

Office of the Military Administration, North Arakan.

Circular.

Rev. 110A-CC/42, dated the 31st December, 1942.

In supersession of all previous order on the subject, the following provisional arrangements are prescribed for the administration of the Muslim Area of North Arakan.

2. The Muslims Area of North Arakan comprises the whole of the Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships and that portion of the Rathedaung township which lies to the west of Mayu River. This area is under the administrative control of the Military Administrator (Lt. Col. D. C. P. Phelps) whose headquarters are at Maungdaw. The Military Administrator is assisted in the execution of his duties by the Civil Adviser (Mr. A. A. Shah, ICS).

3. The Muslim Area of North Arakan is divided into two sub Areas, viz.  
(i) The Maungdaw Sub Area.  
(ii) The Buthidaung Sub Area.

4. The Maungdaw Sub Area comprises the whole of the Maungdaw Township and that portion of the Rathedaung township which lies to the west of the Mayu Range.

This Sub Area is under the immediate administrative control of the Deputy Military Administrator (Maungdaw) (Capt. G. L. Merrells) whose headquarters are at Maungdaw.

5. The Buthidaung Sub Area comprises the whole of the Buthidaung Township and that portion of Rathedaung Township which lies to the west of the Mayu River and to the east of the Mayu Range.

The Sub Area is under the immediate administrative control of the Deputy Military Administrator (Buthidaung) (Capt. J. McTurk) whose headquarters are at Buthidaung.

The Deputy Military Administrator (Buthidaung) is assisted in the execution of his duties by the subdivisional officer (Buthidaung) (U Ba Thin (G)).

6. For the purpose of general administration the Maungdaw and Buthidaung Sub Areas are divided into circles as follows:-

The Maungdaw Sub Area -

- (i) The Northern Circle.
- (ii) The Bawli Bazaar Circle.
- (iii) The Central Circle, Maungdaw.
- (iv) The Southern Circle.

The Buthidaung Sub Area -

- (i) The Buthidaung Circle.
- (ii) The Kungchaung Circle.

7. The Northern circle comprises all that portion of the Maungdaw Township which lies to the north of the Loibaw Khal on the west side of the Pruma (or Purma) river and to the north of the Fadega Khal on the east side of the said river.

The Circle is under the immediate administrative control of the Township Officer, Northern Circle (Mr. Mohamed Luqman) whose headquarters are at Shabe Bazaar.

8. The Bawli Bazaar Circle comprises all that portion of the Maungdaw Township which lies north of the Mingala Khal excluding the area comprised by the Northern Circle.

The Circle is under the immediate administrative control of the Township Officer, Bawli Bazaar Circle (Mr. Farooque Ahmed B.Sc., B.L.) whose headquarters are at Bawli Bazaar.

The Township Officer, Bawli Bazaar Circle, is assisted in the execution of his duties by the Additional Township Officer, Bawli Bazaar Circle (Mr. Abul Boshar Chowdhury).



9. The Central Circle, Maungdaw, comprises all that portion of the Maungdaw Township which lies between the Mingala Khal on the north, and, on the south, the khal which flows under the second wooden bridge to the south of the iron bridge on the road leading from Maungdaw to Alethengyaw.

The Circle is under the immediate administrative control of the Township Officer, Central Circle, Maungdaw (Mr. Omar Leah) whose headquarters are temporarily in Kapitadil village near Maungdaw Town.

The Township Officer is assisted in the execution of his duties by the following Additional Township Officers :-

Mr. Munif Khan. (Municipal Affairs).  
Mr. Nur Ahmed (Judicial)  
Mr. Sultan Ahmed, B.A., B.L. (duties).

10. The Southern Circle comprises

(i) all that portion of the Maungdaw Township which lies to the south of the khal which flows under the second wooden bridge to the south of the iron bridge on the road leading from Maungdaw to Alethengyaw.

(ii) all that portion of the Kathedaung Township which lies to the west of Mayu range.

This Circle is under the immediate administrative control of the Township Officer, Southern Circle whose headquarters are at Alethengyaw. The Township Officer, Southern Circle, is assisted in the execution of his duties by the Additional Township Officer, Southern Circle.

(Mr. Mohamed Sulaiman, B.A.B.L. and Mr. Ali Ahmed, B.Sc. have been selected to fill these two posts, but the question of which gentleman shall fill which post is still under consideration

11. The Buthidaung Circle comprises the whole of the Buthidaung Township.

The Circle is under the immediate administrative control of the Township Officer, Buthidaung, (Mr. Abdul Gaffar) whose headquarters are at Buthidaung.

The Township Officer, Buthidaung, is assisted in the execution of his duties by the Additional Township Officer, Buthidaung, (Mr. Abul Bashir).

12. The Laungchaung Circle comprises that portion of the Kathedaung Township which lies to the west of Mayu river and to the east of Mayu range.

Pending the appointment of the Township Officer, Laungchaung the Circle is under the immediate administrative control of the Subdivisional Officer, Buthidaung.

13. The Civil Police of the Muslim Area of North Arakan will be under the control of the District Superintendent of Police (Mr. C.B. Orr).

He will be assisted in the execution of his duties by the Additional Superintendent of Police (Mr. J. Edwards).

There shall be Police Stations at the following places

Shabe Bazaar	)	
Lawli Bazaar.	)	
Maungdaw.	)	Maungdaw Sub Area.
Alethengyaw.	)	
Indin.	)	
Laung Bazaar.	)	
Buthidaung.	)	Buthidaung Sub Area.
Kwason.	)	
Laungchaung.	)	

There shall be Out Post at Fakira Bazaar (Maungdaw Sub Area) at Panzai Bazaar (Buthidaung Sub Area). The boundaries of the Police Stations and Out Posts shall be laid down by the District Superintendent of Police in consultation with the Military Administration.



15. Township Officers shall perform the functions of Township Magistrates and Township Judges.

Additional Township Officers shall perform functions of Additional Township Magistrates and Additional Township Judges.

16. Until further notice and Arakanese Buddhist who was not ~~xxxxx~~ resident in the Muslim Area of North Arakan on the 1st. of January 1945 shall not be permitted to enter or remain in such area without the permission in writing of the Military Administrator or of a Deputy Military Administrator,.

Note 1. An Arakanese Buddhist is colloquially known as a "Bugh" by the local Muslims.

Note 2. The above prohibition shall not apply to hill tribes men.

Until further notice a Muslim who was not resident in the Arakan Division (excluding the Muslim Area of North Arakan) on the 1st. of January 1943 shall not be permitted to enter or remain in such area without the permission in writing of the Military Administrator or of the Deputy Military Administrator.

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Lt. Col.

Military Administrator, North Arakan.

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