

We have much to carry on fulfilling the hopes and needs of the people of the country. We must press on until our citizens have their dignity raised and our country can retain its former glory on the global stage.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)

Let us strive collectively for the emergence of a just and free nation—a nation which will guarantee equal rights and equality, a nation which practices a pure ideology.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

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Next, the Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, Thura U Aung Ko, said it was important to implement the suggestions from the second advisory forum within the designated timeframe.

Afterwards, RfP Patron Cardinal Charles Bo, RfP Chairman U Myint Swe, and the Honorary President of International RfP, Bishop Gunnar Stålsett, delivered the closing speeches and concluded the forum.

The suggestions produced from the discussion circles will be sent to the relevant authorities for implementation.

U Seindita, the abbot of Asia Light monastery in Pyin Oo Lwin, and Sayadaws, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Win Mra, departmental officials, officials of RfP, and representatives of RfP groups from the states and regions attended the last day of the advisory forum. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



The 2nd Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar held its second day in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Union LIP Minister discusses e-ID with Austria's Deputy Head of Mission

THE Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population, U Thein Swe, received a delegation led by Ms. Judith Schildberger, the Deputy Head of Mission at the Austrian Embassy in Bangkok, at his ministry's meeting room in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During their meeting, the two sides discussed the tasks for collecting the biographic

and biometric data of citizens and issuing Unique IDs, and the discussions held between the Union Minister and the Austrian Ambassador in March regarding collaboration on this matter.

They discussed the State Counsellor's meeting with the Prime Minister of Austria in China around April and how they talked about the different stages

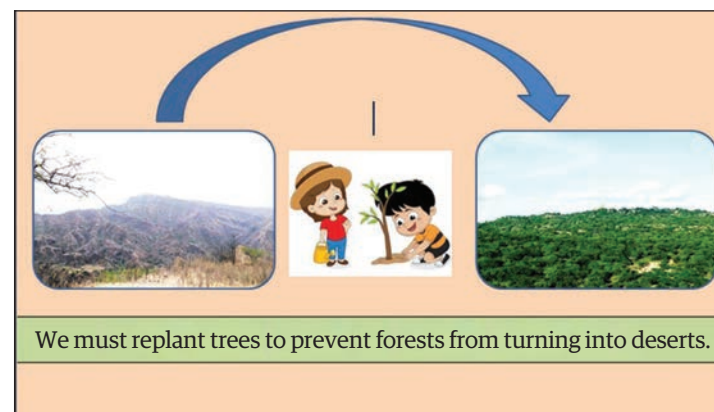
of the UID Project, funding programs and tasks.

They also discussed conducting close negotiations between the governments of Myanmar and Austria concerning Austria's likelihood to fully share its UID technologies and the implementation of e-ID in Myanmar. —MNA

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Union Minister U Thein Swe holds the meeting with Austria's Deputy Head of Mission, Ms. Judith Schildberger, concerning the national e-ID system at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



35 detainees released after no link found with AA

OF the 275 people suspected of being connected with the AA group and detained at a school in Kyauktan Village, Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, most were released on 2, 6, and 8 May after interrogators found no link between them and the armed group, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

While 126 people were freed on 2 May, 48 were released on 6 May. They had been detained at the school by the Tatmadaw and the Myanmar Police Force for interrogation.

Thirty-five detainees were released yesterday in the presence of local people and depart-

mental officials.

Of the remaining 83 suspects who were four villagers identified as Thein Aye Maung, Soe Win Kyaw, Maung Maung Hlaing, and Nyi Nyi Htay confessed to being members of the AA.

They have been transferred to Sittway with two other suspects and legal action will be taken against them, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Forty-three villagers remain in custody and are awaiting further investigation, according to the military release. —MNA

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