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Aid delivered to Muslims in Northern Rakhine State

Muslim people carry aid including rice bags and food at Barizar Village, Buthidaung Township, Northern Rakhine State, recently. Aid are provided to both communities by authorities and Myanmar Red Cross Society. **PHOTO: MNA**

Survey on recommendations for Rakhine State launched

A committee on implementing recommendations on Rakhine State launched a survey trip yesterday to Rakhine State and met displaced persons from conflict areas in Maung-taw Township sheltering in

Kyauktaw.

At the meeting, the IDPs who fled from Maung-taw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung reported on the challenges for security, job opportunities and obstacles for their livelihoods

to the members of the committee.

In the trip, the officials delivered aid including school uniforms and text books to the displaced people from 254 families.

Before the trip, the delegation held talks with U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister at the government office in Sittway, over resettlement and future plans for the IDPs.

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MOI and FES jointly organize Event Planning Management workshop

MINISTRY of Information (MOI) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) jointly organized a Workshop on Event Planning Management yesterday morning in meeting hall of Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw.

The workshop was attended by 30 officials from departments and enterprises under Ministry of Information and the workshop will be held until 19 September it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Ministry of Information and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung jointly workshop held in progress. **PHOTO: MNA**



Vice Senior General attends the welcoming party at Grand Ballroom in Grand Hyatt in the evening **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice Senior General Soe Win attends 10th Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference

Vice Senior General Soe Win, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and Myanmar Military delegation who were in Republic of Korea attended the opening ceremony of the 10th Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference held at Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul on the morning of 18 September.

In the afternoon, the Vice Senior General participated in the first discussion session under the title of "Land Forces Pacific: Cooperation in Civil-Military Operations During Crisis". Later,

the Vice Senior General met with US Army Pacific Commander General Robert B. Brown at Grand Hyatt Hotel and cordially discussed matters on friendship and cooperation between the two military and true situations in Rakhine State.

The Vice Senior General, in the evening, attended the welcoming dinner party at Grand Ballroom in Grand Hyatt Hotel, Seoul, together with Chiefs of Army from Asia-Pacific region countries. — Myanmar News Agency ■

State level coordination and information meeting on MMFC Survey in Haka

STATE level coordination and information meeting on Myanmar Micronutrient and Food Consumption (MMFC) Survey was held on the morning of 18 September in the meeting hall of State Department of Public Health, Haka and the meeting was attended by State Minister for Social Affairs U Paung Loon Min Htan, State Minister for Planning and Finance U Wi Kaw, heads of state level departments and health personnel.

In his address to the meeting, State Minister for Social Affairs U Paung Loon Min Htan said in order to prepare and draw up programs to effectively prevent and treat problems of nutrient deficiency and nutrient profusion.

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ciency and nutrient profusion, upgrade the people's nutrition level by enabling the people to consume adequate and balanced nutrients and review the effectiveness of presently conducted nutrition development works.

Next head of Chin State Department of Public Health Dr. Hnin Pa Pa Khine gave a

Power Point presentation on conducting MMFC Survey and questions by meeting attendees were answered by responsible officials.

According to State Department of Public Health, MMFC Survey will be conducted in 30 wards and villages in districts and townships of Chin States it is learnt. —State IPRD ■



State Minister for Social Affairs U Paung Loon Min Htan delivers speech at the state level coordination and information meeting on MMFC. **PHOTO: MNA**



Members of MMCWA (Central) provide cash and commodities to displaced persons in Ponnagyun in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

MMCWA and RS MMCWA donate money and commodities to displaced people

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) gave medical check-up to pre-primary school aged children, feeding up nutritious glutinous rice yesterday at Myothit Quarter, Ponnagyun in Rakhine State, in combination with Rakhine State MMCWA.

Afterward, 21 kinds of utensils used in house-holds and monetary aids were given out to 64 house-holds taking shelter at rescue camps

opened in Lawka Marajein Pagoda campus in Ponnagyun.

Then similar donations were made to provide 21 kinds of utensils and monetary aids to 85 house-holds at the conventional rescue camp in Kyauktaw Sasana Beikman, and 77 house-holds at Maha Kangyishin Pagoda rescue camp.

In the evening, 21 kinds of utensils and monetary aids were donated respectively to

65 house-holds at Lawka Man-naung rescue camp, to 8 families at Phayarpaw rescue camp and to 40 expectant mothers, necessary items to be used during delivery.

