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Rakhine rebirth needs unity: State Counsellor

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has called for businessmen to show their strength and unity with the government and the people by helping with the rehabilitation and resettlement efforts in Rakhine State.

Her remarks came at a ceremony at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to accept cash donations from the country's businessmen for the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), an organisation she chairs.

She called on the businessmen to give advice to the Union Government for the economic development of Rakhine State, saying that "Our main strength is cooperation".

Rehabilitation is a social and political need, she said.

While denouncing the destruction in the conflict areas in northern Rakhine State, the State Counsellor warned that consequences come after unlawful actions in a country.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi chats with businessmen yesterday at a ceremony to accept donation for Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Verification cards issued in Rakhine

STAFF from the Rakhine State Immigration and Population department have issued National Verification Cards to over 2,600 people from Shwe Zar north, west and middle villages over the past two months.

After the attacks of extremists from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) on 25 August in the Maungtau region, a team led by the head of the State Immigration and Manpower department began the process for issuing national verification cards (NVCs), which is one of the programmes being implement-

ed to improve Rakhine State's development.

The staff from the department divided into groups and checked and recorded eye scans and fingerprints to issue NVCs to over 2,600 people from Shwe Zar north, west and middle villages. More recently, from 12 to 17 October, NVCs for 56 men, 27 women, a total of 83 and NID for 66 men and 34 women, total of 100 were scrutinized and issued.

The NVC and NID (biometric) works will continue, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency



Immigration officials work on issuing National Verification Cards to locals in northern Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi together with the country's businessmen for the UEHRD pose for a documentary photo in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

Development in Rakhine requires cooperation

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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged the businessmen to operate in a new economic mechanism, pledging that her administration would encourage competition among the businesses in Rakhine in implementing

the rehabilitation, resettlement and development project.

The effort in Rakhine State could be considered the pilot project for concurrent dual implementation of peace and development.

In her concluding remarks,

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi called for unity among the government, the people and the businessmen for the success of the project in Rakhine State as part of efforts for laying down a foundation for the Union.

Total donations at the cere-

mony yesterday reached K17.7 billion.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, Deputy Minister U Min Thu, U Khin Maung Tin, Chief Coordinator of UEHRD Dr Aung Tun Thet, Information

and Communications Director U Kyaw Myaing and other officials.

Bank accounts at Ayeyawady Bank, KBZ Bank and CB Bank for public contribution to the project will be announced soon, it was learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Coordination meeting held to launch MyanmarSat 2 in June 2019

LEADING committee on establishing satellite system held its third coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, discussing preparation for the task.

Vice President U Myint Swe said in his capacity as the chairman of the committee that a joint ownership system would be used when the country used its own satellite system MyanmarSat-2 which is expected to launch in June 2019.

Furthermore, it is in the course of discussion to be able to launch MyanmarSat 2 under joint ownership system at the cost of about US\$ 155.7 million and the said amount is to pay in 10 installments, according to the meeting.

The expense is agreed to be settled in 2018-19 FY and 2019-20 FY. MyanmarSat 2 can be put in service starting from June 2019.

There are three ways that were mentioned in the previous meetings, for Myanmar to be able to establish State-owned



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the meeting of leading committee on establishing satellite system in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 October 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

satellite system. The first way is to lease the use of satellite transponder of another country and pay for it. That system is known as Condosat.

“The second method is joint ownership system and the third method is total ownership system. The second method that the Union Minister for Transport and Communications has indicated in the second meeting will be employed. For the time being, the MyanmarSat 1 is used on lease,” said the Vice President.

Sub-committee for legal and regulatory affairs needs to check and manage not to get grievances in our side. The In-

defeasible Right of Use (IRU) of the Transponder shall be put as an irrevocable provision in the contract.

According to the 1st meeting of the sub-committee for leasing the State-owned Satellite Transponder held on 29 September 2017, It is known that MPT has already proposed to lease additional 72 MHz besides Myanmar Communications Enterprise could have fully rented C-band Transponder 252 MHz out of the Transponders of Condosat that is the system of leasing the satellite transponders and is currently being used. However, the use of KU-band transponder is still scarce, so it is necessary to try

to lease more KU-band.

From MyanmarSat 2 six C-band transponders and six KU-band will be secured. 432 MHz from C-band and 432 MHz from Ku-band, 864 MHz in total will be gained. It will ensure the beneficial result only when the all MHz can be put in service. For that target the respective ministry has to seek market in cooperation with private sector.

