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Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye consoles the families of the Hindu victims killed by ARSA extremist terrorists in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

17 more bodies of Hindus found in N. Rakhine State

A day after the bodies of 28 Hindu villagers were discovered, 17 more bodies of Hindus were unearthed yesterday about 200 yards from the graves where 28 bodies were found in Yebawkya

Village in Maungtaw on Sunday.

The search was carried out following information given by Hindu villagers who managed to flee the massacre and fled to Sittway.

“The bodies were found with their throats slits while their hands were tied and were blindfolded. Some bodies had cuts in hands and feet,” said Dr Kyaw Maung Maung Thein,

Maungtaw People’s Hospital Superintendent, who conducted the autopsy yesterday.

The evidences pointed to a massacre by ARSA terrorists, he added. **SEE PAGE-6**



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Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo poses for a documentary photo with other Chief Justices after attending 17th Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and Pacific in Tokyo, Japan from 19 to 21 Sept 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Chief Justice attends 17th Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and Pacific

UNION Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo attended the 17th Conference of the Chief Justices of Asia and Pacific held in Tokyo, Japan from 19 to 21 September.

The conference was attended by Asia and Pacific region chief justices and representatives and matters relating to progress of regional judiciary works, increasing

trust of the people in judiciary works, increasing the capacity of the judiciary, judiciary sector in family disagreement, human resources development and role of chief justices in future judiciary sector were discussed.

The Union Chief Justice discussed Myanmar's efforts for human resources development in the

judiciary sector.

During the trip, the Union Chief Justice met separately with Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Japan The Hon. Itsuro Terada and Japan Minister of Justice H.E. Yoko Kamikawa and discussed current and continued cooperation in judiciary was discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine State Chief Minister meets Myanmar National Human Rights Commission's secretary and members

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met secretary of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) U Phone Kywe and party yesterday morning in state chief minister office meeting room.

In the meeting, the commission explained about conducting a field visit to Maungtau area to study the situation of the region after the terrorist attacks.

The Chief Minister and officials in return explained

about the discovery of remains of Hindus near Yebawka Village. The search came after local Hindus reported the authorities on the massacre by ARSA terrorists and evidences.

Rakhine State Chief Minister and officials then accepted Ks 1.5 million donated to Rakhine State Government committee to accept and distribute donations by MNHRC for ethnic nationals in temporary relief camps.

— Tin Tun (IPRD) ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu holds talks with MNHRC secretary at the State Chief Minister's Office. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar Engineering Council signs MoU with Guangxi Association for Science and Technology

A ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MEngC and Guangxi Association for Science and Technology was held yesterday at the Myanmar Engineering Council (MEngC).

The MoU was signed with an aim to distribute knowledge and skills for development of science, technology and engineering sector and improving bilateral relations.

MEngC Chairman Dr. Charlie Than first explained about the reasons for signing the MoU with Guangxi Association for Science and Technology.

Next, MEngC Chairman Dr. Charlie Than and Guangxi Association for Science and Technology Vice President Ms. Liang Chunhua signed the MoU in the presence of Union Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing and Ambassador of China to Myanmar.



Singing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the MEngC and the GAST held at the Myanmar Engineering Council yesterday. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Afterwards, Guangxi Association for Science and Technology Vice President Ms. Liang Chunhua gave a Power Point presentation on cooperation with MEngC.

The ceremony ended with concluding remarks by Union Minister for Construction and

Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing and Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang.

Upon the conclusion of the event, the Union Minister, the Ambassador and guests visited the library opened in MEngC office. — Myanmar News Agency ■

“Tamway Non-Revenue Water Management Project” between YCDC and AFD signed

The French Development Agency (AFD) and the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) signed on Friday a 1,25 M€ grant agreement that aims at financing the improvement of water service management in Tamway Township, in Yangon.

The project seeks to implement a technical and commercial management model for the municipality's water service in the pilot district of Tamway in order to address the issue of “non-revenue water” that refers to water that is lost before reaching the customer (physical losses) or unaccounted for (commercial losses).

The project has three components: (i) equipping the pilot district with the neces-

sary measurement tools for water service management; (ii) strengthening the district water service capacities; and (iii) providing management tools that allow the replication of such model in other districts of the city.

Yangon City Development Committee will implement the project with the support of a technical operator to be selected through a tendering procedure.

The grant agreement was signed at the Yangon City Hall by U Maung Maung Soe, Mayor of Yangon, Mr. Olivier Richard, the French Ambassador to Myanmar and Mrs Ariane Ducreux, AFD regional director for Thailand, Laos and Myanmar. —GNLM ■



People gather in downtown Yangon on Sunday in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's efforts for solving Rakhine issue.

PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

People voices their solidarity with State Counsellor

By Zaw Gyi (Panita)

A mass rally was held in front of the City Hall nearby the Maha Bandoola Park at 4 pm on 24 September, to show people's solidarity with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's endeavors towards peace and harmony in Rakhine State.

People depicted their whole-hearted supports toward State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's efforts over Rakhine State Affairs and peace process being implemented, by holding vinyl posters portraying large photos of State Counsellor. Then, a communiqué consisting of four points issued by civilian societies of Myanmar citizens of Muslim extraction was read out, saying it has wholeheartedly supported towards Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's national address made on 19 September.

Here are some excerpts from the voices of artists, film stars, vocalists, men of letters and persons from political sphere present at the rally.

U Mya Aye (88 Generation, Peace and Open Society)

I assume that there must be solidarity to liberate a country out of a crisis. The current problems cannot be solved overnight. And, several countries are fighting and blaming against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi too excessively for us to tolerate these criticisms. So, we cannot sit still with our mouths closed, to come here now.

We have moved toward for the democratic transition, just now reaching nearly two years only. Such a rally is meant for sharing the message that all of the difficulties the incumbent government is experiencing presently cannot be solved with a great momentum. We want our people to rightfully review all the problems. We all would like to proceed to the stage of assuring every individual of equal rights, as would Daw Aung San Suu Kyi herself. It can be vividly in her speech. We firmly believe that the right of dealing with all the problems will have to be entrusted to her. Failing that, people are worried about the country will be in for, as the pressure is increasingly amounted on the government. Accordingly, now people are willingly coming to join the government's endeavors. As a result, it is evident that people are not speaking aloud, in a carefree way that they stand altogether with the incumbent government.

It will take us time, to some extent in transforming a country into a new state. Here, in my opinion, it is of great essentiality for the whole populace to build up the solidarity among us, regardless of race and religion. It is none other than the fact that we need to encourage and support the endeavours the government had dealt with, simultaneously hence the need to cooperate by criticizing weak points found out in constructive way. The most important thing is for us to firmly stand on the stance that we all are Myanmar citizens, though being different races and religions.



U Thar Htwe (Pann-Ye-Lann Music Band)

We see Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, people's leader dealing with the country's current affairs in best ways. So, we came here in support of her efforts for the country. We firmly believe that our supports will help her reduce the impact of current problems. And similar rallies are being found to have been held in many countries. By doing so, the remaining parts of the world will be convinced of actualities of our country. In other word, I assume that they will alleviate international pressure. With regard to the current Rakhine State Affairs, the international communities will conceive similar ideas and trusts like us towards our leader.

Mone San Nyunt Oo (the Poet)

I came here of my own accord. As for me, I wholly support every effort of Mom Su, our leader, including the Rakhine State Affairs and peace process being solved by Mom Su. Being the government elected by ourselves, the government led by Mom Su is dealing with all the problems in unbiased ways. Such a support shows the whole world that we always stand with our Mom Su. We assume that the international community will come to know the endeavours of our leader via media, acknowledging the actualities in our country to the full.



Daw Moe Moe Su Kyi (Yangon Region Parliamentarian)

As our State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is always standing with the whole populace, we took active participation in the support rally. As known by all, not only in Yangon but also in many countries, our Myanmar Brethren are making rallies in support for the State Counsellor. We all know that she had made her concerted effort for the country. As far as I know, today's event was held under the leadership of youths. In such a campaign led by youths, I believe that we should stand with the people. So, to become good followers of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and to exactly follow the path our leader is leading, we took part in the rally.

Ma Darli Myint (Social Alliance)

We want national peace. Simultaneously, being well convinced that Auntie Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is making efforts for peace and stability of the country, we came here. We always stand with our Nation. Regarding former events, we released statements with a view to depicting that we always stand with the country. We regard all the individuals living in Myanmar as a human being. We never thought of races and religions. We hope for the best for we firmly stand on our own stance.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio returns from UNGA

After attending the 72nd United Nations General Assembly in New York Vice President U Henry Van Thio and party left New York John F Kennedy International Airport by Korea Airlines on 24 September 2 p.m. local standard time and landed at Seoul, Republic of Korea (ROK) on 25 September 5:20 p.m. local standard time.

The Vice President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to ROK Thura U Thet Oo Maung and Embassy staff at Incheon International Airport.

The Vice President and party then departed by Korea Airlines at local standard time 6:45 p.m. and arrived in Yangon later in the evening. The Vice

President and party were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, US Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. George Neil Sibley and UN Resident Coordinator Ms Renata Nicola at Yangon International Airport.

During the trip, the Vice President delivered a speech at the 72nd United Nations General Assembly opening ceremony held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 20 September.

