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Police dispersed a crowd who disturbed a boat carrying aid under the program of Red Cross Movement in Sittway yesterday, detaining eight for interrogation, according to local authorities.

The police in riot gear broke up the crowd comprising about 300 people and controlled the situation around 11 pm, according to a statement of the Information Committee of the government.

Some police were injured in the incident but they are not in critical condition.

The riot began when about fifty people forced an in-charge of the ICRC to unload the aid from a boat at a jetty in Sittway and prevented the boat from leaving while U Naing Wai Lin, the in-charge of ICRC is loading aid including solar lamps, sanitary towels, clothes, blankets, tarpaulin, water buckets, mosquitoes nets and kitchen utensils weighing about 50 tons in total.

Local authorities and Buddhist monks tried to leave the boat by negotiation.

However, people gathered to see the situation reaching the number about 300 at 8 pm and some threw stones and Molotov at the riot police. About 200 police used 20 12-bolt greeners and water cannons to disperse the crowd. Some people from the crowd threw homemade arrows, locally called 'Jingali' with the use catapults. Currently, security forces are stationed in Sittway providing security to local people and the situation under control.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Local authorities arrive at the boat loaded with aid as they arrange for negotiation with the crowd. **PHOTO:INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Nepalese National Day held in Yangon

UNION Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint and wife were welcomed by Nepalese Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Bhim K. UDAS and wife at a ceremony to mark the Nepalese National Day which was held in Melia Hotel in Yangon on 20 September.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Hong Kong in fourth place for FDI in Myanmar

Hong Kong placed fourth in the foreign direct investment sector in Myanmar with five Hong Kong enterprises in the hotel sector, according to a report in Tuesday's City News.

The statistic was revealed during a visit to Myanmar by a delegation led by Hong Kong Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam on Friday following an invitation of Vice President U Myint Swe. The delegation arrived at Ministry of Hotels and Tourism in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday and met with Union Minister U Ohn Maung, who said that Hong Kong has invested in five projects in Myanmar's hotel industry and welcomed further investment from Hong Kong.

The Union Minister said the country also needs human resource development aid from Hong Kong. Myanmar is rich in tourist sites, and so there are

many chances to attract Hong Kong travellers. Hong Kong investors are expanding their businesses and are interested to invest in the hotel sector, the Union Minister said.

At the same meeting on Friday, Mrs. Carrie Lam said they are planning to make Hong Kong into training hub and offer scholarships to ASEAN countries for human resource development.

The Hong Kong chief executive and the Union Minister also exchanged ideas to preserve historical buildings and come on with a plan to introduce cultural heritage and promote bilateral tourism, including ocean cruises. Since 1988, 156 Hong Kong enterprises with a total estimated investment of US\$7.7 billion have been made in Myanmar, according to statistics of the Myanmar Investment Commission.—GNLM■

In Myanmar, Nature Can Help Communities Face...

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We have much more to learn, especially from a largely understudied element of this growing field: how exactly can intact ecosystems help us adapt to our changing climate? That's why I'm here at the IUCN World Conservation Congress this week. I'm here to talk with conservation practitioners and leaders from around the world about our efforts to develop this kind of new information for decision-makers in Myanmar.

WWF is working with diverse partners and the national government to create nationwide maps of Myanmar's ecosystem services and explain how these natural systems - mangroves, forests, watersheds — buffer against both immediate and longer term climate change impacts. Our

analysis shows how Myanmar's intact inland forests provide clean water by reducing soil runoff into rivers and streams, reduce flooding by retaining and slowing down water flows, and how its coastal mangroves and reefs provide key protection against increasingly extreme storms. With this improved understanding of the services these natural systems provide, Myanmar can make progress toward its goal of developing a green, resilient economy. And, it can become a model for how to leapfrog over standard brown development and manage the ever increasing impacts of climate change in the 21st century.

WWF will continue working with our partners in Myanmar and around the world to provide information on the enormous benefits nature pro-

vides to local livelihoods and national economies. In this way, we can help governments around the world make similar investment and planning decisions that reduce the difficult trade-offs between economic growth and ecosystem conservation, all while building resilience to the effects of our changing climate.

This post is part of a series on the World Conservation Congress taking place this week. Held every four years, it brings together about 6,000 people, including heads of state, government officials, business leaders, representatives from indigenous groups, scientists, academics, influencers, educators, artists and NGOs, from all over the world to discuss and decide on solutions to the world's most pressing environmental challenges. ■

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Appointment of Head of service organization

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Police Brig-Gen Aung Win Oo, Deputy Chief of the Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs as Chief of the Myanmar Police Force on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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

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