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Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe talks to Muslim villagers gathering near the border to flee to Bangladesh yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Inter-faith prayers for peace in Myanmar

By Ye Khaung Nyunt & Zaw Gyi (Panita)

THE YANGON Region National League for Democracy held a mass prayer ceremony in Yangon yesterday, attracting about 30,000 people from different faiths.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein lit a candle to commence the ceremony with inter-faith prayers at Aung San Stadium with Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Christians and others taking part.

Dr Bhaddanta Iddhibala, Chairman of the Yangon Region Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, appealed for loving kindness and truth for the world with peace, praying "Be free from killing one another; be free from causing pain to one another; be free from destroying one another; be free from looking down and jealous each other."

Muslim leaders Alahaj Mofti Mohamad, U Ko Lay and Hafiz Mufti Ali (a) U Kyaw Kyaw, also prayed for peace. "Citizens should collaborate in friendship and work for the country," Ali said. "Freedom of life, freedom of education, freedom of religion, it is absolutely necessary for the country to fulfil all these rights."

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Solving the refugee issue

Steps taken for verification and repatriation of refugees from Bangladesh

With the visit of a delegation comprised of Union ministers, diplomats and independent journalists to northern Rakhine State yesterday, the Union Government started to take steps to begin the verification and repatriation of refugees who fled

to Bangladesh after the deadly terrorist attacks in August.

The delegation flew from Yangon to Sittway and were then taken by helicopter to areas where terrorists attacks occurred in August. The delegation included the Union Min-

ister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe and the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, who is also chairman of the committee on implementing the recommendations for Rakhine State,

the Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, the Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut, ambassadors from five neighbouring countries, diplomats, and local and foreign journalists. **SEE PAGE-6**



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Government to step up security measures at border to avert terrorists

SECURITY will be tightened at border checkpoints and in airports to prevent terrorists from entering the country, said Vice President U Myint Swe yesterday.

“Security must be given special care, as terrorist attacks in northern Rakhine State can damage the tourism industry and terrorists can enter the country through border checkpoints,” said U Myint Swe in his opening remarks at the meeting of Foreigners Monitoring and Protection Central Committee.

The 2nd coordination meeting of the Foreigners Monitoring and Protection Central Committee was held to step up measures for security at border points as the situation demands following the terrorist attacks in Maungdaw and Buthidaung in northern Rakhine in August.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and U Ohn Maung, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Rear Admiral Myint Nwe, U Kyaw Myo, U Maung Maung Win, U Soe Aung, Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, Myanmar Police Chief, Permanent Secretaries, heads of departments and officials.

At the meeting, central committee chairman Vice President U Myint Swe said the President's Office has issued notification 40/2016 dated 26 June 2016 to form a nineteen-member Foreigners Monitoring and Protection Central Committee to prevent foreign



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the meeting of the central committee for “Taking Care of Foreigner” in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

visitors from entering Myanmar for various reasons from affecting the security of the nation and to scrutinize and protect them.

The scope of the work involves setting up a work policy of Foreigners Monitoring and Protection Central Committee, forming and assigning duties of work committees for scrutinizing and protecting foreigners, informing work policies to work committees, reporting to the Government the foreigner caring works conducted for protection of foreigners submit to the Government laws and directives drawn up related to foreigners that is appropriate for the time and drawing up appropriate laws and directives related to foreigners and submitting

them to the Government, setting up a timetable for coordinating meeting of work committees and exchanging information with I 24-7 Channel in Myanmar Police Force for working and contacting internationally.

Six work committees under the Central Committee are namely the Work Committee to scrutinize and protect international tourists, the Work Committee to scrutinize and protect diplomats, the Work Committee to scrutinize and protect UN and NGOs, the Work Committee to scrutinize and protect foreigners entering with other visas, the Work Committee to approve and issue entry, re-entry and stay permits and the Information Work Committee on

scrutinizing and protecting foreigners. In the first coordination meeting of the central committee, 36 decisions were made and work committees are to report the status of implementation.

Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport, Nay Pyi Taw International Airport and Yangon International Port (Thilawa) are designated as four international exit and entry gates. There are 23 other gates that include border gates. In some of those exit and entry gates, entry and exit is permitted with a Border Pass. A Border Pass needs to have an area restriction. Check Gates need to be established and (visitors) must exit from the gate where the entry

was made. As dangerous acts can be conducted by going anywhere without exiting from the entry gate, proper instruments need to be installed to prevent the entry of blacklisted persons and terrorists.

In Myanmar, there are re-entry, special and multiple-entry visas, in addition to 12 other types of visas planned to be issued. Visas were permitted according to procedure and the six work committees need to systematically scrutinize those entering with visas. Defence against blacklisted persons and terrorists can only be achieved through proper assessment and scrutiny, the vice president said. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Effective uses of social media explored

AT a workshop on effective uses of social media and their nature held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, gave an opening address that touched on the issue of fake news.

“Effective uses of social media will be discussed at today's meeting. As for the Ministry, assessments will be made over results received from the discussion. After finding out the advantages and disadvantages

of social media, further discussions will be held at the offices of townships, districts, regions and states under the Ministry, for rightful uses of social media. Nowadays, social media are increasingly used across the world, hence the acquisition of advantages and disadvantages. Spreading fake news on social web pages is being seen not only across the globe but also in our country. For fake news and false information found in social media in our country not to cause evil effects on our people, we are



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint delivers an opening speech at the workshop on effective uses of social media and their nature in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 October 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

required to monitor them all the time to release true news and information effectively,” Dr. Pe Myint said.

The deputy permanent secretary clarified the fundamental nature of social media. At the meeting, departmental officials

and ministry personnel discussed effective use of social media. The workshop will continue today.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Religious leaders and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein pray for peace together with about 30,000 people who joined the inter-faith prayers in support of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's leadership for solving the issue in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Inter-faith prayers for peace in Myanmar

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Hindu leader Dr Hla Tun, U Arsara, Patron of Quan Yin Buddhist Monastery and Charles Maung Bo, the current Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Yangon, also spoke of their hopes for peace in Myanmar.

"Myanmar is facing a turning point of history. We all are under the leadership of our leader State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi," said Charles Maung Bo.

A visiting Mahayana Buddhist Monk from the Republic of Korea also prayed for Myanmar

and its people.

"This event shows that Myanmar is a country where people with different faiths are living in harmony," said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein.

"Prayer for loving kindness is the strength, the power we can

share with those who are facing difficulties and challenges," said U Phyo Min Thein, "Hope the world would understand the situations in Myanmar and I prayed for their cooperation for the development of our country."

"Let's build the future of our country under the leadership of

our democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi," he added.

Afterwards, the congregation including Buddhist monks and nuns, Christian nuns, Hindus and Muslims prayed for peace in Myanmar while holding lit candles and portrait of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. ■

Steps taken for verification and repatriation of refugees from Bangladesh

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During the visit to Yathedaung Township's Anaukpyin Village, where most of the Muslim community did not flee to Bangladesh and are living in peace, the Union ministers explained to the Islamic villagers about the government's ongoing efforts on security and humanitarian aid to be provided, and the verification and repatriation process that will be implemented with the cooperation of the Bangladesh government.

Diplomats and journalists also interviewed villagers, enquiring if they had a desire to go to a neighbouring country.

Departing villagers have said that they feel less secure in Myanmar now because the number of Muslims is decreasing and many of their relatives are living in Bangladesh. Following the visit, the delegation met with about 1,000 Muslim villagers gathered near Layyinpyankwin Village and about 700 Muslim villagers gathered near the border fence, ready to leave for Bangladesh.

At the meeting with the villagers, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe said that they came to meet the Muslim villagers who wanted to flee to Bangladesh, even though security forces halt-

ed law enforcement measures since 5 September.

The Union Minister also pledged to make arrangements for their return home and to provide aid, security and assistance if they wish to return.

