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Relief aids are arriving at both Local Ethnic communities and Muslim communities in Northern Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ethnics, Muslims get aids

FOODS were provided to the villages of ethnic people and the villages of people of Islamic faith in northern Rakhine State by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Rakhine State government. Aung Zeya (United) and Aung Zeya (Peace)

villages, Aung Tharyar village, Aung Minglar village of northern Rakhine where Rakhine, Thet, Bamar, Mon and Shan races were living, and Ngan Chaung village and Kyetyopyin village where people of Islamic faith were residing were visited and

provided foods by responsible personnel from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and General Administrative department of Maungtaw District.

Regarding the provisions, U Khite Marmood of Islamic faith

of Ngan Chaung village said, "We thank all the persons coming to the village and assisting with foods in such a difficult time.

The Tatmadaw also came to help us with foods including rice, cooking oil and salt last week.

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Present were Sayadaws led by Chairman of the central administrative body of the State Pariyatti Sasana University, Vice Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and officials.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa gave the opening address.

The Union Minister supplicated on religious matters.

The meeting sought the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Secretary of the administrative body Director-General of the Department for the Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Moe Zaw Shwe presented the accomplishments in connection with the decisions of the previous meeting, followed by a general round of discussions.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasabhivamsa delivered a sermon.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Pariyatti universities administrative body meeting in progress. PHOTO: MNA

Union minister inspects regional development in northern Rakhine

UNION Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr Tun Naing, Rakhine State Road Transport Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan and Social Affairs Minister Dr Chan Tha, inspected regional development and progress of roads, bridges and power supply facilities in Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships in northern Rakhine State yesterday.

First, the Union minister and party visited the 880-ft-long Yathedaung creek bridge on Ponnagyun Yathedaung road in Yathedaung township undertaken by the construction group 7 of the Bridge Department. They then facilitated the work of erecting a 66/11 kv (5MVA) sub-power station in the town.

In Buthidaung township, they inspected the 600-ft-long Saitin Bridge on Ponnagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung road undertaken by construc-



Union Minister U Win Khaing presents solar lamps for service personnel. PHOTO: MNA

tion group 7 and provided solar lamps for the workers of the project.

In the afternoon, they met with Lt-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and discussed border roads and bridges, power supply and border fence. In the evening

they arrived at Taungpyoletwe in Maungtaung Township by helicopter and inspected the border bridge and the border fence. The Union minister looked into the requirements and presented solar lamps and candles to the service personnel in Taungpyoletwe.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Labour attaché inspects Certificate of Identity Centers

ACCORDING to the announcement from Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, CI are being issued to the Myanmar workers without any valid document listed by Thai Ministry of Labour starting from 15 September, it was learnt.

According to the list of Thai Labour Ministry, there are 288954 displaced workers from Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia. Most of the listed workers are known to be working in construction, agriculture and husbandry and restaurant works. Most of the listed workers are from Chom Bueng District, Samut Prakan District, Paton Htarni District and Chiang Mai District. Three CI issuing centers are extended at Songkhla in southern Thailand, at Nkos Sawan in middle Thailand and Chiang Mai in northern

Thailand, according to Labour attaché, U Moe Aung Khaing.

The workers holding Temporary Residence Permit (TR-38) and those whose temporary passports for 6 years (violet and red booklet) are still valid can pay 300 Thai Baht at any 7-Eleven store and those who were listed in Thai Labour Ministry shall deposit 300 Baht and another 500 Thai Baht for permit fees at any 7-Eleven store. Then the workers can get the receipt and go to CI centers with that receipt for their document.

For the workers listed at the Thai Ministry of Labour while they are doing their CIs, they can have medical check-up, visas and work permits by one stop service, said U Moe Aung Khaing, Labour Attache of Myanmar Embassy.—Pwint Thitsar ■



Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok says it is issuing CIs for Myanmar workers. PHOTO: PWINT THITSAR

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Since many years ago we have lived in peace together with the local ethnic people. If there is any unusual thing in the village it must be reported immediately to departments concerned. Now we are living in peace and we will cooperate with the responsible personnel for the rule of law."

Six villages including local ethnic villages and villages of people of Islamic faith were pro-

vided 400 rice sacks, oil and peas 517 viss each and salt 254 viss and ks 30,000 each to the aged people of 90 years and above.

"We owed much thanks to the responsible personnel for providing food in such a difficult time. We are also very glad to get those assistance. Tatmadaw also supported us with food carrying by helicopter. All the villagers here dislike the terrorism. We now know the benefit of peace

when we get into trouble due to terrorism. We want to live under the rule of law" explained Daw Dirdar of Ngan Chaung village.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in conjunction with the State government will continue to provide aids to both villages of ethnic people and villages of people of Islamic faith who wants to live in peace, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Education amidst violence and terrorism



Sayadaw U Sarana.

