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National Security Advisor explains the Government's short and long-term plans for the development of Rakhine State

NEW YORK, 14 Oct—ARRIA formula meeting of the Security Council on the situation in Myanmar was held on 13 October 2017 at UN. It was co-hosted by France, Current President of the UN Security Council, together with the United Kingdom.

At the invitation of the co-hosts, former UN Secretary-General and Chairman of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine

State Dr. Kofi Annan briefed the meeting on the situation in the Rakhine State. Representatives of the members states of the Security Council, UNHCR, OHCHR, OCHA, regional organizations, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, OIC and EU participated in the meeting.

At the meeting, U Thaung Tun, Special Envoy of the State Counsellor and National Security

Advisor of Myanmar, briefed the meeting that recommendations of the Advisory Commission are based on widely-consulted, thorough research; the recommendations provide us with a viable roadmap to lasting peace and development in Rakhine State; Mr. Kofi Annan's today briefing stands in stark contrast to the less than objective statements that we have repeatedly heard;

short and long-term plans have been established for repatriation and provision of humanitarian assistance, resettlement and rehabilitation of all displaced communities, and socio-economic development with the collaboration of the international community. Full text of statement (English + Myanmar) of NSA U Thaung Tun, was placed separately.

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U Thaung Tun.

Rebuilding houses in Maungtau

Department of Development of Border Areas and National Races has been constructing houses for ethnic nationals in Maungtau region and there are plans for more construction it is learnt.

"For now all houses of entire Khonedine Village numbering 47 that was burnt during the terrorist events of 25 August will be rebuilt in a more safe and secure site. Stakes will be driven on 16 October. Approval has been given to rebuild 50 houses in Nanyakaing Village and 50 houses in Zitun Village, Buthidaung Township during this year and lands were already allocated for it" said U Khin Maung Htwe of Department of Development of Border Areas and National Races.

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Houses under construction
in Kyaukpandu
Village in Maungtau
Township. **PHOTO: MNA**

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People holds rally in support of State Counsellor's leadership

A group of people held a rally in downtown Yangon yesterday in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's handling Rakhine issue and in protest against the terrorists attacks in northern Rakhine.

"We conducted this rally to show our support to our government and the Tatmadaw for their security measures taken in the northern Rakhine State to provide security to civilians," said U Aung Myaing, a writer, who led the rally.

During the rally, the people sang the national anthem and observed one minute silence praying for those who were killed

by ARSA terrorists in northern Rakhine.

"No terrorist attack should not be occurred in Myanmar. We are very sorry for the ethnic people and Hindus who were brutally killed by ARSA extremist terrorists," said Comedian U Htet Htet.

The people, holding the portraits of Indian Prime Minister Mr Modi, Russian President Mr Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping, expressing their thanks to the leaders for their support to Myanmar.

Rallies in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi were held nationwide.—Zaw Gyi (Panita)



Comedian U Htet Htet addresses a rally in downtown Yangon in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's handling Rakhine issue and in protest against the terrorists attacks in northern Rakhine. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mon State High Court to get new building



Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo at the state driving ceremony for the Mon State High Court building. **PHOTO: MNA**

A foundation laying ceremony for the Mon State High Court building was held at the construction site of the building on 14 October on State High Court Road, Mandalay Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State and was attended by Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy and Construction U Win Khaing, Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan, Mon State Hluttaw Speaker Daw Tin Ei, Mon State Chief Judge, Kayin State Chief Judge, Mon State Minister for Municipal Affairs and Construction and Mon State constituency 2 Amyotha

Hluttaw representative Daw Nwe Nwe Aung drove the ceremonial stakes into the ground and sprinkled scented water at the site.

Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo also participated in the ceremonial stake driving, according to tradition.

The State High Court building is a three-storey reinforced concrete building that measures 240-feet in length and 240-feet in width, built on a five-acre plot of land. The courthouse will be constructed by Ministry of Construction, Building Department, Construction 3, Special Group 13, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency

SWRR Minister accepts assistance from AHA Centre

ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) handed over aid for people in Rakhine State to the authorities.