Though the number of refugees who fled to the neighbouring country is in the hundreds of thousands, the Myanmar government is committed to repatriation of those who actually settled in Myanmar.

Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Mohammad Sufur Rahman also requested that villagers not to go to Bangladesh, disclosing that the two countries are negotiating to repatriate the refugees who are currently staying in Bangladesh and experiencing difficulties to make a living.

Meanwhile, the diplomats enquire about the cause of fleeing to the neighbouring country and if they receive humanitarian aid or not. At the meeting with

Muslim villagers from the Pantawpyin in Maungtau Township, the Union ministers pledged to rebuild the homes destroyed in the terrorist attacks and clarified the verification process. When arrived back the Maungtau General Administration Department, Maungtau District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut, clarified the regional situation before and after the terrorist attacks by ARSA extremist terrorists. They also visited the Ngakhuya Village where ethnic Rakhine people, Hindus and Muslim villagers are living in harmony and conveyed the message of the Union government on its commitment for rehabilitation and resettlement for the villagers.

During an ethnic Mro village of Khondaing which was completely torched by ARSA extremist terrorists, the Union ministers encouraged the villagers, promising that the government will coordinate with local authorities to rebuild a new village in a new area and to provide further humanitarian aid to them.

The delegation returned to Yangon yesterday evening.

During the trip, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe reiterated the commitment made by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu



Union ministers and ambassadors from five neighbouring countries talk to Hindu villagers during their trip to northern Rakhine. **PHOTO: MNA**

Kyi that Myanmar will carry out the verification and repatriation of refugees in accordance with the agreed criteria set out in the Joint Statement between Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and Bangladesh in 1992. Though the number of refugees who fled to the neighbouring country is in the hundreds of thousands, the Myanmar government is committed to repatriation of those who actually settled in Myanmar, said U Kyaw Tint Swe.

He continued to say that similar issues occurred two times after independence, and both countries solved the issues bilaterally, in an amicable way.

The repatriation issue is one to be resolved by Myanmar and

Bangladesh through negotiation, he added.

Though the security forces stopped law enforcement measures since 5 September, international communities misunderstand that the forces are continuing with security measures in northern Rakhine, said the Union Minister.

The trip showed the Myanmar government's willingness to implement a national verification and repatriation process, while Myanmar's neighbouring countries are urging them to take steps to solve the issue, which must be done through negotiation between Myanmar and Bangladesh, the Union Minister said. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Tropical depression likely approaches near Shan State

By Sandar Soe

A tropical depression from South China Sea is approaching toward Shan State, likely to move on to Kachin State, said Dr. Tun Lwin, a former weather expert of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology yesterday.

The tropical depression (TD 23) has crossed Viet Nam's coast near Vin Town during the early morning hours of Myanmar Standard Time and is continuing to travel in northwest direction, Dr Tun Lwin stated on his post. The depression system, which weakened into a low pressure area after travelling inland, would continue to move in northwest direction.

Due to the depression, rain or thundershowers will be scattered or widespread in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Kachin states and Northern Bago, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing regions with

isolated heavy rainfalls in the next 36 hrs.

Under its influence, heavy rain accompanied by squall wind will blow and speed of squall wind may reach (30-35) mph and gusty wind may reach about (40-45) mph.

Meanwhile, according to observation made at 2:30 hrs, the water level of Sittoung River at Taungoo is observed as about (1.5) feet below its danger level, the DMH warned.

Therefore, the department has advised to the people who settle near the river bank and low lying areas in Taungoo Township to take precautionary measure as it is likely to reach the danger level of the river during the next 2 days.

Concerning the outlook for subsequent two days, likelihood increase of rain will continue in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Shan State, the DMH forecasted. ■

Coordinating meeting on implementing Rakhine State development held in Nay Pyi Taw

A coordination meeting on implementing Rakhine State development was held at the State Counsellor's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Ministry of State Counsellor's Office Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin said houses need to be quickly rebuilt in burnt down villages. Villages that need electricity must be provided with it quickly and national verification process needs to be conducted. There are central committee and work committees conducting for Rakhine State development. In addition, there are also works implemented by union ministries. Discussions are invited on works planned by each committees that can be implemented immediately and ministries wide status of immediately implementable works.

