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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Mro ethnic people from Khonhtaing Village in Maungtaung yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Making Rakhine a priority

State Counsellor visits conflict areas in northern Rakhine

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged local people yesterday to cooperate in reconstruction and resettlement works as she visited northern Rakhine for the first time since the terrorist attacks of late August that undermined the sta-

bility of the state. At a meeting of local people at Pantawpyin Village, she offered to provide vocational training, and gave suggestions to grow not only rice but also other crops as the area contains fertile soil.

The State Counsellor has

focused government efforts on northern Rakhine and launched a project last month to help rehabilitation and resettlement in Rakhine.

Before her visit to the conflict areas, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met

with the Youth Humanitarian Coordination Group (YHCG) at Sittway Airport. The YHCG is composed of youths from different races and religions who carry out voluntary services for the local people.

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Remaining schools to be reopened soon in N-Rakhine

By Aung Kyaw Oo

SCHOOLS are scheduled to reopen soon in the Maungtaung region of Rakhine State, according to the district education office.

"We are attempting to open the schools in three stages. A total of 52 schools, 32 in Buthidaung Township and 20 in Maungtaung Township, including Nanthataung orphanage school and a monastery in Maungtaung Township, have already been opened", said U Ohn Myint, Maungtaung district education officer.

"In the first stage, schools will be reopened in September, October and November while in the second stage in December, January and February and the third stage will depend on the situation of the regional peace. All the teachers have not arrived back to schools as students and their parents were leaving home due to the previous regional crisis, but all the teachers are arriving before the opening of school", he added.

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U Ohn Myint, education officer.



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U Henry Van Thio inspects Union National Races Village in Thakayta

U Henry Van Thio, Vice-President and Chairman of the Ethnic Affairs, Public Affairs Management and Service Committee inspected the tasks being performed for greening and long-lasting survival of the Union National Races Village in Thakayta, yesterday morning.

Accompanied by Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Yangon Region Government's Chief Minister U Phyto Min Thein, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Yangon City Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, ministers of Yangon Region Cabinet, permanent secretaries and responsible officials, the Vice-President arrived at the Union National Races Village in Thakayta yesterday morning, where U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Rural Development, explained the status of

traditional abodes of eight national ethnic people in the Village, the exhibition of model houses built in accord with traditional ways, traditional costumes, murals, displays of utensils used by ethnics, sculptures, construction of a playground for children and for visitors to study, and a showroom in which social behaviour of the Salon ethnics, which are nearly on the brink of extinction.

Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyto Min Thein discussed suggestion in matters of a Master Plan to be compiled for upgrading the Union National Races Village and further plans to be performed, with members of the ethnic, public service and management committee suggesting tasks worth performing in the Village.

"Union National Races Vil-



Vice President U Henry Van Thio and officials look at the displays of ethnic utensils at the Union National Races Village in Thakayta in Yangon. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

lage was established with a view to strengthening national solidarity and union spirit by arranging for visitors to be able to study traditions and customs of the national races who have been living for ages in a place. Especially it is aimed at national consolidation. Matters on the Union National Races Village were discussed in the meetings of the ethnic, public service and management com-

mittee. Being a country consisting of various kinds of ethnics, national unity is of great importance. Under the leadership of the State Counsellor, national reconciliation and unification efforts have been exerted zealously. We deeply urge all to try hard for the success of implementation of the building of Union National Races Village. In drawing up a Master Plan for upgrading the UNRV, it is neces-

sary to collectively implement the emergence of a recreation centre for visitors and for the development of the tourism sector."

Afterward, the Vice-President and party inspected dwelling abodes, utensils and costumes of national ethnic peoples such as the Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan and Salon in the ethnic showroom. —MNA ■

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"Schools are opening in the towns but schools of some villages are in the third stage, as most houses of these villages were destroyed and the plan will undergo the cooperation of district and township education officers and teachers. Regional peace is the most important thing for all schools to reopen," said Maungtaung township education officer U Khin Aung.

"All the ethnics and Islamic people were helping each other formerly in the region. However, recent conditions in the States forced school teachers to go back to their homes. But most teachers have now arrived back here and are assuming their duties,"

he added.

There are 151 schools remaining to be reopened in Maungtaung Township, as just 32 schools have already reopened among the 183 schools in total. In Buthidaung Township, 20 schools have already reopened among a total of 221 schools and 201 schools are left to be reopened. Thus, 352 schools altogether are still to be reopened across the Maungtaung District.

An essay competition about the 97th national day was held at the Maungtaung Township education department yesterday morning. There are about 80,000 students in Maungtaung Township and 60,000 students in Buthidaung Township. ■



Students are seen at a school in Maungtaung Township. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Mathoe robe weaving contests held at famous pagodas



Women weaving at the Mathoe robe weaving contest with participation of religious associations at Shwedagon Pagoda on 2 November 2017. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

THE 33rd Mathoe robe weaving contests took place at famous pagodas yesterday, including Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, with the participation of nine religious associations.