MMCWA (Central) will support aids to displaced people at rescue camps in Minbya on 19 September and at Yathedaung on 20 September, according to Professor Dr San San Myint Aung, chairwoman of MMCWA. —Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■



Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth calls on Vice President U Myint Swe in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

VP U Myint Swe receives Chief of Defence Forces of RTAF

Vice President U Myint Swe received a delegation led by Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTAF) General Surapong Suwana-adth, in the Hall for Envoys of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw in the after-

noon of 18 September. During the meeting, matters relating to peace and stability in the Myanmar-Thai border area, promoting cooperation and friendship between the two Armed Forces, bilateral relations and collaboration were

discussed.

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win, Permanent Secretary U Kyaw Zeya of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials attended the meeting. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Terrorist attacks cause loss amounting to US \$ 0.6 million to Maungtaw border trade within 20 Days

By Min Htet Aung & Tin Maung Lwin

U Aung Myint Thein, chairman of Maungtaw border trade's merchant association said, "Till over 20 days after out-break of terrorist attacks in Maungtaw region, Maungtaw border trade could not be resumed, losing approximately at US \$ 30000 as daily income from Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Trade."

The suspended Maungtaw region border trade will be operated again as soon as possible, in consultation with responsible officials from Rakhine State government, depending upon regional stability, it was learnt.

Due to the suspension, some of the exports which can be easily transported through border gates had to be transferred via Sittway border trade gate. And, some exports to be urgently exported are piling up at the border gate. As some goods did not last long they lost qualities, causing a great loss to the business.

He added, "For now, on our side frozen "Ngamyitchin" fish were left to be exported. It was the worst thing for us. As they cannot be exported through this gate, they have been sent back to Sittway by linking with authorities

concerned. Via Sittway, they were exported to Bangladesh. But due to their nearly-half-deteriorating qualities, exporters had suffered a lot. The other item is ginger. When they are kept long, sprouts easily grow up. So, we would like to export them for a few days. Another one is the rice. Compared to rice and ginger, they can last long, approximately 3 or 4 months at the utmost. Dried fish followed them. These items will be exported if allowed depending upon security of the area the exports will be stopped afterwards. Arrangements are being made to let them be exported for some extent with State Cabinet and respective departments."

For the time being, ginger, rice and fried fish to be urgently

exported will be sent to Sittway. But, there is also shortage of labourers, it was learnt.

He went on saying that many goods to be sent to Bangladesh are piling up and more than 12 motor boats loaded with commodities to be exported to Bangladesh were finding it difficult to be unloaded. They left for Bangladesh prior to the terrorist attacks.

Due to the stoppage of border trade, banks, departments and some shops were operating, regional income dropped remarkably. Respective officials are making arrangements to reopen Kanyinchaung border trade zone being built as Maungtaw border trade zone, as soon as possible, they still find it difficult under the current situations. ■



Workers load sacks of rice into a boat at Maungtaw Border Trade Station in August. **PHOTO: A ONE SOE**

Live broadcast of State Counsellor speech

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is delivering a speech in Myanmar International Convention Center 2 at 10 a.m. 19 September on Government's efforts with regard to National Reconciliation and Peace. The event will be broadcasted live in MRTV, MITV, Myanma Radio and FM radio programmes starting from 9:55 a.m. it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency



Vice President U Henry Van Thio welcomed at John F Kennedy International Airport in New York. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Henry Van Thio arrives in New York

A Myanmar delegation led by Vice President U Henry Van Thio left Yangon on 16 September to attend the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly general debate. The delegation arrived in New York by Korea Airlines on 17 September at 10:45 a.m. local standard time.

The Vice President and delegation were welcomed at the

John F Kennedy International Airport by the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations H.E. U Hau Do Suan and staff from the Myanmar Permanent Mission. The Vice President will deliver a speech on 20 September at the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters —MNA ■