State Counsellor Office director general U Zaw Htay then provided a summary of processes related to Rakhine State development matters and priority works for Maung-taw region, northern Rakhine State.

Next, Permanent Secretaries and heads of departments attending the meeting discussed matters relating to rebuilding of houses, providing electricity, transport, agriculture, livestock, fishery and other livelihood matters, national verification process, education, health, media works including FM service that can be implemented ministry wise within a short time frame.

The Deputy Minister then concluded the meeting by delivering a closing speech after commenting and coordinating the discussed matters.—Myanmar News Agency ■



People from different faiths pray with candlit light. PHOTO: TIN MAUNG (MANDALAY)

Inter-faith prayers from Mandalay pray for peace

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

An inter-faith gathering was held at Manaw Ramman Square Grounds in Maha Aung Myae Township, Mandalay, in support of the leadership of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday evening.

Present at the ceremony were Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, Mandalay Region Cabinet's Chief Minister and ministers. U Aung Kyaw Oo, Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw and

Hluttaw representatives, reverend Sayadaws and clerics from Interfaith group, U Tin Htut Oo, chairman of the Mandalay Region NLD and members, students from "Charge-free Learning Centre on Mother's Lap" and townspeople — a total of about 3,000, it was estimated. At the ceremony, U Aung Thein Htay, a senior member of the Mandalay district NLD, led prayers on behalf of five inter-faiths, followed by prayers from those present at the ceremony.

Afterward, U Ariya Vamsa Bhivamsa of Myawady monastery, Pyigy Tagun Township, sent blessings. Dr. U Zaw Win Aung, a Christian, U Muthu Kumar Mann, a Hindu, U Maung Nu, the secretary of Jamiat Ulema-e Islam, and U Myint Swe of the Bahai faith also sent blessings. Those present at the ceremony stood still for seven minutes holding lighted candles, also praying for peace in Myanmar. The ceremony came to an end at 7 pm.

MJA outstanding students award Japanese exchange visit 2017

Under Myanmar-Japan Association's outstanding students award Japanese exchange visit 2017, 11 students who passed BEHS exams, 2017 outstandingly, 5 from YUFL majoring in Japanese, 16 in all were selected. Those students were trained in the special training camp for the excursion trip to Japan under the close guidance of responsible personnel from MJA at the Yangon International Hotel from 3rd October to 9th October. During the training period, caps, shirts, trousers, sweaters, over-coats, backpacks, traveling trunk, Myanmar costumes, socks and shoes, 24 kinds in all were

provided to trainees.

Ceremony for conferring certificates of outstanding awards was held at 1pm on 9th October 2017 at the Novotel Yangon Max Hotel. Present at the ceremony were chairman of MJA, and EC members, Japanese ambassador to Myanmar and diplomatic staff from Japanese Embassy, Japanese friends, the parents of outstanding students, rector of YUFL and headmasters and headmistresses, donors and invited guests. Japanese ambassador and special guests offered certificates to students individually. 11 Donors donated US \$ 50, 500 to the outstanding students.

Delegation comprising of 16 students led by U Saw Hla Min, chairman of MJA left Yangon International Airport for Japan by ANA aircraft of flight NH—814. They were seen off at the airport by MJA personnel and parents.

The trip will last from 10 October to 19 October, spending for 4 nights in Sendai, for one night each in Tokushima and Osaka and 2 nights in Tokyo.

MRTV-4 film crew accompanied the delegation to broadcast from TV with a view for students to imitate outstanding students. The delegation will arrive back at Yangon International Airport at 6 pm 19th October.—Myanmar News Agency ■

We need not fall for traps or tricks

Khin Maung Oo

A strong desire for more wealth, possessions, power, etc. than a person needs is greed or craving. Here, we need to be well convinced that strong desires for material things and lust mean real craving, as opposed to our desire for justice, knowledge and desire to share with those in need. So, the former ones must be categorized under real greed, while the latter kinds may be ranked as unreal ones. We rarely consider passion and attachment to be real greed, but they are just strong feelings for something or someone for worldly beings. Yet, every

being is concerned with the above-said kinds, so they are in for trouble or something in our cycle of life. Whatever it is, excessive strong desires to possess and lust cause sufferings, so they are called originators of suffering.