The ceremony was held at Natural Disaster Management Centre (Yangon) yesterday morning where.

At the ceremony, AHA Centre Executive Director Ms. Adelina Kamal explained about the reason for donating the assistance.

Next, in his speech at the event, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye said the event shows the mutual understanding, trust, firm cooperation and unity among countries in the ASEAN region.

Red Cross movement was started in the first week of September in order to provide relief fairly and equally to people in need. ASEAN countries are believed to stand together and help resolve any difficulties faced by any member country as a single family and this event proves it said the Union Minister.

The value of the day's assistance is more than US\$ 400,000 and the govern-

ment of Japan is also thanked for Japan ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) participating in the assistance.

The humanitarian aid will be distributed without discrimination to all those who are in need in Rakhine State and this assistance show unity of the ASEAN countries unity and being a good friend indicating the ONE ASEAN ONE RESPONSE concept added the Union Minister.

The humanitarian assistance provided by AHA Centre at the event includes 580 family size tents, 1,200 cartons of fam-

ily appliances, 6,000 cartons of personal hygiene accessories, 1,200 cartons of kitchen utensils, two 16KVA generators, a set of electricity distribution implement, two 5KVA and related items.

The ceremony was attended by ambassadors from Singapore, Brunei, Cambodia, Philippines, Laos and Britain, representatives from embassies of Thailand, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Viet Nam and European Union, AHA Centre Executive Director, invited guests and officials. — Myanmar News Agency



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye receives humanitarian assistance from AHA Centre Executive Director Ms. Adelina Kamal. **PHOTO: MNA**

Statement by His Excellency U Thaung Tun, National Security Advisor to the Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the ARRIA Formula Meeting of the Security Council on the Situation in Myanmar Co-hosted by France and the United Kingdom

(13 October 2017)

Mr. President.

I would like to join other speakers in thanking H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan for his comprehensive briefing.

Over the past 12 months, he has worked tirelessly to try to cut the Gordian knot in Rakhine State. He and members of his commission have consulted widely with all stake-holders in the country, the region and beyond to find the best path to sustainable peace and development in the state.

Mr. Annan's briefing today is based on firsthand information and thorough research. It stands in stark contrast to the less than objective statements that we have repeatedly heard.

It reflects his deep insight on the complex and challenging situation of Rakhine, the reason why it has become the subject of international focus, and the most constructive way to move forward.

The challenges that Myanmar faces are legion. They have been further complicated by recent events.

As underlined by Mr. Annan, these challenges cannot be overcome overnight and by Myanmar alone. Myanmar's efforts must be buttressed by understanding and support of the international community.

The government of Myanmar firmly believes that the recommendations of the Commission provide us with a viable roadmap to lasting peace in Rakhine State.

We have embraced the final report of the Commission.

A Ministerial-level committee has been set up to ensure that the recommendations are implemented expeditiously.

Work has begun.

An Advisory Board composed of eminent persons and experts from home and abroad will also be constituted to advise the Committee. It is our hope that inclusion of experts from abroad will contribute to finding a way forward.

Even as we grapple with the Rakhine issue, we are conscious of the need to address the political, economic and social challenges we face in the rest

of the country.

The task is Herculean.

There is a need for the international community to understand the situation and support the sustainability of our democratization process.

We consider our relations with the United Nations important and we will continue to nurture the relationship. The UN Under Secretary General Jeffrey Feltman is currently visiting Myanmar. He will have the opportunity to visit Rakhine and see firsthand the situation on the ground. We have also extended an invitation to the UN Secretary General and look forward to welcoming him in the near future.

As a responsible member of the international community, Myanmar will implement all its commitments without fail.

This was affirmed yesterday



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by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her address to the nation, committing to the development of Rakhine State.

The government has identified three main tasks to be undertaken promptly:

1. Repatriation and provision of humanitarian assistance to returnees ;
2. Resettlement and rehabilitation of all displaced communities ; and
3. Establishment of sustainable peace, stability and development in Rakhine State.

A new mechanism, the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine, chaired by the State Counsellor herself, has been established.

