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Muslim people from Barizar Village, Buthidaung Township, carry aid including rice bags and food on Saturday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Displaced Rakhine residents return home

RESIDENTS of Taungpyo Letwe Town in northern Rakhine State began to return to their homes yesterday nearly a month after they were evacuated due to terrorist attacks by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), a terrorist group, on 25 August.

The villagers had been sheltered in rescue camps in Maung-taw, Buthidaung, Yathedaung and Sittway. As of 16 September, there were 1,686 local ethnics and Hindus displaced from Taungpyo Letwe Town. After stability was returned to the village, most have returned home, according to records made available by the TaungpyoLetwe Town administrative office.

On the way home, security forces, border police guards and staff from the General Administrative Department helped in transportation for elders, children and mothers by vehicle, said U Naing Lin Aung, acting township administrator in Taungpyo-Letwe Town. The returned people include ethnics from Ward 1, 2, 3, and 4 in TaungpyoLetwe, and local ethnics and Hindus from Nathataung, Metike, Thayagone and ThinbawHla villages. About 100 people from Thayagone village still remain in rescue camps and will be returned home soon.— Min Htet Aung & Tin Maung Lwin ■

Aid flows into N-Rakhine

Rakhine State government and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday morning provided food for local ethnic nationals and Muslim villagers in Buthidaung Township, Maungtaw District.

“Today, our department, together with state govern-

ment, is providing rice donated by some foreign countries and cooking oil, salt, and peas from the department to villages where local ethnic nationals were facing difficulties due to the ARSA extremist terrorists and to Muslim villagers who do not accept terrorist acts and

want to live peacefully. Our department had provided food aid to all marshalling areas and is continuing by providing to villages.

Next day, we will continue to provide food aid to Muslim villages”, said Director U Kyaw Min of the Rakhine State Social

Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Department.

Local ethnic villages of Ywama and Donthein and Muslim villages of Thityin and Thayizar, which have a total population of more than 1,500 in over 230 households were provided

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Rakhine State Chief Minister provides food, utensils in Maungtaw and Buthidaung

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Chan Thar and officials went by Tatmadaw helicopter from Sit-tway to villages in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships yesterday and provided food and utensils to local people.

Rakhine State Chief Minister and officials also gave words of encouragement to the local people in

Sin PhyuTaung and Wah Net Yone villages.

"Villagers who fled are returning home. As the government is providing food, we don't need to worry about this. It is also convenient as there is security in the village.

Tatmadaw personnel are also taking care of us, including our health", said Daw Than Nu, a Khami ethnic national of Sin PhyuTaung

village.

In evening, the party gave words of encouragement and provided food and utensils to local people of Min KhaMaung village in Maungtaw Township.

Rice, cooking oil, salt, beans, chili, onions, fish paste, dried fish, solar lamps, soap, detergent powder and other supplies were provided.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu presents food assistance to villagers in Maungtaw and Buthidaung Townships, Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

HK Chief Executive attends 14th WCEC

MRS. Carrie Lam, Hong Kong Chief Executive, attended and delivered the keynote speech at the 14th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC) held at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangone Township, Yangon yesterday morning.

The Hong Kong Chief Executive and party then went to the former Secretariat Office on

Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township and toured the parliament building, Martyr's Monument, the flag pole used during the Myanmar Independence flag raising ceremony and buildings within the former Secretariat Office compound.

Afterwards, they observed the knitting of woolen clothes in the Prosperity Knitwear Factory in the Thilawa (Internal

Economic Zone and visited the new extension factory building under construction.

The Hong Kong Chief Executive and party then visited Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal (MITT), where officials explained trade conducted through the terminal, after which the visitors toured the terminal by car. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Hong Kong Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam visits Prosperity Knitwear Factory Ltd, Myanmar Thilawa Terminal (MITT). **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Henry Van Thio to attend UN General Assembly



Vice President U Henry Van Thio (C) seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Chief Minister (L) and US Ambassador (R). **PHOTO: MNA**

VICE President U Henry Van Thio left Yangon yesterday to attend the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

The Vice President and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo

Min Thein, regional ministers, the US Ambassador to Myanmar and officials.

The Vice President was accompanied by National Security Advisor U Thaug Tun, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Attorney-General attends prosecutor's conference

UNION Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo attended the 22nd International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) Annual Conference held in Beijing, China on 11-15 September, 2017.

The annual conference was attended by more than 500 representatives from 98 countries and international organisations.