Nowadays various kinds of sufferings mostly result from greed, craving and attachment. The more greed we have, the more sufferings we face, and the less we have the less we suffer. If we are completely void of it, sufferings will never come to us. Here, we should have known that tricks are companions of greed. A trick is like a magician. A magician can deceive

a person to hallucinate a stone as a lump of gold. Likewise, a deceiver pretends that they are free from any mistakes, hiding their faults for people not to see them.

These days, there are many kinds of tricks in our social, economic and political fields. Greed, anger and ignorance make us plunge into the trap, making us find it difficult to get out of the labyrinth of tricks. We are currently seeing businessmen being in trouble because of deceivers. Some were victimized again for their uncontrolled greed, though they had never experienced similar events of deception previously. Incentives

are effective weapons in doing so. Those who get profits initially want to get more and more. These people do not realize that they have been deceived. In this way, huge sums of money are accumulating in the hands of deceivers. When they have made enough money, they abscond all of a sudden.

In our world, there are such incidents of suffering a lot. As a matter of fact, these are consequences of lack of knowledge, excessive greed and overwhelming ignorance. As long as we fail to contemplate mindfulness and equanimity, a calm state of mind, especially in difficult situations, we will

still be in the whirlpool of tricks.

In such a modern age, tricks can easily be set up through social websites; our elderly citizens have never encountered such tricks when they were much younger. Deceivers can easily develop websites to make profit online by deceiving the innocent and gullible citizens. So it is incumbent upon us to assess whether they are true or false, good or bad and whether there will be evil side-effects or not.

To sum it up, we would like to call upon our people not to bear excessive anger, greed and naivety so that they would not fall for traps or tricks. ■

No Tears Shedding

I am a man, not susceptible to easy tears. Nevertheless, I am forced to shed tears. Things have saddened me....

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye

That is the photo highlighting Dr Win Myat Aye consoling the Hindu families in Rakhine State. It was posted in the front page of State-owned newspapers and that photo is manifesting the humanity. I felt dejected, embittered and deeply saddened. Tears started rolling out, I can't control. Did things happen to that extent? Do you think it's more than reality or fake exaggeration? Judge it without bias.

Probe the area for real ground situation

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr Win Myat Aye and Chief Minister of Rakhine State Government, U Nyi Pu and other responsible persons left Sittway for Yebawkyia village by helicopters for inspection.

People of Hinduism faith

28 dead bodies of Hindu people and additionally found another 17 corpses were inspected and they consoled the remaining family members. They managed to hold the funeral with rituals according to the wishes of the family members. Things happen so.. extremely disgusting.

Keep track of the news

When we follow the news we came to know the doctors

and the police had done autopsy and DNA identification and investigated how and why they perished. All the undertakings conformed to law.

Tie the hands with rope at the back

The dead bodies had been found with their face blindfolded and their hands tied at their backs. Throats were cut and all the hands and legs were also severed. Relatives came to where the excavations were done. The disinterred were identified as Hindus from Khamaungseik village.

"The inspection of dead bodies reveals that they were killed with their throat being cut. Some bodies show the legs and hands are cut by swords. After cutting the legs and hands off the throats are slit. 12 bodies of women are discovered in the first place, 16 bodies of children and boys in another place. More bodies of men are also found" said medical superintendent of Maungdaw Hospital. (Kyemon 26.9.2017 P-8)

Maungdaw Township Judge

U Zaw Zaw Than also said

As police asked for permission to excavate the buried dead bodies and to investigate the cause of death, the permission for excavation was granted in

Global New Light of Myanmar P-6). There are worse news to hear.