"Mingalar par my students," "Mingalar par teacher," they all responded in unison followed by a chorus of reciting that filled the air of Myoma monastery in Maungtau City.

The sound of students in the early morning was an unexpected one and I found out that these students were from a small school in Nanthataung village in Taungpyoletwe Township. Their school, which was self-funded, was called Nanthataung Charity School and it and the entire village was burnt to the ground during one of the terrorist attacks by ARSA in Maungtau District. The village housed about 170 villagers of ethnic descent and was 68 miles away from Maungtau Town.

Sayadaw U Sarana, the presiding monk of Myoma monastery, talked about the effort to continue the education of the children even after they had fled their homes.

"In the early morning on 25 August, I think it was about 2 am when those terrorist attacks

happened, there was a skirmish at Nanthataung police outpost not very far from here," said the Sayadaw. "About 500 terrorists advanced on the outpost and the eight security officers stationed fought back until the terrorists retreated around 6 am," recounts the Sayadaw.

After the terrorists retreated, officials had to search the surrounding area for potential landmines.

"After they had finished searching for landmines, one of the security officers came and told me what had happened," said Sayadaw U Sarana. "I informed the Taungpyo Tactical Operation Commander that attacks had occurred. Then we found out that similar attacks were carried out in 30 other police outposts in Maungtau District."

The Sayadaw had requested security reinforcements after the attacks had happened and when the troops arrived they began conducting clearance operations.

"A police outpost nearby was surrounded by terrorists so the reinforcement troops had to advance there, leaving us without adequate security," said the Sayadaw. "We then decided to move the children to a secure place," said the Sayadaw.

Sayadaw U Sarana led the students and other villagers to Taungpyoletwe with the help of some security officers. They faced blockades by terrorists along the way.

"We arrived at Taungpyoletwe around nightfall and stayed at a school building for the night.

We had nothing to eat but before we could think of a solution, we were faced with another terrorist attack. When they started shooting with guns, the security officers moved us into the constabulary building," said the Sayadaw.

The Sayadaw said they were enclosed in Taungpyoletwe for two weeks before finally reaching Maungtau City on 10 September.

"Some of the villagers stayed behind in Taungpyoletwe," said the Sayadaw. "They had homes there but the rest of us had nowhere to go," the Sayadaw said

with a sigh.

Eyewitnesses reports say they could see Nanthataung village burning from Taungpyoletwe on 26 August. After some inquiry, Sayadaw U Sarana was informed that the terrorists had burned down the entire village along with its market and monastery.

Around 375 students were among the people who followed the Sayadaw out of the village. On 14 September, teachers from Nanthataung village and other teachers and officials from education departments in Maungtau City assisted in teaching the students thereby continuing their education.

"We started the lessons on 14 September," said the Sayadaw. "We had some teacher who followed us from Nanthataung and other teachers from Maungtau are helping us educated the children.

We didn't want the children to be set back a year in their education so we came up with this plan to open this school for them in Myoma Monastery. The Education Department said they will open the schools when the situation has calmed down," said the Sayadaw.

After telling us about the incidents the Sayadaw left to teach the students. —Tin Maung Lwin & Min Htet Aung



A peaceful learning environment in a restive area. PHOTO: MAUNG MHWAE

MA-UK (Myanmar) provides foods and utensils for victims in Rakhine State

MA-UK (Myanmar) contributed foods and utensils to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on Friday for the victims of ARSA extremist attack in Rakhine State.

Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement accepted cooking oil, peas, cans, noodles, tea packs and mosquitoes nets worth Ks79 million contributed by MA-UK (Myanmar), an international Non-Governmental Organization based in London.

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is systematically distributing cash, foods and utensils contributed by international organizations to all victims in Rakhine State. —Myanmar news Agency



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receiving aids for victims in N Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

Five suspects arrested in Maungtau and arson committed in Sittway

FIVE suspects were arrested near the head of Gaw Du Tha Ya creek in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State on Saturday morning.

While a team including security police from Gaw Du Tha Ya police outpost was patrolling near Tone Chaung Wa village, five suspects including Sar Dit Raw Phee were arrested between Mohwin police outpost and the head of Gaw Du Tha Ya creek. Arrested suspects are being investigated according to the law.

Moreover, police arrested Soe Naing (a) Yar Zar

Ah Phat, 16 in Sittway as he committed arson to his grandmother's house on Friday.

Soe Naing burnt to the house of his grandmother, Daw Har Mi Dar, 73 at Aung Mingalar ward, Sittway Township as he was denied of giving Ks 10,000 from his grandmother on Friday 1pm.

The fire was put out in five minutes and the damage of house was worth Ks 7,500. Suspect Soe Naing was being investigated at Sittway Myoma Police Station to file a lawsuit by arson law. —Myanmar News Agency

Magway, ripe for tourism

A successful two day forum came to a close on 17 September in Nan Htike Thu Hotel in Magway City.