At the conference, matters relating to technical cooperation between prosecutor organisations, the effect of the internet and social media on society and the dangers of terrorism, acquiring digital evidence, mutual assistance between countries in criminal cases, government prosecutors from countries co-operating and sharing experiences in electronic crime, environmental crime, terrorism,

money laundering, corruption, human trafficking, transnational crime, training programmes, prosecution works to be conducted for the benefit of the people, rule of law in society and fairness of law sectors were discussed.

The Union Attorney-General met with H.E. Mr. Cao Jianming, the Prosecutor-General of the Supreme People's Procurate of the People's Republic of China on 12 September and cordially discussed increasing bilateral cooperation, development and improvement of the legal sector, increased cooperation on transnational crimes, the status of sending scholars and future works between the Union Attorney-General office and the Prosecutor General's office.—Myanmar News Agency



Union Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo participates in 22nd International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) Annual Conference. **PHOTO: MNA**

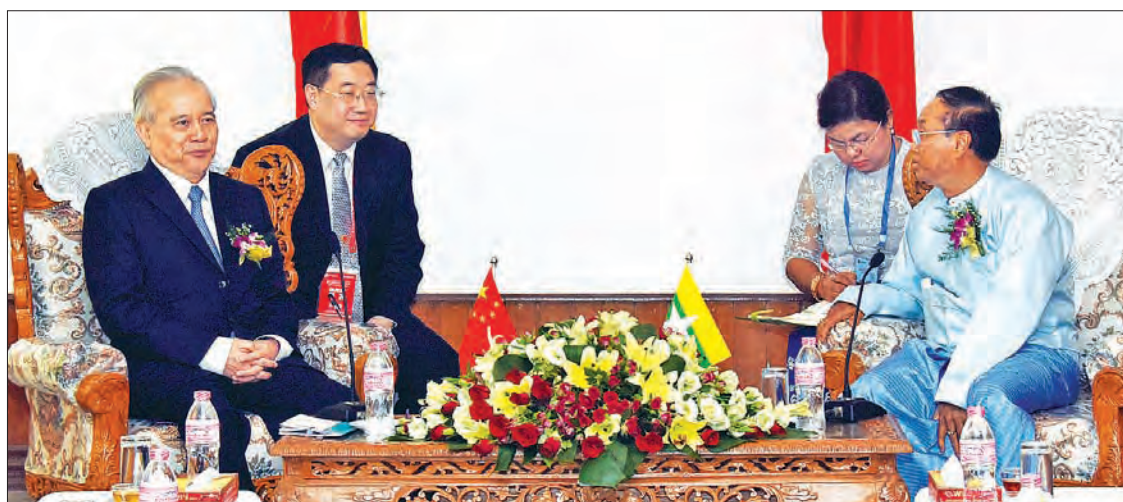
Vice President U Myint Swe receives Mr. Wang Qin Min

Vice President U Myint Swe received a delegation led by Mr. Wang Qin Min, Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce and Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference yesterday morning, at the Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon.

Matters relating to the consolidation and promotion of the strategic and friendly relations that exists between the two countries, developing industrial and fishery sectors,

providing support in technology and good quality seeds, development of the construction, transport, communications and travel sectors, increasing agriculture, livestock breeding, trade promotion and investments on a wide basis were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers Dr Than Myint and U Kyaw Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Myo and U Aung Htoo, region ministers and officials.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Myint Swe holds talks with Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce Mr. Wang Qin Min at Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar encyclopedia to be republished for uplifting literature

A work coordination meeting to republish the Myanmar encyclopedia was held yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Printing and Publishing Department on Theinbyu Road in Yangon.

At the meeting Union Minister for Information and Patron of the Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering Committee Dr Pe Myint delivered an opening speech.

Next, Tun Commercial Foundation Chairman and Patron of Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering Committee U Thein Tun and Vice Chairman 1 of Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering Committee Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min – Danubyu) discussed and suggested works that are completed and future works to be done.

Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering Committee member Printing and Publishing Department (PPD) Director General U Aung Myo Myint then explained the status of the work processes.

Afterwards, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, PPE Deputy Director General U Ko Ko Naing, writers Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min – Danubyu), Dr Tin Hlaing (Bo Hlaing), U San Win (Archaeology), U Than Ohn (Maung Zeya) and U Aye Lwin (Maung Thway Thit) discussed and suggested by sector on the works completed.

Myanmar encyclopedias are being arranged to be republished with the aim of partly



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint addresses the meeting to republish the Myanmar encyclopedia. **PHOTO: MNA**

supporting Myanmar literature development, to support and uplift development and growth of reference literature together with Myanmar literature, to update the Myanmar encyclopedia with appropriate modern facts and figures.