300 rice bags and monetary aids supported to displaced people

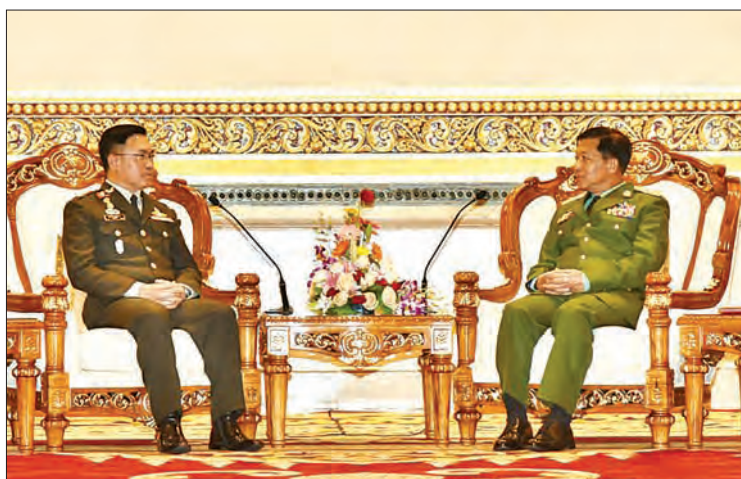
Mandalay-based "May May Foundation" donated 300 bags of rice and monetary aids to local nationals who were displaced by ARSA extremist terrorists, from their locations to Sittway rescue camps, yesterday morning.

U Soe Moe Naing, chairman of Mandalay-based May May Foundation said, "Today, we came here to support rice and money donation to displaced people gathering currently at Sittway out of consideration, in accord with the principles laid down by our foundation, not depending upon the amount we donated. Our foundation will continue to support provisions and commodities to the rescue camps and villages in Maungtaw again, transporta-

tion permitting. "

May May Foundation now in Sittway is contributing the subsidies to displaced people at the rescue camp with their wages. The foundation is making various kinds of donations—blood donation, providing humanitarian aids, supporting aids for education and offering "Soon," to Sanghas weekly, it was learnt.

Now that rescue camps for displaced people from Maungtaw area amounted to 30, the State Cabinet, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and local donors from private sectors, social organizations and foundation are providing food and subsidies.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth. **PHOTO: MNA**

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces

Defence Services Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomed Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth at Zeyathiri Beikman hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon with a ceremonial guard of honour.

After the welcoming ceremony, General Surapong Suwana-adth and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks in the meeting hall. In the evening, the Senior General and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla hosted a dinner for Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai

Armed Forces and wife.

Earlier in the day, Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth and party paid tribute to the martyrs and laid floral baskets at Mausoleum for Heroes in Nay Pyi Taw.

Then, Chief of Defence Forces of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Surapong Suwana-adth, wife Mrs. Vanvimol Suwana-adth and party paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and Botahtaung Pagoda and donated cash to pagoda trustees on 18 September morning.— Myanmar News Agency ■

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the President Press Release (No 5/2017)

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Currently some people are concerned about the Myanmar-Bangladesh border fence and this Press Release has been issued to allay the concerns of the people by informing the status of arrangements made to date and future programs on border fencing.

After the incumbent government took over the country's responsibility a Central Committee for the Implementation of Peace and Development in Rakhine State was formed on 30 May 2016 with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as chairperson.

In the coordination meetings held by the central committee in 2016 and 2017 and Security, Peace and Stability and the Rule of Law Working Committee meetings, fencing of the border was decided to be given a priority and guidelines were laid down to conduct this as a special priority work.

In a briefing given to the President on 6 September 2017 about Rakhine State affairs and rule of laws matters, the State Counsellor said repairing the damaged portion of the border fence and constructing an up to standard secure border fence in the remaining areas to be fenced were to be conducted without delay and the government would make available the additional budget required. From fiscal year 2009-2010 to fiscal year 2017-2018 annual budget estimate and revised estimate allocated a total of more than Ks. 190 billion to Ministry of Home Affairs for Myanmar-Bangladesh border fencing work and Ministry of Home Affairs had assigned works to Ministry of Defence, Directorate of Military Engineers.

In fiscal year 2017-2018 more than Ks 6 billion was permitted for border fencing and related works and Ministry of Home Affairs had assigned works to Ministry of Defence. Furthermore, arrangements were made to allocate more than Ks. 2 billion as additional allocation.

Currently, as a first step toward the immediate fencing of the border, the Union Government is allocating an additional Ks. 20 billion and as done previously, the Ministry of Home Affairs will submit requisition and assign works to the Ministry of Defence.

Moreover, the Ministry of Construction was assigned to urgently construct the Mayu Mountain range road network consisting of 2 main roads running parallel to Mayu Mountain range and 2 roads going across Mayu Mountain range, which is very important in Rakhine State and is being implemented.