It is a partnership among the government, people, private sector, local non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, development partners, UN agencies and in-

ternational non-governmental organizations.

The work program will begin on 15 October.

Here, I can do no better than to reiterate what the State Counsellor stressed yesterday. We will answer the call of the international community with deeds and actions rather than words.

Mr. President,

Before I conclude, I would like to assuage the concerns expressed by the members of Security Council when we last met.

First, with regard to violence, I would like to reaffirm that violence has subsided in northern Rakhine and operations by security forces have ceased since 5 September.

In light of the improved security situation, the diplomatic



National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun.

the State Counsellor's Office visited Dhaka from 1 to 3 October. Both sides have agreed to form a Joint Working Group on repatriation process. The Foreign Minister and Home Minister of Bangladesh have been invited to Nay Pyi Taw to continue the dialogue.

Fourth, Myanmar shares the view of the international community that the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine provide a viable road map.

Fifth, with regard to accountability, let me reaffirm that we stand for the rule of law. No one is above the law. Where there is clear evidence, those who breach the law will be brought to justice.

Mr. President,

The government of Myanmar has been accused of indifference to the plight of the people

in Rakhine.

Far from ignoring the situation, the government has made it a priority to find a sustainable solution to problems which have existed for decades. We feel deeply for the suffering and plight of the innocents who have been displaced from their homes.

While we all feel sympathy for those who have had to flee their homes and seek shelter elsewhere, we cannot ignore the fact that there are different narratives on what transpired in northern Rakhine State. We must winnow "the wheat from the chaff."

Myanmar is committed to finding a way forward in Rakhine and in the rest of the country. As a fledgling democracy, we are aware that the road ahead will be long. We are resolved to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

Thank you.

National Security Advisor explains the Government's short and long-term plans for the development of Rakhine State

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Arria-Formula is named after Ambassador Diego Arria, Permanent Representative of Venezuela, who, as the representative of Venezuela on the Council (1992-1993), initiated the practice in 1992. The "Arria-formula meetings" are very

informal, confidential gatherings which enable Security Council members to have a frank and private exchange of views with persons from invited UN member states, organizations and individuals. No media is invited. No meeting record is taken.



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye accepts cash donation by Future Green philanthropic youth group. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Cash donation to fulfill needs of people in Rakhine State

Cash donations were made yesterday at Natural Disaster Management Centre (Yangon office) to fulfill the immediate requirement of people in Rakhine State who were facing difficulties after ARSA extremist terrorist attacks.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye accepted Ks 2 million donated on the sixth anniversary of passing away of

Dr. Kaung Myat and Ks 1 million donated by Future Green philanthropic youth group and presented back certificate of honor to the donors.

On 13 October, U Win Myint and Daw Htay Htay family from Yangon donated Ks 500,000 at the meeting room of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Isolated rain expected over big cities

Sandar Soe

Isolated rain or thunders howers are expected over Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangon regions with 100 % degree certainly today, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH).

The weather department said Lower Sagaing and Magway regions will have isolated rain, Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing and Mandalay regions with scattering thundershowers, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah states fairly widespread rain are forecasted for today.

Thunder showers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon states and isolated heavy rain falls is still likely in Taninthayi Region, the weather bureau said.

Mon-Taninthayi coast and offshore areas will see light to moderate wave with height of (4-7) feet, Dr. Tun Lwin posted on his Facebook yesterday.

The meteorologist Dr Tun Lwin said that the tropical storm Khanun in South China Sea has finally turned into a severe tropical storm with increasing strength and is moving in a west-northwest direction at 4 mph.

In the central area of the tropical storm, winds speed can reach up to 60 miles per hour according to the observation of the prominent weather expert of Myanmar made at (6:30) a.m. Myanmar Standard Time on Saturday.

According to flood warning issued at 2:00 hr observation, Sittoung River's water level has exceeded the danger level of Toungoo by about (1/2) foot and will remain there for the next (1) day. Residents living near the river bank and low lying area at Taungoo Township of Sittoung River should be alerted to possible flood, the DMH warned. ■

Cash and provisions for displaced ethnic people



Officials from Social Welfare Department provide aid to ethnic people from IDP camps. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Social Welfare department went to temporary relief camps in Sittway and presented provisions to displaced ethnic nationals from Maungtau, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships on Friday morning.