The opening ceremony of the Mathoe robe weaving contest was held at Shwedagon Pagoda on 14th Waxing Tazaungmon, 2nd November in Yangon.

At the ceremony, Shwedagon Pagoda trustee U Thaung Htike delivered a speech and cut the ribbon for opening the com-

petition together with Shwedagon Pagoda trustees. Nine teams of weavers took part last night on the eve of the Full Moon, of Tazaungmon, at Shwedagon Pagoda.

Likewise, the 35th Mathoe robes weaving competition ceremony were held at Botahtaung Pagoda in downtown Yangon at 5:30 pm yesterday. U Myint Thaung, the Yangon Region Minister for Planning and Finance, delivered an opening speech at the ceremony and cut the ribbon

for the opening ceremony. Twenty-four teams of weavers competed at Botahtaung Pagoda.

A similar contest was held at Kaba Aye Pagoda in Mayangon Township yesterday evening, where seven teams of weavers took part in the competition. Officials viewed the participation of weaving teams at the looms yesterday evening.

The robes will be offered to Buddha images at the pagodas tomorrow morning. —Ko Ko Zaw ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Muslim residents from Pandawpyin Village in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State, on 2 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi talks to border guard forces in Maungtau, Rakhine State, on 2 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor visits conflict areas in N-Rakhine

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Regarding the works for stability and development in Rakhine State, the State Counsellor stressed the need for cooperation from local people, as the tasks need to be carried out for the long term.

She also stressed the need to aid and cash systematically to the local people with proper records, pledging that the government will also provide healthcare services and security.

Accompanied by U Nyi Pu, the Chief Minister of Rakhine State, the State Counsellor and party left Sittway by helicopter for Waithali Village. From there, the State Counsellor and party continued to travel to Pantawpyin village by car. Upon arrival, the status of Pantawpyin Village reconstruction works was explained by Yangon Region Minister for Electricity, Industry, Road and Communications Daw Nilar Kyaw, who was present to assist in the resettlement works.

At a meeting with villagers, the State Counsellor urged them to cooperate with the government in reconstruction efforts, as the work is being done for the people to be able to live peacefully.

She also offered to provide vocational training to local people.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said other states and regions are co-operating for the development of the Maungtau region.

During the trip, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met a group of Muslim religious leaders, said Chris Lewa, of the Arakan Project monitoring group, citing sources in the Rakhine Muslim community.

“She only said three things to the people - they should live peacefully, the government is there to help them, and they should not quarrel among each other,” Lewa said, quoting information from a religious leader who was present.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor inspected the No. 1 entry exit station in Maungtau. The State Counsellor and party then went by helicopter to the site where Maungtau Town Khonhtaing (Mro) Ywathit will be built. At the site, Ministry of Border Affairs director U Tin Maung Htut explained about Khone Daing (Mro) Ywathit land plot allocation, plans to build a clinic, roads, monastery, schools and water wells. The State Counsellor coordinated with the officials on matters raised by local ethnic nationals for children to attend schools without any gaps in their education and then warmly greeted ethnic Mro nationals.

The State Counsellor told to the local people that the Union Government would help them live in peace in the region with the spirit of unity and preserve the cultural and historical heritage of national ethnic people for long-lasting survival. Following that, the State Counsellor and party arrived at Taungpyo Letwe by helicopter and inspected the Myanmar-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge, posing for photos together with members of the party on the friendship bridge, and together with families of the No. 1 border guard police force at a monument at the border area, where she cordially spoke with the families.

Afterwards, the State Coun-

sellor and party inspected a camp site at which those who would enter from Bangladesh would be temporarily accommodated, urging the authorities to send returnees back to their original locations as soon as possible.

After that, the State Counsellor and party arrived at Kyikanpyin in Maungtau Township to inspect the campus of No. 1 border guard police control team's headquarters. The State Counsellor met with Rakhine police force members working in the area of Kyikanpyin and their families. The State Counsellor said the major responsibility of police force members were not only to assure peace and security of the region but also to try to gain the trust of the people.

“We were very pleased and are feeling proud to have seen them work dutifully, even in very difficult situations”, she said. The State Counsellor and party left by helicopter for Sittway. At the assembly hall of Sittway airport, the

State Counsellor met with officials from the Rakhine State Government, addressing matters on solving Rakhine State affairs in different categories — diplomacy, security and establishing development, assurance of strength and fortification of border fences, systematic acceptance of those who will return back and harvesting of paddy left to be reaped.

After visiting villages in conflict areas, the State Counsellor, in her capacity as the chairperson of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) Committee, held a meeting with authorities at Sittway Airport, urging them to solve the Rakhine issue in three ways -- focusing on a diplomatic approach, reconstruction for development, and security of the local people.