The Vice President also met with staff and family members of the Myanmar Permanent Mission to the UN at the residence of the Permanent Representatives. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Henry Van Thio (centre) welcomed back by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein (right) and officials at the Yangon International Airport on 25 September. **PHOTO: MNA**

Border trade with Thailand slightly decreases in current FY

MYANMAR-Thailand border trade showed a small decline of US\$0.727 million over the past five and a half months of current fiscal year, according to the official statistic of the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 April and 15 September of this year, the trade between the two countries totalled \$570.542 million. This time last year, the bilateral trade was \$571.269 million in total. Myanmar and Thailand continue to conduct trade through seven cross-border points of entry being opened in Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Maese and Mawtaung.

Border trades of the two nations through Myawady gate decreased by more than \$12

million against the similar point of last year. Tachilek, Myeik and Hteekhee gates also saw a slight decrease in trade value against last year.

The bilateral trade as of 15 September of this year valued US\$385.642 million in Myawady, US\$77.588 million in Myeik, US\$69.310 million in Kawthoung and US\$32.913 million in Tachilek. The border trade value of both countries from Hteekhee and Mawtaung were fewer than \$3 million each. Trade through Maese gate amounted to \$0.277 million.

The total border trade value in over 5.5 months of this FY reached \$3.280 billion, an increase of \$8.335 million than that of 2016-17 FY.—Khine Khant ■

17 more bodies of Hindus found

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Hindu families who were present at the site where the bodies were unearthed confirmed that all bodies including children were from Khamaung-seik Village.

Hindu villagers from the area told the journalists in the recent trip to conflict areas that Muslim militants stormed into their communities on 25 August 25, killing many, robbed their properties and fled to the forests..

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye flew to the sites by helicopter yesterday and comforted the families of the victims who were killed by ARSA extremist terrorists.

Maungtau District People's Hospital superintendent Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein, and Criminal Investigation De-

The evidences pointed to a massacre by ARSA terrorists.

partment Police Major Ye Aung and party who were along with the Union Minister and Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu took measures for criminal investigation and for DNA test.

The Union Minister also told the families of the victims that the remains of Hindu villagers would be given a proper Hindu traditional burial.

While the Union Minister, Chief Minister and party viewed the exhuming of the 17 bodies, they told the officials to conduct matters according to the law and

to provide proper burial in accordance with Hindu tradition.

Next, the Union Minister provided Ks 2 million to Tatmadaw, border police personnel and local ethnic nationals who helped in exhuming the remains.

In the evening, the Union Minister, Chief Minister and party went to Pazunchau Ywathit village, Buthidaung Township and met with Muslim villagers, enquired about their present living condition and provided Ks. 50,000 per household to 21 households.

Northern Rakhine was plunged into a serious and dangerous crisis after ARSA terrorists raided police posts last month, unleashing an army crackdown that has displaced hundreds of thousands of civilians.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar-Viet Nam trade reaches \$260m in first 4 months

MYANMAR'S trade with Viet Nam, an ASEAN member country, reached almost US\$260 million in the first four month of the current fiscal year, according to a report of the Commerce Ministry.

From April through July, the import of goods from the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

amounted to over \$194 million, while exports reached \$64 million in total.

Bilateral trade was \$143.380 million in FY2011-12. The figure increased to nearly \$156 million in FY2012-13. In 2013-14 FY, the trade with Viet Nam exceeded \$280 million. It continued to increase to over \$300 million in

FY2014-15 and FY2015-16. The trade between the two countries hit a record high of \$494.036 million in 2016-17 FY.

The trade between Myanmar and ASEAN countries exceeded \$3.4 billion at the end of this July, including more than \$2.2 billion from the import and \$1.2 billion from export.

Thailand is ranked first in the list of top five ASEAN traders with \$1.470 billion, followed by Singapore with \$1.045 billion, Malaysia with \$353 million and Indonesia with \$284 million.

Viet Nam is the last country in the list of top five ASEAN trade partners with \$259.659 million in total.

Myanmar monthly exports a wide variety of agricultural products, dried and fresh marine products, minerals and industrial finished goods. The major imported products include consumer goods, electronic devices, capital goods, automobile and accessories, and intermediate goods.—Swe Nyein ■

We need to help the government implement well-organized and systematic programmes

Khin Maung Oo

NOW, northern Rakhine State has started to regain some measure of peace and stability after the outbreaks of extremist terrorist attacks in the area. In this regard, people from different quarters are piling blames and allegations on Myanmar. Yet, Myanmar is promptly providing humanitarian aid to all communities who have suffered a lot, without discrimination, simultaneously launching programmes for rehabilitation of local residents at their former locations, systematically.

In rehabilitating them, it is of great importance for the country to arrange for the rehabilitation of those who fled to Bangladesh and it needs to perform the task in accordance with the law systematically. The State Counselor herself

has instructed government officials to scrutinize the returnees in accordance with an MOU reached between the two countries in 1993.

