US$100,000 donated by His Holiness Pope Francis handed over to Rakhine State government

WITH an aim for harmonious peaceful coexistence among those who enjoy religious freedom and for development in Rakhine State, a ceremony was held to hand over US$100,000, donated by His Holiness Pope Francis, to Rakhine, Kaman, Khani, Daingnet, Maramagyi, Mro and Thet races, victims of terrorism, at the meeting room of Rakhine State government office yesterday.

Attendance at the ceremony were Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister, state level ministers and officials concerned.

Thura U Aung Ko explained the aim of donation by His Holiness Pope Francis at the ceremony.

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko transferred the cash donated by His Holiness Pope Francis to Rakhine State government yesterday. “The Pope with his goodwill for the victims of terrorist attacks in Rakhine State, particularly for those of the Maungtaw area, made a donation of US$100,000 through a representative,” said Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu at the ceremony. “We will use this donation in building roads, wells and lakes, which are included in the social needs for the direct and long-term benefit of the victims,” he pledged, expressing pleasure for the assistance.

“We are happy that a donation was made for the people who are suffering from hardships,” Thura U Aung Ko explained.

Pope presents US$100,000 for Rakhine State

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Regional development works to be conducted in Ann Township

Rakhine State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Myint Than briefed about Pyidaungsu Hluttaw issues, education, health, transportation, dam construction, electricity and works for regional development. Next, township administrator U Ko Ko Myint discussed about the current regional development works. The meeting continued with responsible officials discussing on the current issues of the region and developmental processes to be conducted.—Ann (IPRD)

Two injured as ten fire shots at house in Maungtaw Tsp

TWO people were injured in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, as ten people broke open a door of a house and then fired shots at the house and burning it. The house which was shot at was owned by Zaw Thein (alias) Musar Arli. The ten shot twice with man-made guns and Daw Khalina and U Nyo Tha were injured. Search for the ten suspects is ongoing by the police, it is learnt.—MNA

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