The State Counsellor and party left Sittway by MNA special plane, arriving in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening. Union

Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development (UEHRD) is implementing the projects to be performed with great momentum in the short-term plans by laying down the process of three priorities. The Chairperson of UEHRD made an on-the-ground inspection tour together with Union Ministers and entrepreneurs, with a view to speeding up the momentum and fulfilling urgent needs for the effectiveness of the process.

The State Counsellor was accompanied by about 20 people travelling in two military helicopters, including military, police and state officials. Among the entourage was committee vice-chairman Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister U Min Thu, businesspersons U Zaw Zaw, U Pyae Phyo Tayza, Daw Nang Lang Kham and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, authorities and business persons have the documentary photos taken at the Myanmar-Bangladesh border in Maungtau, Rakhine State, on 2 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

Free healthcare provided at Buthidaung Hospital



Doctor provide medical check-ups to a patient at the Buthidaung People's Hospital. **PHOTO: MNA**

FREE healthcare services are being provided to patients of the Mro, Khami, and Dagnet ethnic groups as well as Hindus and Muslims at Buthidaung People's Hospital in Rakhine State.

In addition to free healthcare, transportation, medicine and money for expenses are also being provided to the patients who have recovered and wish to return their home villages.

Organised by the Ministry of Health and Sports and assisted by the Union Minister, a party led by Professor Dr. Hla Win Myint, a pediatric specialist from the University of Medicine, Magway is providing health examinations, treatment and medical care. "We have been here since 30 October. Free healthcare services will be provided from 1 to 5 November. With me during this trip are lecturer Dr. Nu Thazin

Win, lecturer Dr. Nyi Nyi Wai Yan Zaw and assistant lecturer Dr. Hnin Wint Wint Swe from the department of etiology in University of Medicine, Magway. Our team treated patients at Buthidaung Hospital on 1 and 2 November and we will treat more patients at Maungdaw Hospital on 3 and 4 November. Most of the patients receiving treatment in Buthidaung are children who are suffering from chest infections. The second most common disease is diarrhea and the third most common is a disease that leads to brain infection in children", Dr. Hla Win Myint said.

"So far nearly 50 children have already been treated, and the other patients in the hospital are also being treated" she added.

After treating patients at

Maungdaw Hospital on 3 and 4 November, the doctors will also visit patients at the places where road travel is uncomfortable and makes it difficult for the patients to come to the hospital.

U Gi La, a Dagnet ethnic who lives in Maungdaw, Mg Kyaw San, a Mro ethnic who lives in Buthidaung, U Dee Mar Mauk, a Muslim who lives in No.4 Ward of Buthidaung, Daw Gin Gar, a Hindu who lives in Ward No.7, said that receiving treatment in the hospital is very convenient and gave thanks to the doctors as they cared for patients and followed up as they recovered after treatment. In Buthidaung Hospital, 255 inpatients and 203 outpatients were treated in August, 218 inpatients and 438 outpatients in September and 175 inpatients and 267 outpatients in October. — Maw Si ■

Residents in Buthidaung hold rally to support State Counsellor

ABOUT 120 local ethnic nationals conducted a peaceful demonstration at National League for Democracy office on Bogyoke Road in Buthidaung yesterday morning to welcome and support the State Counsellor.

U Ye Thein, one of the leaders of the demonstration, gave a speech in support of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. U Kyaw Zaw Oo condemned the ARSA extremist terrorist attacks and U Nyo Hla Aung quoted from speeches of the State Counsellor. Attendees

of the demonstration shouted slogans and held signs reading, "May success be achieved in State Counsellor's work on Rakhine State stability and development," "May the people's leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi be healthy," "We don't want ARSA extremist terrorist" and "Entire people stand together with people's leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi".

The State Counsellor has focused government efforts on northern Rakhine and launched

a project last month to help rehabilitation and resettlement in Rakhine.

She has pledged to allow the return of refugees who can prove they were residents of Myanmar. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's spokesman voiced fears on Tuesday that Bangladesh could be stalling on the accord to first get millions of dollars of international aid money, an accusation a senior Bangladesh home ministry official has denied. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Local people take part in the rally in support of the Sate Counsellor's leadership. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister U Win Khaing holds the sideline meeting with Indian counterpart Mr Shri Dharmendra Pradhan at the 7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy attends AMER7

U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy, attended the 7th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable, also known as AMER 7, sponsored by Thailand's Ministry of Energy in Bangkok yesterday.

The ceremony began with opening address by H.E Air Chief Marshal Prajin Jantong, the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand.

Afterwards, introductions and scene setting continued, as

H.E General Anantaporn Kanjanarat, Minister for Energy, Thailand, H.E Khalid al-Falih, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources and, H.E Sun Xian-sheng, Secretary-General of the International Energy Forum, all gave welcoming speeches.

The subject of Natural Gas, Disruptive Technology and Energy Future, From Vision to Action were discussed in four sections.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office