My thoughts

(1) I am a Buddhist.

(2) I have due regard to people of other religion though I am a Buddhist. No discrimination between Christian, Islam, Hindu, white or dark. I pay regard and respect to all faiths.

(3) Nevertheless, terrorism is not absolutely accepted. Compassion and hatred(anger) are east and west, totally different. (4) Not only I, the whole world won't accept terrorism. Do they know the real situation of Rakhine State.

(5) The laws are enacted. Live and work under the rule of law. Respect and observe the law.

(6) I wonder and I can't accept those reckless, lawless activities.

(7) Sometimes mentality of vengeance may erupt. Better control with great prudence. We are mankind, ordinary mankind who may have anger sometimes and even forget to obey the law. Control yourself and be

mindful ... be mindful:-

Compassion

Compassion is the core of Buddhism. Not only Buddhism, other religions also based on compassion.

Counter-Terrorism Law

Counter-Terrorism Law has already been enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 23/2014 on 4.6.2004. The law defines what is terrorism.

Explosives

Terrorists commit massacre using explosives. They killed people with unprecedented brutality. They cut hands and legs and then cut the throat with knives. Never heard, never seen such despicable barbarities. Now we hear, we see the incidents. It actually transpired. It becomes questionable if the terrorists are human being. No empathy, no pity and inhumane acts. Everyone can come and inspect the real ground situation.

Instigation

Instigate with intent. Spread the false news, both clandestinely and blatantly. They are none other than the Media Men... bias media....they made fake news rampant though they know the reality... it is terrorism. Again suspicion arises - are the media paid or are the media controlled by a group of goliaths who abet terrorists. Incredible media. One day, It is sure, the liars have to get comeuppance.

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Lawyer and Tears

U Han Nyunt (Law)



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, Village in Maungdaw on Sunday. The search was carried out. "The bodies were found with their throats slit while Maungdaw People's Hospital Superintendent, who conducted

accord with the law.

Meet with people of Islamic faith

The Union Minister went to New Pazunchang village, meet with Islamic villagers and inquire about current situation of the area. Then, he delivered Ks 50,000 to each household and supported Ks 1,050,000 in total for 21 households. (26.9.2017-

More tourists visiting Mingun Bell

THERE was an increase in the number of tourists visiting the Mingun area, Sagaing Region in the first week of October, with most visitors coming to see the Mingun Bell, the third-largest bell in the world.

“Most tourists who’ve been to the Mingun area are delighted with the Mingun Bell, as they can strike the bell and hear the sound. They take photos posing beside the bell. They are fascinated to see a world famous bell,” said a tour guide.

Casting of the bell started

in M.E. 1170 and its weight is 90,718 kg, or 90 tons. The outer diameter of the rim of the bell is 16 feet, 9 inches. The outside circumference at the rim is 50 feet, 3 inches. The bell is 1 foot, 7 inches thick and stands 27 feet, 8 inches high from the rim to the top.

Myanmar is a country with stunning natural scenery, historical heritage and cities on the world heritage list. It is also a country with many different traditions and customs that are of much interest to tourists.—Than Zaw Min ■



Tourists visit Mingun area in Sagaing Region to see the Mingun Bell, the third-largest bell in the world. **PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN**

Entrepreneurs from Taninthayi invited to Thailand

THAI entrepreneurs have invited Myanmar entrepreneurs to discuss tour destinations between Thailand and Myanmar, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

Ten tourism entrepreneurs from Taninthayi Region will go to Thailand from 13 to 14 October to discuss the tourism possibilities.

“There are many popular tourists sites in the Taninthayi Region and Thailand tourism entrepreneurs are interested in the Myeik region”, said a tourism entrepreneur.

Currently, both Myanmar and Thai people use a temporary border pass to enter the countries. Tourism development can create more job opportunist for local people.—GNLM ■

Myanmar attracts over 2 million tourists in eight months

MYANMAR attracted over 2 million tourists in the first eight months of this fiscal year, an increase of 22 per cent compared with the same period of last year, said Vice President U Henry Van Thio of the Central Committee for the Development of the National Tourism Industry.