Republishing of the Myanmar encyclopedias is a joint effort of Sarpay Beikman and Tun Commercial Foundation.

Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering Committee secretary U San Win (Archaeology) said, “Three groups, a steering committee, consultation group and editorial group were formed and the editorial group was editing the previous encyclopedia series 1 and half of series 2 while appropriate subjects from World Book 2016 were selected and translated.

In order to support the republishing work, 24 subject groups and 18 subject specialists were writing manuscripts. 15 encyclopedias were pub-

lished from 1954 to 1976 and updating and amending outdated parts were being conducted.

Final manuscripts for series 1 will be completed by the end of December with the aim of printing a sample.”

Yesterday afternoon, the Union Minister met with literature experts for publishing the 100 Myanmar Books Series. At the meeting, U Than Ohn (Maung Zeya), Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, Director General U Aung Myo Myint and Deputy Director General U Ko Ko Naing explained current work processes of publishing the 100 Myanmar Books Series and literature experts in attendance discussed the long story sector out of the short story, long story, poem, play, essay sectors that will be included in the 100 Myanmar Books Series.

The meeting ended with remarks for republishing the books and analysis of the books.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Body found, 16 suspects detained, IED found in Maungtau

On the afternoon of 10 September, security personnel in Kyikyun Police Post, Area 3, Maungtau Township saw two boats approaching toward the police post along the Ale creek. When the boats were hailed to stop, the boats continued to paddle away. Warning shots were fired and the boats were finally stopped.

Upon boarding one of the boats, the lifeless body of ZahatTusong, 50, was found with gunshot wounds to the head and right shoulder. Four men, including Mahmut Salam, also known as Siyu, 60, was arrested. Four swords found on board were confiscated. On the other boat was Ma Sannawara Baygon, 45, three other women, one man and eight children. Upon interrogation, they were found to be escaping from Area 5 Laungdon and had crossed the Naf River and had entered Ale creek near Kyikyun Police Post.

Of the 16, six including Mahmut Salam were charged

under the immigration law in Maungtau Township court on 15 September and were given a six-year jail sentence.

A death case has been opened on the death of Zahat Tusong of Bonenar Village in TaungpyoYar Police Station, Maungtau Township on 11 September and is under investigation.

Of the remaining, eight children including Nuralmut Arafat were handed over to ward elder U Myi Win Maung, also known as Rofi, of Myoma (South) Ward, Maungtau, while two others, including Zaumen Nara Baygon, were transferred to their parents, said local authorities. Five days later, security personnel from Kyaukpandu Camp were conducting area clearance operations along Maungtau-Angumaw Road found an improvised explosive device (IED) one foot long and six inches thick 50 yards from Kyaukpandu Village. The device was safely deactivated.— Myanmar News Agency ■

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with over 100 bags of rice, 200 vissees of cooking oil, 200 vissees of pea and 50 vissees of salt. Furthermore, elders above the age of 90 in the villages were each provided with cash support.

“My village is very happy for being provided with rice, cooking oil, salt and peas during the time when we are facing a food shortage. Every household needs this. We want to work peacefully. Due to the recent happenings, families in the village who lived peacefully were facing difficulties. We dare

not go anywhere. Our villagers do not accept these terrorist acts”, said Ma Chawbica from Thityin Village, Ywama Group, Buthidaung Township. The state government and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement have been providing food with Tatmadaw helicopters and boats to persons displaced by the ARSA extremist terrorist attacks last month. After sufficient food was provided to all marshalling areas, the same agencies have started to provide food to villages. The efforts at providing aid and food will continue today.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Former U.S. diplomat sides with Myanmar government

FROM SUPPLEMENT-G

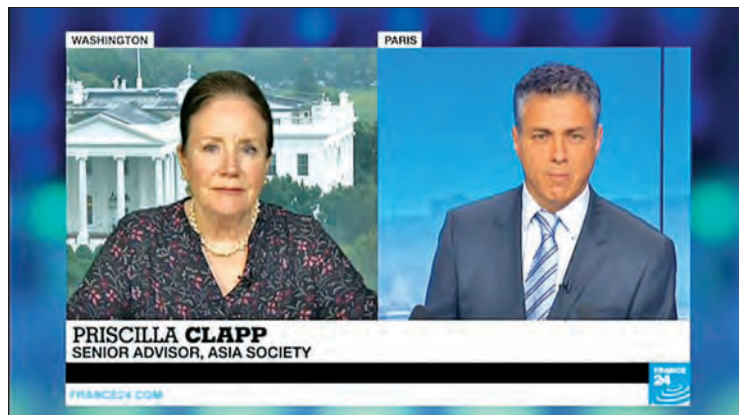
Q: You said earlier that Aung San Suu Kyi has sympathy with the Rohingyas, but why is it we're hearing reports of landmines being laid between the borders of Myanmar and Bangladesh? Does that show a lack of sympathy or is that to prevent the Rohingyas from returning to the country?