In his concluding remarks, Vice President has called on the ministries which are currently using the foreign satellite transponders to hire the MyanmarSat-2 when their contracts with foreign firms are expired.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar delegation attends 137th Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U T Khun Myat arrived back Yangon yesterday after attending the 137th Assembly of Inter-Parliamentary Union in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The delegation left Yangon for Russian on 13 October to attend the assembly at the invitation of the Chairman of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Chairman of State Duma and the Chairman of the Inter-Parliamentary Organizations.

U T Khun Myat also delivered a speech on the Myanmar's government policy with the title “Promoting cultural pluralism and peace though inter-faith and inter-ethnic dialogue” at the Assembly held from 14 to 18 October.

He also clarified the ground situation happened in northern Rakhine State of Myanmar.—Myanmar News Agency ■

New garment factory in Sittway

A garment factory was officially opened in Sittway yesterday that will create up to 80 jobs for local women and hopefully fuel the development of Rakhine State.

The opening ceremony of the Khaing Pyi Soe garment factory was held at the frontage of the factory in Sat Yoe Kya Ward, Sittway yesterday morning.

In the ceremony, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, State High Court Chief Judge U Kyauk, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung and state ministers, departmental staff, town elders, representatives from social organizations and invited guests attended.

Rakhine State Social Affairs Minister Dr Chan Tha, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Soe and Daw Saw Theingi Tun, Managing Director of GLORIOUS SAW Co. opened the garment factory by cutting a ribbon. Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu then unveiled the sign-board of the factory by pressing a button.

This is the second garment factory to be opened in Sittway in recent months.

The Rakhine State Chief Minister said that youths in Rakhine State, including Sittway, will gain more job opportunities as a result of the factory's opening. If job opportunities will be developed in the State, the State's development will increase year by year. The Rakhine State government will work to develop industries and factories



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu visits Khaing Pyi Soe garment factory in Sittway. PHOTO: MNA

more and more, he said.

Afterwards, the Managing Director of Glorious Saw Co. spoke briefly about the workings of the new garment factory.

Then, the State Chief Minister, the Deputy Minister, State ministers and attendees toured the factory.

The managing director of the new factory said the State's help is essential in helping to spur manufacturing in the region.

"The garment factory was opened for young women in Rakhine State to get more jobs and to develop the state. It aims for Rakhine women to get jobs. But it is impossible to do on my own only. It requires assistance and encouragement

of the State government." said Daw Saw Theingi Tun, the managing director.

"I will meet women in relief camps and share knowledge. As I'm a designer, I will impart to them my skills. When they finish the course, outstanding ladies will get a sewing machine free of charge. For others who want to work in the factory, I will manage for them to get a job with a salary."

For the workers, being able to work close to home has made life easier.

"Before, I have worked at a factory in South Dagon, Yangon Region where I got good salary. But it is more convenient working in my own region and living together with my

family. Now, people who were working at factories in Yangon came and worked in this factory. There are two factories in Sittway, yet. The state government should perform to open more garment factories in Rakhine State like that. I also would like to inform young men and women who are working in more developed parts of the country that factories and industries had been opened in Rakhine State," said Ma Tan Soe, who is working at the factory from Pauktaw village, Kyauktaw Township.

The Khaing Pyi Soe garment factory is the second factory in Sittway and will appoint up to 80 employees. —Tin Tun, Win Min Soe (IPRD)

Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed U Soe Lin Han, Director-General of the Planning and Administrative Department, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on expiry of the one-year probation period.—MNA

700 Muslim villagers depart to neighbouring country

ABOUT 700 Muslims from Buthidaung and Maungtau Townships arrived near Layyinpyankwin beach between Maungtau Township Panyaungpingyi Village and Ywathit Kay Village in recent days in preparation for departure to Bangladesh, despite officials trying to persuade them to return to their own villages.

The villagers said they wished to go to the neighbouring country and departed toward the beach between the mouths of the Hmowin and Gawduthara creeks.