In rehabilitating those who fled to Bangladesh, it may be clearly seen that Myanmar will be performing the task of accepting the returnees, out of her genuine willingness under the government's own programme. So as to resolve this very complex situation, it needs to perform the task of scrutiny and reception of returnees according to mutual agreement.

The tasks are to be performed by members of the Implementation Committee based on recommendations made by the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and detailed instructions have already been issued, for the respective processes—scrutiny board,

designation of location to receive, formation of reception committee, program for conventional accommodation and rehabilitation plan.

In doing so, it will be carried out as decided to give the lists of persons involved in the attacks to the Bangladesh Government, the Interpol and the United Nations as well as to negotiate with the Bangladesh Government for taking legal actions against those involved, as the very nature of these terrorist attacks are not as simple as they seem to be.

As the events unfolded, the complexity and wide-ranging ramifications revealed themselves to trained observers.

Implementing in such a way is the best and most suitable solution because any kind of problems that exist between the two countries should be solved through diplomatic channels at the

highest level by well-trained diplomats given the urgency of the situation. This is certainly not the time to lay blame or point fingers but to work together to find a just and durable solution acceptable to both sides. Terrorists or terrorism will never be accepted by any nation or any community. Legal actions are to be taken against those who commit terrorism under anti-terrorism laws. Failing that, it will be tantamount to encouraging terrorism.

To sum it up, it is a noble deed to rescue and care for those who are suffering greatly due to inhumane actions of extremist terrorists, regardless of race or religion. We firmly believe that we will all be able to join with genuine "Cetana" (good intentions) wholeheartedly in the activities implemented promptly by the Myanmar Government.

Alarm as 'Super Malaria' spreads in South East Asia

The first choice treatment for malaria is artemisinin in combination with piperaquine. But as artemisinin has become less effective, the parasite has now evolved to resist piperaquine too, researchers said.

(Press Trust of India and Hindustan Times)

THE rapid spread of "super malaria" in the South East Asia is an alarming global threat and there is an urgent need to eliminate it before the drug-resistant strain of malaria becomes untreatable again, scientists have warned.

The dangerous form of the malaria parasite which cannot be killed with the main anti-malaria drugs emerged in Cambodia but has since spread through parts of Thailand, Laos and has arrived in southern Vietnam.

Researchers at Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit in Bangkok in a letter, published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases, detail the "recent sinister development" that has seen resistance to the drug artemisinin emerge.

"We think it is a serious threat. It is alarming that this strain is spreading so quickly through the whole region and we fear it can spread further and eventually jump to Africa," Arjen Dondorp, professor at Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit was quoted as saying by the BBC.

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There have now been alarming rates of failure. The treatment was fail-



Scientists say the spread of super malaria is a serious threat. **(FILE PHOTO)**

ing around a third of the time in Vietnam while in some regions of Cambodia the failure rate was closer to 60 per cent, Dondorp said.

Resistance to the drugs would be catastrophic in Africa, where 92 per cent of all malaria cases happen, researchers warn.

About 212 million people are infected with malaria each year. It is caused by a parasite that is spread by blood-sucking mosquitoes and is a major killer of children.

Which mosquitoes spread malaria?

The Anopheles mosquito, which bites between dusk and dawn, spreads the infection caused by single-celled Plasmodium parasites, with P. falciparum and P. vivax between them causing

most infections in India.

P. Falciparum, which accounts for 99% deaths worldwide, has become the dominant malaria-causing parasite in India. The An. culicifacies is the principal vector of rural malaria and accounts for 60-70% of annual cases, while the An. stephensi is dominant in urban areas. Irrespective of the type of mosquito spreading infection, the disease remains the same.

How does malaria spread?

Parasites cause infection between persons through mosquito bites, which it uses to invade the liver and then the red blood cells. At first, the symptoms are generic—fever, headache, sweats, chills and vomiting—and at this stage, the immune system usually manages to

control the infection. In severe malaria, the parasite disrupts blood supply to the vital organs, including the brain, causing seizures and death.

What are the symptoms?

Malaria is marked by high fever with chills followed by profuse sweating, occurring at intervals of 48 to 72 hours. Since the symptoms are very similar to influenza, misdiagnosis of malaria is common and most people begin treatment a week or so after they fall ill.

Symptoms include:

- * Fever (100° to 102° F) and chills
- * Headache
- * Nausea
- * Muscle pains
- * Fatigue

How do I prevent malaria?

Anti-malarial tablets containing a combination of atovaquone and proguanil is used to prevent and treat P Falciparum malaria, which accounts for 99% deaths worldwide. **Half of all malaria cases in India are caused by the P Falciparum parasite.**

Travellers to malaria prone areas should take one tablet daily, starting one or two days before travel and continuing till a week after return. Atovaquone and proguanil tablets are available in two combination strengths: 250/100 mg (adults) and 62.5/25 mg (paediatric).

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