The increase is due at least

in part to the new effort to promote culture-based tourism, by which tourists can observe the culture of ethnic peoples in Myanmar.

The country is blessed with natural scenery, eco-tourism sites and ancient archeological sites.

In 2016, tourist arrivals in

the country reached 2.9 million. This year, the government hopes to receive 3.5 million tourists.

Visitors from Thailand topped the list of foreign visitors from Asia, followed by those from China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Malaysia. Among western travelers, those from the United States were the most

numerous, followed by France, Germany, Italy and Spain, according to official statistics.

Meanwhile, the country is implementing eco-tourism, cultural tourism and community-based tourism in resource-rich areas with historic landscapes, rivers, lakes, beaches, islands and forests.—Zwe ■

Lawyer and Tears

FROM PAGE 8

Global consternation

The world was shocked and dismayed.

“We have absolutely no fear for international inspection and pressure.”

(Daw Aung San Suu Kyi)

The gritty speech of State Counsellor has overwhelmed the world. The world pays more attention, thinks deeper in the case, judgement they make who are real victims. Slew of supports by both outside and inside rallies. No flaunting, no exaggeration! But the jealous denigrates... the pessimists castigate.

People who can contain anger

1. I am also angry when I am attacked. Action calls for reaction. If he blows I will blow back. Everybody has fighting spirit. How you fare?
2. However, we should not go

3. We should manifest our straightforwardness, truthfulness and firmness in this regard. Entertain the peace-loving mentality together with the people. It is time to consider the background history of Rakhine State, people's regard on this issue and good and bad legacies. We should approach the crisis from different angles and from different views. We must discuss. Stay united in oneness.
4. Let the world hear justice. Let the world know the truth. Myanmar is cultured people, never pursue the path of wrath without control. This is Myanmar's identity. United Nations, a legally-bound organization must observe the law. Does UN take side, turn the blind eye on terrorist's atrocities in Rakhine.

What to do?

The name of the terrorists will be sent to Bangladesh government, INTERPOL and UN to be able to take action according to the law. Moreover

Retain the culture

Ethnic people such as Mro, Daignet had to flee their residents, their villages. Resettlement program and programs to retain the culture of the ethnics will be carried out immediately. Will seek the advice from UN-HABITAT, will have to accept repatriates under 1993 agreement, all in compliance with the law. There might be confidential program in combating the terrorism. With method, with system, with policy, with strategy, and with law.

People in consolidated unity

1. This is the time to get in one voice.
2. This is the time to get completely united.
3. This is the time to set the disagreement and misunder-

standing aside.

4. This is the time to avoid mutual recrimination.
5. This is the time not to get ablaze with fury.
6. This is the time not to instigate to a riot.
7. Don't make mistake.
8. To be knowledgeable and understand.
9. Try to get the best result out of the messy issue.
10. To be dignified Myanmar in the world.

Rallies across the country in support of the explicit speech and gritty performance of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi regarding the Rakhine Issue are the undeniable testimony of the consolidated backing of the whole people.

Read more the news papers

Read more newspapers, listen more radio news and watch more news on television. Better to extend your reading to news in English language in addition to reading news in Myanmar. Take helps from those who are good at English if you are weak in

English. Only then you can know the world. We once fell in trouble as we lack world knowledge. We should chalk the failures up to experience. The world is wide, Myanmar should not be lagged behind. Myanmar will always be an eternal entity in the world. To not forget, to not be careless, to strive more....I believe like this.

Lawyer and tears

1. I am a lawyer.
2. As I am a lawyer, I have to plead against terrorists at the court of justice.
3. I have to define what is right and what is wrong and take side on the right. Make a clear cut decision. Don't get astride on the fence.
4. The photo of Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye wiping the tears of Hindus drove me into utter desolation. My heart beat heavily.
5. I could control my anger, but ... tears rolling down on my cheek.

*Translate by
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Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

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