On 16 October, 513 Muslim villagers from Bawli Village, Pyaingtaung Village, Thane Taung Pyin Village, Phayapyin Aungpa village and Phayonechaung Village from Buthidaung Township arrived near Layyinpyankwin beach while 198 Muslim villagers came from Sein Nyin Pya Village, making up a total of 711 gathered between Panyaungpingyi Village and Ywathit Kay Village. They said they wanted to go to Bangladesh because of difficult livelihoods and health care situations. They also added that there were no threats made against them and no houses were burnt in their respective villages. Relatives from the other country rented boats to fetch them and they left their villages fearing attacks from terrorists.

Authorities told them of arranging cars to transport them back to their villages and to provide food and medicine, but they said they wanted to go to another country.

Six households consisting a total of 41 from Buthidaung Township Kondaing village tract Maungnama village and Nanyakone village tract Maungnama Pale Taung village, were found at Taungbadaka Village departing toward Bangladesh were sent back to their villages on 16 October.—Myanmar News Agency

Work on construction of new houses in N-Rakhine launched

RAKHINE State Government started work on construction of houses for ethnic Mro villagers and Muslim villagers in Maungtau yesterday.

The project for construction of 50 houses at the ethnic Mro Village of Kainggyi was commenced with a stake driving by Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Nyi Pu.

Speaking at the ceremony, U Nyi Pu pledged on behalf of the government to work for all-round development including upgrading of transportation, power supply, education and healthcare services in northern Rakhine, encouraging the ethnic villagers to start a new life with new houses while preserving their



Rakhine State Chief Minister drives a stake into the ground to mark the launching of the construction project. PHOTO: MNA

traditional culture.

Following the ceremony, the dignitaries went to the Islamic village of Pantawpyin to launch the construction of 22 houses for the villagers.

At a meeting with the villagers, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu has urged the locals to cooperate with the state government and to follow the rule of law in order to bring peace and sta-

bility to the area.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Soe Aung, Minister of Electricity, Industry and Transportation, Daw Nilar Kyaw, State Minister for Social Affairs Dr. Chan Thar and officials from respective departments were part of the delegation.

The Rakhine Chief Minister also drove a stake into the ground to mark the launching of the construction project for the Muslim villagers.

In the evening, the Chief Minister and delegation met with township officials and discussed about the ongoing projects being implemented in Rakhine State.—Myanmar News Agency

Leadership Seminar for Tech Age Girls Myanmar, Library Award Ceremony held

Dr. Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, addressed a seminar yesterday on Leadership Seminar for Tech Age Girls Myanmar and a ceremony for “Beyond Access Innovative Library Award” was held at the Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon.

At the ceremony, Dr. Thant Thaw Kaung, executive director of Myanmar Book Aid and Preservation Foundation, explained the background of the foundation and the emergence of “Tech Age Girls Myanmar Project.”

“The Ministry of Information is performing the task of increasing the number of books and readers. The Myanmar Book Aid and Preservation Foundation are carrying out the tasks of making readers read more and developing libraries. The Ministry of Information is co-operating by signing an MoU for libraries under the Ministry to acquire aids on news and information and for the acquisition of the internet to fully acquire news and information. Libraries are being changed into community



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and officials pose for photo together with winners of the Beyond Access Innovative Library Award at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

centres, and arrangements for holding literary talks are underway. Besides literary talks consisting of one representative from the Region and State Hluttaw, one from the government, a technician and a scholar each from civil society have also been arranged to be held. It is being implemented with a view to becoming a community centre open to all, and for developing

the habits of arguing, criticising and discussing national affairs with authorities concerned. Simultaneously, the Ministry is carrying out to form libraries as developed and qualified ones which can fulfill the needs of the people, in co-operation with Myanmar Book Aid. A total of 45 co-operations such as workshops on libraries, seminars between librarians, ICT training

for librarians, leadership training, and training for knowledge and skills on mobile news and information have already been conducted. In combination with Myanmar Book Aid, efforts are being made to develop public libraries in districts and townships as community centres where the public can assemble and meet. For modernisation of public libraries, the Ministry

will co-operate with any organisations with same destination.”

Following that, Dr Aung Naing Soe, director-general of the basic education department and representatives from IREX, Microsoft and Ooredoo Myanmar gave speeches in honour of the occasion.

Daw Myat San Nyein, project manager of Beyond Access Myanmar, announced the names of prize winners, with Dr. Aung Naing Soe, Dr. Thant Thaw Kaung and Daw Myat San Nyein presenting prizes, followed by clarifications concerning the project by the project manager of Tech Age Girls Myanmar.

