Union Transport Minister receives Japanese Honorary Consul of Myanmar

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung meets with Japanese Honorary Consul of Myanmar Mr. Toshio Nishimura in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Transport and Communications, received Mr. Toshio Nishimura, Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Aichi Prefecture, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperating projects of Myanmar and Japan along with future collaborative plans.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

Chinese Embassy donates 5 cars to Peace Commission

Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win accepts the donated cars handed over by Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang.
PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG

THE Chinese Embassy in Myanmar has donated five Volvo cars to the Peace Commission (PC) of Myanmar yesterday, aiming at improving the efficiency of the commission and supporting the peace process in Myanmar.

The car donation ceremony was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) on Shwe Li Road in Yangon yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang said that the Peace Commission is an organization which plays an important role for Myanmar government's peace implementation process.

He said he attended the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) together with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

In that tour, leaders of the two countries have reached an agreement on matters related to joint-development in the Belt and Road initiative, which is the path of peace, added the Chinese Ambassdor.

The peace implementation processes in Myanmar, particularly, in northern Myanmar is very important for not only Myanmar's federal Union establishment but also peace and stability at China-Myanmar border area and developing the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor.

He also said they will continually support Myanmar in her peace implementation processes from constructive role.

If the peace implementation is achieved, it will be a historic achievement for Myanmar's democratic transition, bringing benefits and welfares to all ethnic people in Myanmar.

The Ambassador also said to continually strive for peace implementation in Myanmar with great diligence.

Afterwards, Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win accepted the donated cars handed over by Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang and returned a certificate of honor.

Peace Commission Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw also presented gifts. Present at the event were secretary U Khin Zaw and members of the Peace Commission, Peace Commission Advisor U Hla Maung Shwe, U Thet Naing and officials, and officials from Chinese Embassy in Myanmar.—Ye Khaung Nyunt ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

MNHRC issues press release

THE Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has issued Press Release No. 2/2019 yesterday.

The press release states that security forces were temporarily detaining 275 men out of suspicion in Kyauktan Village, Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State when some of the detainees began shouting and attempted to fight security personnel around 2am on 2 May.

It said security personnel fired shots in defence and dispersed the men to control the situation. Reportedly, 6 men are dead, 8 are injured and 4 are missing.

The MNHRC has urged both the security forces and the AA to exercise caution to prevent unnecessary injury and death of innocent civilians in areas of ongoing conflicts.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

Security forces continue to investigate people suspected of ties with AA, release the innocent

TATMADAW security forces and police officers temporarily detained 275 men at the village school of Kyauktan Village, Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, on suspicions of having connections with the AA group.

They began necessary questioning on 1 May.

From this investigation, 126 men were cleared of suspicion, removed from the list of suspects and released in the sight of village elders on 2 May.

Out of the 275 men originally detained, 126 have been released, 6 are dead, 8 are sent to the hospital, 4 are missing and the remaining 131 are being questioned in accordance with the law, according to news released from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

AA group kills retired Tatmadaw sergeant

A RETIRED Tatmadaw sergeant residing in Pikaukwa (Rakhine) Village of Kyauktaw Township was killed by machete-wielding AA group around 12:30 a.m. on 1 May, according to a military release.

Retired sergeant U Sein Kalar was attacked by about 10 AA members, armed with machetes, while he was at home with his wife.

His wife, who had sustained a head injury, was found unconscious and taken to the Apaukwa station hospital.

Upon interrogation, local villagers said the victim was not related to any organization.

With the latest incident, the number of civilians killed by AA has reached 11, according to a press release issued by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. Eight people have been injured in AA attacks, and nine have been abducted by insurgents.

AA has been issuing death threats in letters addressed to civilians, and killing them intentionally to damage peace and stability in Rakhine State, according to the press release.—MNA ■

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