The department went to Danyawady playground relief camp and Hindu temple relief camp in Kyaung Tat Road, Sittway and provided cash assistance, utensils and women's

accessories.

Afterward four elders above the age of 60 were each provided with Ks 20,000 totaling Ks 80,000 while Ks. 60,000 for three handicapped persons, Ks 20,000 for a pregnant woman and Ks 100,000 for an injured person was also provided.

Furthermore, toys for children and psychological support were provided while play stations were also created for children.—Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■

HPCL to sell lubricants in Myanmar

NEW DELHI — Public sector undertaking Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) has become the first Indian company to sell lubricants in Myanmar. A company statement said the

products were launched in Yangon and Mandalay.

HPCL's lubricants products were launched on October 1 in the commercial hub of Yangon. The second launch was held

on October 3 in Mandalay. Participants from segments covering OEM dealers, industrial houses, retailers and transporters of Myanmar attended the launch.—GNLM ■



Elephant dance attracts people at the Children's Literature Festival. **PHOTO: MNA (NEWS ON PAGE 9)**



Children participate in the outdoor game at the second day of Children's Literature Festival. **PHOTO: MNA (NEWS ON PAGE 9)**

May You Distinguish Truth From Falsity!

Khin Maung Oo

IT reached nearly one and half months that Myanmar has been solving instabilities it had encountered since August 25 this year in northern Rakhine State. There will be different kinds of views over the great and complex problems which took place. At an early stage of the situation, people may lack sense of judgment on account of invented stories, false news, rumors and exaggerations. Yet, when time went past the truth is gradually showing its real image.

As if a clean and fresh breeze blows away the dark cloud away, truth which can be likened to the wind drove away the darkness which cast over the country. Presently, global communities

are coming to be well convinced of actualities in Myanmar. Though there was said to have been global misunderstandings over the Rakhine State Affair, it really occurred within some western countries and OIC member countries only.

Out of 193 countries in the world, Myanmar has myriads of friendly countries which have sympathetic minds towards our country. Super Powers such as India, China and Russia and countries in the region such as Japan and ASEAN member countries are surrounding us in such a time of difficulty.

“A friend in need is a friend indeed,” as the saying goes. When someone meets with difficulties, it will be easy for them to differentiate true friends from false ones. Under

the current situations, we already had friends with kind, helpful and sympathetic minds in our surroundings. And, some countries had turned back to us after ascertaining reality and true facts. Apart from those who are intentionally fabricating news, there appeared international media which have found out the truth.

Allegations that Myanmar is a country which is violating human rights, torturing the weaker minorities, without solid evidences are really biased and groundless accusations and exaggerations. These are deeds made intentionally by ultra-opportunists who would like to exploit benefits for their own sakes.

Had anyone wanted to have solved a problem rightfully and peacefully,

they should have spoken out just after having studied and assessed actualities on the ground, roots of causes and background history. Failing that, such imprudent sayings and groundless allegations will be deeds of fake friends who are waiting for conspiring destruction of our nation.

Hatred cannot bring about good results. Instead, peaceful co-existence between countries is the best way for each other. To sum it up, now that different people with different views around the world are beginning to understand actual situations on Rakhine State affair, I wish some politicians and activists can perform for world peace, liberating themselves from the shadow of spreading political propagandas, exaggeration and personal exploitation. ■

Don't let yourselves to be deceived

Khin Maung Myint

ANYONE with some knowledge of such matters knew full well that the simultaneous assaults of the 25 August, on 30 police outposts and stations and the massacring and the acts of arsons in the Rakhine State are being well planned. Such undertakings are not the kind of task that any ragtag band of inexperienced civilians could carry out on their own. This incident clearly indicated that there are some masterminds behind those actions and what their intentions were, can be clearly anticipated. The most immediate intention of theirs' could be to get more attentions for their cause. However, we should not ignore the fact that their ultimate objectives could be much more ambitious than that. If so, that would pose a threat to the sovereignty of the country and should be dealt with accordingly.