Prize winner Ma Ei Ei Phyu then spoke of her experiences from the Tech Age Girls Programme and Dr. Thant Thaw Kaung gave presents.

Libraries are being changed from community libraries to community centres. With a view to producing female leaders in villages and wards in the technology age, the Tech Age Girls Programme was launched in 2016.—Myanmar News Agency ■

17th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology held

At the 17th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology held at 9 am yesterday at the Myanmar International Convention Centre -2 in Nay Pyi Taw, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, the Union Minister said, “Myanmar is taking active participation in the sectors of science and technology for sustainable economic development in the region. Our leaders of the State have already said that co-operations will be able to be upgraded in respective spheres by helping in the sectors of science, technology and innovations. In lifting up the co-operation of aligned countries so as to increase unity among ASEAN nations and innovations in 2025, Myanmar will take active part.”

In addition, H.E Dr Cham



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi delivers an address at the 17th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology. **PHOTO: MNA**

Prasidh, Senior Minister, Ministry of Industry and Handcraft, Cambodia gave an honorary speech.

At the meeting, agreements had been achieved to help by implementing SMEs in the region under prioritization order

through the approval of final draft of declaration on ASEAN innovations to be accepted by ASEAN nations, approval of 12 proposals to be spent from ASEAN science, technology and innovation fund, building up ASEAN nuclear and synchrotron website and ASEAN

website on research of safety, approval of ASEAN centre for data on water and weather and by performing all inclusive development in equality.

Following that, those present at the meeting acknowledged ASEAN-India Training Program on Research and ASEAN—India introducing the programme on research and development, increasing ASEAN—India science and technology development fund from US \$ 1 million to 5 million, approval of ASEAN—Russia science, technology and innovation project 2016—2025, implementation of the scholarship program on ASEAN—US science and technology with the management of ASEAN Foundation, ASEAN youths scientist and

technician award, ASEAN science and technology outstanding award, ASEAN Service Award, Da Vinci award and scholarship award of the Centre for ASEAN+3 science outstanding award and ASEAN—US science award for women.

After the meeting, Union Minister and representatives from ASEAN countries inspected around the exhibition of ASEAN science, technology and innovation exhibited in the Myanmar International Convention Center.

In the afternoon, Dr Myo Thein Gyi hosted a luncheon to the Ministers and Deputy Ministers, high-ranking officials, ASEAN deputy secretary general and responsible officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Guns and drugs seized in Buthidaung and Maungtaw

AUTHORITIES seized stimulant pills worth a total of Ks2.88 billion and four hand-made guns in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships in three separate incidents this week.

On Tuesday, acting on a tip-off, security forces stopped a HiJet vehicle on the road of Ward 5 in Maungtaw driven by

Nyi Nyi, 22 from Weithale Village in Maungtaw, and seized 487,500 WY stimulant pills worth Ks97.5 million. On Wednesday, authorities seized 955,500 stimulant tablets worth Ks1.91 billion from a Nissan vehicle driven by Min Aung Naing with two men on board. The two passengers were arrested, but the driver

Min Aung Naing fled.

In a third incident, local police found four hand-made, 13-inch long short guns and a black ski mask in Sar Khaing Ale Village in Buthidaung. The investigation into the incidents is ongoing at Taung Bazarr Police Station.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Trade value via Maungtaw border check point to exceed target

TRADE value at Maungtaw border check post is expected to exceed its target of US 6million this 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

The trade has returned to normality since October 14 following attacks by ARSA extremist terrorists.

“The trade value reached more than US\$ 5 million before the terrorist attacks on 24th August, so it is expected the trade value can exceed in November,” said U Cho Htwe, an official of the Maungtaw Trade Camp.—Thant Zin Win ■

We wish to live in peace and security

By Khin Maung Oo

SECURITY plays an important role for a country and its people. As regards security, there should not be one iota of threat which causes fear and worry for a country and among those living in the country. Due to the news item about seizure of weapons at Nay Pyi Taw airport and its related news, worries and criticisms are increasingly rising up among our people, it is learnt.

When the news of seizure of 21 modern weapons was added to the worries over the inhumane attacks of ARSA extremist terrorists which took place in northern Rakhine State, undeniably there have been a lot of worries and criticisms in the country. We also heard

on July 19 that 21 automatic firearms to be sent to Mandalay were seized in Thazi. On 5th October as well, 10000 units of detonators which are used in exploding bombs were seized being carried via Chin State. Similarly, a total of 40000 detonators were found in a car which was stopped and searched in Kalaywa Township nearby the Myanmar-India border on 16th October. They were said to have been sued.

