE, 2018: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

If we want to pull down the bribery, then the government, the private and the society must come together and take the responsibility.

that one could never ever save or work it out for ten life spans. It is impossible to amass to that much. However, we have accepted that norm blindly. We let then harvest in the wrong way.

Truth about givers and takers

There are two sides in a corruption case. Up till now, only the takers are taken action. The author is of the view that both sides have the guilt. When there are givers, there will be takers. The givers are sure to give when there

Interview with boat crash survivors in Yathedaung Township



Shahdra Bi Bi (Maungtaw Township)



Mahmet Shawfeit (Bodawsawra village, Cox Bazar, Bangladesh)



Mizanu Ramawman (Nayapara village, Teknaf Township, Bangladesh)



Mohammed Zaylout Udain (Sawpawrondi village, Coz bazaar, Bangladesh)



Deesha (Myoma Kanyintan village, Maungtaw Township)

On the morning of 11 June, authorities discovered 104 people, 44 men and 60 women, together with a wrecked boat in Aungbarlay stream near Tharze village in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State. They were transported to Nga Khu Ya reception centre where officials from the Department of Immigration performed mandatory inspections and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement provided humanitarian assistance.

The following are excerpts from interviews with some of the boat crash survivors.

Shahdra Bi Bi (Maungtaw Township)

My aunt from my mother's side and her relatives are in Bangladesh. That's why I went

there. Other people wanted to go to Malaysia. My aunt is sick, that's why I wanted to be by her side with my other relatives. We were on our way back from Bangladesh. My parents are both on the Myanmar side that's why I came back.

Mahmet Shawfeit (Bodawsawra village, Cox Bazar, Bangladesh)

I was trying to go to Malaysia and get whatever work available there. There are a lot of people going to work in Malaysia like me. I contacted a broker to go there. The broker gathered a lot of people to send to Malaysia and we had to pay Bangladeshi taka 180,000 as brokerage fees. We were travelling to a ship which would take us to Malaysia and

then this happened.

It's going well here on the Myanmar side. I want to go to Malaysia. Their currency has high value so we can earn more daily wages than in Bangladesh. But I don't want to take the illegal route anymore. I want to go there with the government's help.

I'm thankful for the Myanmar government for taking care of us and giving us security while we're here.

Mizanu Ramawman (Nayapara village, Teknaf Township, Bangladesh)

I was going to Malaysia to earn a lot of money there. Working in Bangladesh is tiring. I want to provide for my aging parents. I've heard that you can earn more in Malaysia and it's not as tiring.

I was a footballer back in Bangladesh.

I contacted a broker and paid 180,000 in Bangladeshi taka for the brokerage fees. Our motorboat got caught in a storm and we washed up on Myanmar's coast.

The Myanmar government has been helpful and provided security. I just want to return to Bangladesh.

Mohammed Zaylout Udain (Sawpawrondi village, Coz bazaar, Bangladesh)

I knew travelling to Malaysia would be tiring but the money we earn working the entire day in Bangladesh is not enough to feed the family. That's why I decided to risk it but we ended up here in Myanmar. The Myanmar government has been helpful and

relocated us to the centre here. I understand and will follow the laws and rules here. I wish to return to Bangladesh with the government's assistance.

Deesha (Myoma Kanyintan village, Maungtaw Township)

I went to Bangladesh for medical treatment and was on my way back. I had to pay 5,000 in Bangladeshi taka for the ferry back here. The boat was over packed and water started to flow in. I started crying but then a motorboat was headed our way. We climbed over to the motorboat, not knowing it was headed to Malaysia. Then the motorboat crashed and we were stranded for three days before arriving in Myanmar.—News Team ■

Amyotha Hluttaw: Ministry of Education will provide additional life jackets for students, . . .

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MPs discuss Condominium Bylaw

U Htay Oo of Yangon constituency (2) tabled a motion to discuss the Condominium Bylaw concerning joint ownership. He said the bill, sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with approval, states in Section 28 that the construction of a condominium required meeting the building standards set by the ministry (of Construction), State and region government, or the respective city development committee or similar organisation. U Htay Oo suggested rephrasing the section to include the construction of the building to meet the basic standards, in addition to the standards set by the ministry,

state and region governments, or city development committee.

U Htay Oo then mentioned that even though Section 24 (C) of the original Condominium Law states that a maximum of 40 per cent of the rooms in a condominium building may be sold to and owned by a foreign citizen, Section 34 of the Bylaw states that no more than 40 per cent of the condominium's total square feet may be sold to a foreign citizen. He suggested reviewing the law and bylaw, and making amendments, if necessary, as they both state the criteria of the maximum permitted amount differently.

The amendment to Section 45 (A) of the bylaw states that the contractor will maintain the custody of the available rooms

during and up to two years after the project's construction phase, and the contractor will hold on to custody after the two-year period until a temporary committee for ownership is formed. U Htay Oo discussed that this may place a heavy burden on the contractor for an indefinite period of time. He suggested making amendments similar to Section 36 of the original law, which states that a temporary committee can be formed if at least 30 per cent of the available rooms in the building are occupied, thus relieving the contractor of any burden.

The 15th-day meeting of the eighth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held tomorrow.—Aung Ye Thwin ■

Pyithu Hluttaw's 8th regular session holds 14th day meeting

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The motion was further discussed by ten MPs.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance, U Maung Maung Win, explained that the Internal Revenue Department has been collaborating with international organizations to implement a modern tax administration system since 2012. The first phase of implementation was carried out from 2012-2013 FY to 2016-2017 FY. The second phase will be conducted from 2017-2018 FY to 2021-2022 FY with a focus on reviewing and amending laws related to taxes.

The deputy minister and MP U Myint Thein then submitted the motion to the Hluttaw for approval.

After a discussion among

the assembly, Speaker U T Khun Myat then announced that the Hluttaw has approved of the motion.

The Speaker then announced that the Hluttaw approves the Second Bill to amend the Myanmar Pearl Law submitted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw discussed the 2017 Bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law sent with amendments by the Amyotha Hluttaw.

The Speaker then announced the Pyithu Hluttaw's approval of the bill. The fifteenth day meeting of the Eighth Regular Session of the 2nd Pyithu Hluttaw will be held tomorrow.—Aye Aye Thant/MNA ■