By now, the international organizations and the communities should realize who the real villains are. The latest spate of assaults on the security forces and the gruesome killings of innocent villagers and widespread cases of arsons in the towns and villages in the Maungtaung, Buthitaung and Rathetaung townships are concrete evidences of atrocities carried out by the self-identified people who were in reality illegal migrants. These acts of terrorism are in fact instigated, either intentionally or unintentionally by outsiders—international communities, media, opportunist NGOs, extremist elements from abroad and in part by the UN rapporteur. Their supports emboldened some of those people who are, in fact, meek, humble and non-aggressive by nature in the

past, to turn into terrorists.

Here, one should note the word “unintentionally” in the above paragraph. Some international organizations, communities, NGOs, media and the UN rapporteur are advocating for the illegal migrants by demanding, in the beginning, to recognize them as a national or an ethnic race of Myanmar, without knowing their real backgrounds or their intentions. When that failed, they changed their demands that we must grant them citizenships. Such actions are among the reasons that led the illegal immigrants to believe that they are fighting for a “right cause”.

As for some of the NGOs, both local and international, it's no wonder they are biased as they are being paid to do so by some sponsors of those people. Now that the situations got out of control, those NGOs had fled. They are similar to the mad scientists who created a monster, which they are unable to control and thus flee for their dear lives. They shouldn't be allowed to return to those places or anywhere else in the country in the future. However, the UN rapporteur should be neutral in her stand on this issue.

For that matter, some of our kind should also be blamed. While the authorities were trying to get the situations under control after the 2012 incidents in those areas, the hate speeches directed at other race and religion, which are un-called for, had made the situations to worsen.

Now, the latest rampages by those terrorists had revealed their true colours. Those who are blindly backing them should come to their senses and

realize who the real villains are and stop blaming us. Those terrorists are killing even some of their own kind who cooperated or suspected of cooperating with the authorities. Gradually emerging news of the mass graves of the innocent Bengali Hindus were the latest testimonies to their atrocities. Those people were killed with the intentions of putting the blame on our authorities and at the same time create reign of terror in those areas and threatening away the residents to flee across the borders.

Their latest tactics are to entice or lure the people of foreign origins of other faith to join those who had fled to the neighbouring country, giving them false promises and informations. They even went far to falsely labeling the Hindus of Bengali origins as Rohingya Hindus to turn them against the Myanmar. That's the most outrageous and treacherous stance. Though the Hindus of Myanmar rejected their stance and condemned their acts of atrocities, the terrorists had already managed to attract some Hindus to the other country, where they are now living in the refugee camps.

Although there were no more fighting and the situations are coming back to normal in those areas the exodus continued until today. Why these are continuing can be none other than the results of false promises of aids and opportunities they can receive in the other country as refugees. At the same time these situations are purposely being created to deceive the world to grant them more funds and at the same time discredit our country of persecu-

tions and discriminations against the minorities.

The “cause of the illegal immigrants”, that they and the international organizations, communities and the media are vociferously advocating for, is just a ploy to deceive the world. It was a well planned tactics to pave their exodus to migrate to other countries from their country of origin, where there is an un-controlable population explosion and riddled with poverty and starvation. At first their plan worked as the UNHCR managed to resettle them in some countries. However, that plan failed as other countries wouldn't accept them anymore and that changed their tactics.

They started to create unrest in the country by waging simultaneous assaults on the border police outposts for the first time back in 2014 and when the authorities retaliated, the international organizations, including the UN rapporteur, international communities and the international media came to their support, which made the situations worse. The latest attacks are the second of the major offensives waged by the extremist terrorists.

I would like to request the international organizations, communities and the media and the peoples on both sides to refrain from instigating further divide and hatreds. Please don't add fuel to the fire. Let the authorities do what is necessary to bring stability to those areas and provide security and safety to the citizens. Please be mindful that your actions could jeopardize those efforts. ■