Illegally possessed weapons can kill people and threaten regional security. Criminal possession and carriage of weapons are outlawed. Illegal weapons that are possessed with a view to commit a crime, launching armed attacks or shooting at random are outlawed. That being so any kind of behavior and

deeds which are potential risks for the people must be sought for and protected.

At present, all nations have fears and worries over the danger of armed extremist terrorists. Thus they are taking precautions so as not to be infiltrated by these destructive elements by heightening the security precautions. Despite these efforts breaches of security occurred even in advanced nations of the world said to be equipped with cutting-edge security systems, claiming many innocent lives. We must take lesson from these events.

Generally, extremist terrorists illegally possess and use explosives and modern firearms. But very recently due to the random attacks made with

modern weapons, a mass shooter killed 60 people and nearly 500 were injured in Las Vegas.

In Myanmar, nobody apart from national security forces has a right to possess firearms. Anyone who holds ordinary lethal weapons such as knives, sticks or rods, not to mention automatic guns and firearms in public places can be arrested. We already have such a law. It must be more serious and punishable to hold modern weapons. Only if criminal possession of weapons can be effectively wiped out in accord with rules and laws with security consciousness and awareness in our minds, will our people be able to live in the country with rule of law, being free from worries. ■

By Htun Tin Htun

STRENGTH lies within the body (country) and outside the body (country) as well and wish-to-do, work hard, will and wisdom are four important and great foundation and united strengths and powers for winning the great results and ultimate happiness. The five national objectives for the celebration of the 70th Independence Day 2018 are: to safeguard and protect the non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty by the entire ethnic people; to work hard for emergence of a constitution which meets the democratic norms and can guarantee a democratic federal union; to make more efforts for implementation of the peace process; to reach the goal of "eternal peace" through political dialogue by cooperating between all national races of the Union with the Union Government and to work hard for promoting the private sector which is the driving force for the country's economy and to be able to boost the socio-economy of the people. Right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration are eight in one unique path leading to the cessation of all sorrows and sufferings and reaching to the supreme bliss. Equity, empowerment, employment and environment need to be paid attention for the development of human beings in this planet. No one is above the law and rule of law everywhere is of paramount importance for the governance in implementing development activities of various socio-economic projects and programmes. Great leader has to serve the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with the qualities such

Strengthening of Solidarity for Sovereignty



as see the future, engage and develop others, reinvent continuously, value respect and relationship and embody values. Time and tide waits for no man and timely and swift action is needed to be carried out for any encroachment and invasion of our national sovereignty. Human Buddha Way, based on the five moral precepts (great charity), four

universal cardinal virtues (loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy and equanimity), four noble truths and noble eightfold path (mind-centered teaching), is a way of life of the majority of the people in Myanmar while we respect and co-exist with all religions at home and across the world. End of poverty, end of hunger, end of corrup-

tion, end of ethnic armed conflicts, end of discrimination, end of gender inequality, end of war, end of terrorism, end of illiteracy, end of belligerency, end of brutality, end of bullying, end of acrimony, end of aggression, end of agony, end of apprehension, end of atrocity, end of enmity, end of aversion and there are many more "end of----" in our world based on greed/craving, anger/hatred and delusion/ignorance. Nothing is impossible to one with wish-to-do, effort, mind and wisdom to end of such unsatisfactory conditions in this planet. Ignoble speech, manner and livelihood must be abstained for keeping and observing morality/discipline/character which is the great power to co-exist and live in peace and harmony in this world. Networking of Myanmar citizen living all corner of the world needs to be strengthened through the association of Myanmar community based on the loving-kindness and compassion in action. Federalism is of great importance and need to be finalized in order to have a strong foundation for the Federal Union that is all ethnic peoples in the Union of Myanmar are looking for and reaching to.

Solidarity of the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is very much important nowadays in order to safeguard, defend and protect from the invaders and encroachment of the national sovereignty and we need to face our future and we need to be brave in our thoughts, speech and actions. Our road to peace is like a marathon and to successfully complete and achieve it, we need firm determination, good attitude and in addition, an eager will. Let us work together to show how much we love and value peace and to face the judgment of our next generation and history without guilt and with honour.

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