The Union Government is taking the responsibility of acquiring necessary funds required for border fencing work and Mayu Mountain range road network programme as a priority and it is believed that border security in Rakhine State and security in the Maungdaw region will become much more effective and improved.—(Unofficial Translation)

Survey on recommendations for Rakhine State launched

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A committee on implementing recommendations on Rakhine State announced recently that it will complete its ministries-wide survey about the situation on the ground in Rakhine State within two weeks.

“On the advice of the Advisory Commission’s recommendations and the Investigation Commission on Maungdaw region, the committee is obliged to implement the advice which ensure benefits to the people and which are acceptable to the actual ground situation, setting priority levels to the outcomes of the survey,” Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, said in his capacity as the chairman of the committee at the meeting.

The meeting becomes the first discussion of the committee which formed on 12 September by the President. U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister and co-chairman of the committee, stressed the need to find “pos-

sible things” and “pragmatic works for the long-run in order to bring change to the works”. “Security and the rule of law should also be considered when implementing the advices,” said U Nyi Pu. Members of the implementation committee on recommendations on Rakhine State are permanent secretaries of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Sports and acting directors-general of the Office of the President and Ministry of Planning and Finance.

The final report of the Advisory Commission released on 24th August puts forward recommendations to surmount the political, socio-economic and humanitarian challenges that currently face Rakhine State.—MNA ■



People stage protest against ARSA terrorists, foreign interference in Rakhine. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAIR**

People protests against ARSA terrorists, foreign interference in Rakhine issue



People staged a protest in downtown Yangon yesterday against ARSA extremist terrorists and interference of foreign countries in Rakhine issue.

Holding placards and State

flags, the protesters gathered near the City Hall at 3 pm.

They also released a 8-point statement following the protest.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Humanitarianism should be developed in humans

Khin Maung Oo

IT is virtuous of us to give humanitarian aid to people who are suffering from difficulties and hardships. At such a deteriorating period of meeting with a myriad of destruction and hardships, there can be more and more people found to have become victims due to natural disasters and man-made events, suffering a lot.

Those victims have to be provided with humanitarian aid, regardless of race, religion and their status. In Myanmar, whose citizens hold the four cardinal virtues—Metta, Karuna, Mudita and Up-ekkha, the Union Government as well as the whole populace are always ready and willing to give aid and assistance as much as they can, of their own accord.

It can be said to be attributed to the

teachings of the religion—holding the four cardinal virtues in our minds that the government and the people are willingly and energetically helping those who are suffering without depending upon others. Though not being a country of great wealth, Myanmar is at the top of the list when it comes to making charitable donations.

Yet, wonderfully enough, we recently heard voices in regard to Rakhine State affairs that Myanmar has been void of humanitarianism. Generosity of our Myanmar people is born out of our heart-felt feelings, so we are ready and willing to help anyone actually in trouble, regardless of race, religion and their status. It is typical of Myanmar, not to give any help to fake victims.

Due to the attacks of ARSA extremist

terrorists in Rakhine State, as known by all, local Rakhine ethnic people, Hindus and many Bengalis became victims. The government and various organizations are giving help and subsidies to those victims, without racial and religious discrimination, by holding on to the four cardinal virtues.

But, regarding the terrorist attacks in Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Yathedaung townships, all those from 176 villages and some from 34 villages out of 471 Bengali villages in those areas fled to the neighboring country, it was learnt. They have a very good reason for fleeing under the name of refugees. In fact, they created this situation on purpose. They themselves know best why and how they created this current situation.

The Bengalis that remained in the

villages without fleeing will be given protection in accord with the law, and provided with food and necessary relief assistance though being different in race and religion. And, security measures will be made for them to live in peace. There is not one iota of truth in the allegations made by some in the international community based on fake news that appear in the social media and Youtube. Some newspapers have unfortunately fallen prey to the machinations of ARSA sympathizers. Only Myanmar people know the best themselves about Myanmar. 295 Bengali villages that never intended to flee prove the fact to be true. Those who fled will also be received after careful scrutiny in accord with the existing laws. I hereby want to claim that Myanmar is at its best in humanitarianism. ■

The Mask has fallen

Khin Maung Myint

ALL along, I have thought that journalists are well educated, intelligent and well informed, know their jobs thoroughly, and credible people, until lately. I couldn't understand why, not everyone, but some international media persons want to deceive the readers with fake stories that only gullible and naive persons would believe, but not me. Some may be doing them purposely for reasons they only would know, but I suspect that some are not doing their homeworks thoroughly and thus are publishing such misinformations and meaningless reports. Such fabricated news can do great damage to a country.