The forum was attended by officials and enthusiasts from the tourism industry. U Ohn Maung, the Union Minister for Hotel and Tourism, in his opening speech said the Magway Region is filled with potential for tourism.

“Magway will have increased tourism in the future,” said U Ohn Maung. “What tourism companies need to do is reduce the negative impacts on the region’s economy, society and natural environment while focusing on sustainable tourism. Only then will tourism destinations develop,” he said.

There are seventeen hotels and seventeen hostels in Magway and it is reported that the number of tourists reached 19,386 in 2016 and 10,861 in 2017. Dr. Aung Moe Nyo, the Chief Minister of Magway Region, said after community based tourism (CBT) was set up in Pakkoku District, about a thousand tourists come visit annually. The Chief Minister said CBT was also set up in Makyikan Village



Photo shows a Stupa of Bagan era in MyinKunn Ancient City. **PHOTO: ZAYYA TU**

in Chauk Township and there are plans to set up a CBT site in Pone Taung Pone Nyar Region in Theelin Township.

“As tourism in the Magway Region increases so will the income and livelihoods of the trans-

portation sector, restaurants, tour guides, souvenir shops and local residents improve too,” said the Chief Minister.

The forum highlighted some of the attractions in Magway Region including the ancient

pagodas along the part of the Ayeyarwaddy River in Yenangyaung Township in Sale District, which were thought to have been constructed between the Bagan and Pinya dynasties.

The Sale Yote Sone monas-

tery and Shinpinsarkyo Pagoda, Magway Myathalun, Minbu Seikkeinde Pagoda, Nga Pwat Mountain, the Sandakuu Nanttha monastery in Pwintphyu City and Shwe Settaw are just some of the pagodas worth visiting. Other attractions include the wildlife reserve which has star tortoises and Eld’s deer, the Yote Sone monastery in Lelkine, Salin City, the Minhla Fort and Kwaykyang Fort.

In Thayet City, tourists can visit Myanmar’s first golf course and the Thayet War Cemetery, one of the two memorial burial grounds of Ottoman Soldiers as well as the ancient cities of Vitano and Myinkun, both of which are listed on the World Heritage list. There is also the General Aung San Museum and the pagodas in Pakan District in Pakkoku including the ThihoShin Pagoda, which are among the many potential tourist destinations.

Actionaid Myanmar and the Association of Hotels in Magway helped set up the forum and one attendant hoped a tour guide map of Magway Region will be drawn in the near future.—Zayya Tu (Magway) ■

Alumni of NRDC contribute collective assistance to donation local people in Maungtaw

An amount of cash, Ks 3.8 million was contributed to officials by alumni of National Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges (NRDC) of Yangon, Mandalay and Sagaing yesterday for local people in temporary rescue camps in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships.

Ks 700,000 for a temporary rescue camp in four miles ward, Maungtaw Township for, Ks 200,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Dat Paung Su Parahita (Philanthropic) monastery in three miles ward, Ks 500,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Aloetaw Pyae monastery, Ks 600,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Beikman emergency supporting committee, Ks350,000 for students in temporary rescue camp of Myoma Nant Tha Taung Parahita monastery, Ks500,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Lan Ma monastery in No.2 ward, Buthidaung Township, Ks 500,000 for a temporary rescue camp



Well-wishers making donations for people of Maungtaw. **PHOTO: WIN MIN SOE**

of Thudama Yone monastery in No.4 ward and Ks 500,000 for a temporary rescue camp of Shwe Kyin monastery in No.5 ward were provided.

“Our alumni in Sittway contacted to our NRDC’s friends working in government depart-

ments and requested for cash contribution as much as they can afford for the local victims. This is our collective cash contribution for the local victims suffered by terrorist attacks.” said U Than Zaw an alumnus of NRDC.—Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■

Stimulant tablets seized in Hpa-An and Kyun Su townships

A large amount of stimulant tablets were seized in Hpa-An and Kyun Su townships yesterday by narcotic police squad.

A combined team including members of No.31 narcotic police force seized two mobile phones and 491 stimulant tablets while searching Saw Aung Kyaw Kyaw who drove motor cycle near the toll gate of Than Lwin Bridge. According to the information from former suspect, 3,689 stimulant tablets from the rubber plantation near Kan Gyi village, Hpa-An Township and Ks 200,000 and two mobile phones

were seized while searching Saw Pan Aye’s house yesterday 1pm.

Similarly, a combine team including Kan Maw police in Kyun Su Township seized 58.38 kilograms of opium powder while searching the house of Myo Win Soe, 8.64 kilograms of opium powder while searching Min Myat Zaw’s house in Mae Taw village and Ks 2 million and 64.2 kilograms of opium powder while searching Moe Moe San’s house in Mae Taw village.

The suspects were filed a lawsuit according the narcotic law.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Min Myat Zaw. **PHOTO: MNA**