A: Who is laying the landmines? The landmines are also in the hands of the terrorists. We don't know who's doing that.

Q: Bangladesh squarely accuses the authorities of Myanmar of laying those landmines.

A: Well that may be so, they may be accusing the Burmese, but that's not necessarily who's doing it. Nobody really knows what the situation is on the ground.

Q: We've heard criticism from the likes of Desmond Tutu and other Nobel laureates asking Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to speak out more. What's your reaction to that?



And it is not clear how many have actually fled to Bangladesh. They have already told Bangladesh that they will work with them to return them safely to Rakhine State when the time comes.

A: I understand the situation she's in. I've lived there and it's a very divisive society. There are many different ethnic groups, many religions and with the transition that is going on, they have a lot of freedom now and some of them are abusing those

freedoms.

There are extremists on the Buddhist side who have become very political, including the main opposition party. They're using the anti-Muslim sentiment for their own political purposes. Rakhine politicians are doing the

same thing. So if she wades into the middle of this very volatile, internal political situation, with a lot of harsh words, one way or the other, against the military or against the Buddhists, she's going to be dead meat.

Q: So what should the international community be doing?

A: I think the international community is already on the job. You have to look at what the Kofi Annan commission did. They made a very thorough investigation of the whole situation. They came up with a very comprehensive set of recommendations pointing out to what would lead to a long-term solution, which involves changing the hearts and minds of people, in addition to economic development, to improve the conditions of everybody living there. It's a very poor state and there's competition for resources. And there are a lot of groups now arming themselves on both sides and acting as militias. All of this has to be dealt with comprehensively.

Now she has accepted those recommendations and she has

set up a government commission consisting of all of the concerned ministries who have the resources and means to address this.

She's also setting up an advisory board of international members so that the international community can participate in helping to implement these recommendations. So that's exactly what we should be doing.

The United States has already been on the ground in Rakhine State providing comprehensive assistance to health, economic development, human rights and education.

Q: But for the time being, no public statement from Aung San Suu Kyi expressing sympathy for the Rohingyas fleeing the fighting.

A: Well, that's one piece of a very, very large puzzle. You will hear from her in September when she comes to the UN.

I don't think you're going to see her speaking out loudly while she's still at home facing a very hostile public.

By France24.com

NEXT GENERATION PLATFORM

Scars In The Eyes

FROM SUPPLEMENT A

He had no one to talk about his breaking feelings to. All he had were a pair of small hands to beg for money and a torn shirt with ragged short pants. He was looking into my eyes and there, I saw those scars in his tiny and friendly cold eyes. "He may be wet, cold and afraid," I told myself. "Where is his mommy to hold him tight and make him feel alright? Where are his sisters to tell fairy tales before bed and where is his daddy to be a hero in his life?" Many questions came into my head.

I thought I was very unlucky to come from a middle class family but how about this little child? Who punished a little innocent child like this? I pitied on him. I took my steps towards him, bent down onto my knees and asked, "Are you alone?" He nodded. At the same

time, two drops of clear blue tears rolled down from his tiny eyes onto his sun burnt cheeks. He seemed starving and helpless. Maybe once he was so happy in his parents' warm arms. I took his tiny hand and headed into a warm cafe. There, I had a mug of warm mocha and the child drank a cup of sweet berry milk. Later he spoke out, "I miss my family."

I was surprised to hear his lovely words. It was obvious that he had a family. I wondered how he got to the present life. But before I asked he said, "A woman told me she would take me home one evening after school and now I never get home." He was telling his past stories. "I was sent to a bad family and they told me to work hard for them. They hit me with stick if I don't do the works. So, I ran away." His words proved that he

was sold to someone. So, after drinking, I went directly to the police station instead of my house. I told the officers to help this poor child.

It was a year ago and months later I heard the child was finally sent back home where his beloved family was waiting for him. I could not describe how I felt when I heard those news. Nowadays, there are many human and child traffickers around the globe. We all must hold hands in hands and stop these crimes. So that we can all make the world a better place. There are many people who are human trafficked by the nasty money hunters especially the innocent children. It is our responsibility to heal our world. Help the others and show mercy on the others. And one day we will get a good feedback for what we have done.

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