Here, I don't want to mention the names, but many of the well known TV channels in the world including those in the West, are frequently airing fabricated fake news about the plights of minority people in Rakhine. They had been persistently advocating for the cause of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), using false and fabricated news and depicting irrelevant photos, which I presumed were fed to them by the international lobbyist groups.

The most conspicuous and the blunderous mistake they made was, airing repeatedly a video clip of an ethnic Rakhine teenage girl purported to be a Rohingya girl, whose security and safety is being threatened. Anyone who is familiar of the differences in features, dresses and lifestyles of the Rakhine and those people, realized straight away that it was faked and fabricated. That was a very irresponsible and unethical act committed by a media. I would like to suggest to them to conduct some research about those

people who are claiming to belong to an ethnic race of Myanmar, which they are definitely not and are thus, naturally, not being recognized as such and also were being denied citizenships because they are not entitled.

Our authorities had denied, time and again, that they are in fact illegal migrants, and had also rejected every accusations by human rights groups from around the world that the government is persecuting them. Those organizations didn't have concrete evidence to prove they are our nationals. However, although they are shouting at the top of their voices so as to be heard around the world to get the attentions and sympathies of the gullible people, I doubt that some of those people even know where the Rakhine Region is, let alone where Maungtaw, Buthidaung, and Rathetaung are.

To clear the confusions created by the lobbyists and unscrupulous international media, I deemed it necessary to explain about the ethnicity and races of Myanmar. We can take pride in the fact that a small country like ours', with a meager population of around fifty four millions is made up of a diversity of ethnicity. The officially recognized number of ethnic races being 135 in total, is an indication of our generosity and open mindedness to recognize even the smallest group of people with unique ethnicity of their own as one ethnic race. This figure is quite a large number compared to those of China, the most populous country with over a billion people, where there are only about 55 recognized ethnic races apart from the majority Han race. Likewise our figure far exceeds proportionately to that of India, the second most

populous country with also over a billion people, where there are only about 2000 different ethnic races.

The 135 ethnic races are grouped under 8 main national races as follows:-

- **KACHIN.** Comprises 12 different ethnic races.
- **KAYAH.** Has 9 different ethnic races.
- **KAYIN.** Is made up of 11 different ethnic races.
- **CHIN.** It has the largest number at 53 different ethnic races.
- **BAMAR.** Consists 9 different ethnic races.
- **MON.** Only 1 ethnic race.
- **RAKHINE.** Has 7 different ethnic races.
- **SHAN.** It stands at second with 33 different ethnic races.

As those people claimed that they are an ethnic race from the Rakhine Region, I'll be mentioning the different ethnic races of Rakhine only, while omitting those of the other national races as those would take up much space unnecessarily. The different ethnic races belonging to the Rakhine are:-

1. Rakhine,
2. Kamein,
3. Kwemyi,
4. Daingnet,
5. Maramargyi,
6. Mro,
7. Thet.

If someone wants to check for the people, who are claiming they belonged to Myanmar as they had dwelt here for centuries, in the list of 135 different officially recognized ethnic races, they can search in the Wikipedia on the Internet. But will certainly not find it, as they didn't belong to our country at any time in our

history and thus weren't listed there. That name never was in existence before our Independence during the British colonial days and there was never any record either, that such a group existed. In fact they are illegal migrants posing as natives of Myanmar to deceive the international community to get settled in other countries outside of their own.

Those international organizations, the international media, INGOs, human rights groups, and countries advocating for them should be aware and be knowledgeable that recognition as an ethnic race is one thing, and granting of citizenship is another. I will clarify this statement. In our country, we have Panthay, Bamar Chinese, Bamar Indian, Bamar Muslim, Anglo Burman, Anglo Indian, Bengali Muslim, Bengali Hindus, Bengali Buddhist, Gurkha, and even a few Tibetan, whose ancestors had dwelt on our soil for many generations before our Independence, but are not recognized as ethnic races. Though they are not recognized as ethnic races, those who are entitled and their genuine descendants are being granted citizenships. As for the illegal migrants there is no reason or precedence to grant them those rights.

I had written quite a few articles in which, I had time and again explained with concrete historical evidences that those people who are claiming to belong to an ethnic race of Myanmar are in fact illegal immigrants or descendants of the illegal immigrants who had been sneaking into our country since our Independence. Thus they cannot be recognized as an ethnic race or granted citizenships by any means.

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World Bamboo Day event in Yangon

A World Bamboo Day event was held in Excel River View Hotel, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region yesterday where Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win and Head of Department for International Development, Myanmar, Gail Marzetti attended and delivered a speech.

Before the event, the Union Minister viewed the handmade bamboo utensils displayed in the booths by 19 companies.

A similar World Bamboo Day event was held in Forest Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Nay Pyi Taw where papers titled "Bamboo resources and sustainable de-



Union Minister U Ohn Win views handmade bamboo utensils at World Bamboo Day event. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN**

velopment aims" and "Conserving bamboo resources in Myanmar" were read by Director Dr Than Naing Oo and

Research Officer U Aung Zaw Moe of forest research department it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Foreigners get involved in illicit sale and purchase in Myanmar fishery

Ko Moe

ACCORDING to Myanmar Fishery Products Processors and Exporters Association, foreigners got involved in illicit sale and purchase in Myanmar fishery business.

U Myo Nyunt, secretary of Myanmar fishery products processors and exporters association said, "There are many foreigners getting involved in fishery business."

They did not purchase the products themselves. Instead they made Myanmar buy for them.

If prawns sell for K 6000 or 7000 per viss in reality, they outbid more than the current prices. No one can compete

with them, on prices, in out-bidding."

At present, fish and prawns are very rare in markets and due to such illicit sale and purchase, local fishery businessmen are suffering loss, it was learnt.

U Myo Nyunt added, "To put it simply, they should compete with honesty, that is, they should officially register.

Now, they export the products without paying license fees."

And, he noted that Myanmar should apply modernized breeding methods for the adequate acquisition of the products, adding "Fish breeding entrepreneurs are breeding tiny amounts of fish

in a large fish breeding pond, so they cannot produce to the full capacity. Nowadays a large amount of fishes are being produced in a small area of fish breeding pond to the full capacity. Compared to foreign income from fishery of foreign countries, Myanmar's income is only one third.

In addition, it needs to produce it as value-added products instead of exporting as raw materials."

Myanmar fishery products fetched US \$ 502.63 million from 568970.89 metric ton in FY 2015-2016. In FY 2016-2017 Myanmar fishery products fetched US \$ 605.819 million from 438706.505 metric ton export, it was learnt. ■

The Mask has fallen

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During the British colonial days they were unheard of. However, that name came into existence only in the late 1960s, after a clandestine underground movement group called the "Rohingya Muslim Independence Revolutionary Front" (RMIRF) was uncovered in Sittway. Today, that

name has become world renowned with the help of some international media, human rights groups and INGOs.

In my opinion the present ARSA armed terrorists have the same objectives as the RMIRF, which was to carve out a chunk of our land to establish a state of their own. Today, as the truths are emerg-

ing, their true intentions and the identities of those who are masterminding, abetting, and aiding them are gradually being exposed. The masks behind which, they are hiding as the sympathetic innocent minorities of Myanmar, who are being unfairly persecuted, had at last been peeled off. ■

54th Malaysia Independence Day held in Yangon

DEPUTY Minister for Education U Win Maw attended a reception to mark the Independence Day of Malaysia in Yangon yesterday. He was welcomed by Malaysian

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mohd Haniff Bin Abd Rahman and wife when he arrives at the ceremony held at Melia Hotel. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Illegal precious wood seized

AUTHORITIES seized illegal timbers at Yaypu check-point on 17 September.

Acting on a tip-off, they stopped and searched a 22-wheel vehicle and found 56 illegal Padauk swan timbers weighing 6.614 tons, 14 Padauk logs weighing 2.948 tons totalling 9.562 tons.

The timbers including the vehicle worth K 77.212 million

were seized.

On 17 September, the authorities confiscated various species of illegal woods worth about Ks 77.212 million at Yaypu Check-point in two cases, various species of illegal woods worth about Ks 24.612 million at Mayanchaung permanent inspection gate in eight cases totalling worth about Ks 101.824 million.—001 ■



Illegal timber seized in Yaypu and Mayanchaung checkpoints. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office