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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (2nd Left) and other ASEAN leaders join hands during a family photo at the opening ceremony of the 31st ASEAN Summit in Manila, Philippines on 13 November 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

State Counsellor attends ASEAN summit in Manila

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the 31st The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit began in Manila on Monday, with the attendance of heads of the states of the member countries and the

partner nations.

Today's meetings following the opening ceremony of the ASEAN Summit, are ASEAN Plenary Session, ASEAN Business Advisory Council, ASEAN-US 40th Anniversary

Commemorative Summit, 5th ASEAN-US Summit, 20th ASEAN-China Summit, 19th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit and 20th ASEAN-Japan Summit. At the opening ceremony in Manila, Philippine President

Rodrigo Duterte, said that the two days of meetings presented an excellent opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion on matters of regional and international importance.

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Camps, new houses to complete in one month

CONSTRUCTION of repatriation camps and houses for local people affected by late August terrorist attacks is targeted to complete within a month.

Work on construction of the infrastructures which includes buildings, roads and water and electricity supply launched on 8th November as the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine has stepped up its efforts, according to UEHRD.

Ko Zaw Min Thein, Secretary-General of Construction and Building Infrastructures Group, said "Our team is primarily related to infrastructures but it includes roads, water resources, electricity, bridges and other kinds. We came here to perform all-inclusive tasks. For the time being, rehabilitation and resettlement for the nationals and those who are currently in the rescue camps was being implemented as a priority. Simultaneously, camps to accept returnees will be implemented. Now, Oh-Htein Hindu village with 72 houses started to have been built since 8th November. Similarly, 7 surrounding villages of 173 houses and repatriation camps will be complete in days and in a month respectively."

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The delegation led by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung holds talks with leaders of ethnic nationals led by chairman U Sai Lin in Mongla Special Region-4. **PHOTO: MNA**



The delegation led by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung holds talks with leaders of ethnic nationals led by Wa Special Region-2. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Gov't delegation meets leaders of Wa Special Region-2, Mongla Special Region-4 separately

A delegation led by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung held talks with leaders of Wa Special Region-2 in Panghsan in the region on 11 November, according to Myanmar News Agency released yesterday.

The delegation comprised of the National Reconciliation and Peace Center member Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Lt-Gen Than Tun Oo of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Triangle Region Command commander Maj-Gen Aung Zaw Aye, Peace Commission's Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw, Secre-

tary U Khin Zaw Oo, member U Aung Soe, representatives from Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Sports departed from Yangon arrived Lashio on 10 November by air.

The Union Minister and party left Lashio by car on the morning of 11 November for Panghsan where they were welcomed by leaders of ethnic nationals led by Wa Special Region-2 chairman U Bao Youxiang.

Next, the Union Minister and party met with leaders of ethnic nationals led by Wa Spe-

cial Region-2 vice chairman U Xiao Minliang and cordially discussed matters relating to regional development and peace after which the Union Minister and party presented gifts to Wa Special Region-2 vice chairman U Xiao Minliang.

On 12 November, the Union Minister and party paid homage to Panthu Theingi Pagoda in Panghsan and then donated offerings to sayadaws of monasteries in Panghsan at Mahawun monastery.

They then met and encouraged departmental officials assigned to Panghsan.

Afterwards, they left Pang-

hsan by cars and viewed the regional development status along the Panghsan-Mong Pauk-Mong Yang-Silu-Mongla. In the afternoon the Union Minister and party arrived Mongla and met with leaders of ethnic nationals led by chairman U Sai Lin in Mongla Special Region-4 meeting hall and cordially discussed matters relating to regional stability, development and peace.

Afterwards, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung and party presented Ks 70 million to Mongla Special Region-4 chairman U Sai Lin, a donation to renovate and repair Dwe Nagara Pogo-

da and a monastery building in Mongla Special Region-4. Next, the Union Minister and party presented gifts to ethnic national leaders.

On 13 November, the Union Minister and party paid homage to Dwe Nagara Pagoda and then donated offerings to sayadaws of monasteries in Mongla.

During the trip, while in Lashio, the Union Minister visited and provided the necessary to Training School for Ethnic Youths from Border Areas and Shan State north office of border area and national races development department. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Public responsibility in fighting human trafficking discussed

HUMAN trafficking police force has called for public participation in fighting the human trafficking in Myanmar as the government is working together with international organizations to reduce and eliminate the crime.

“Prevention takes the most important role in reducing the human trafficking in our country. We are fighting the human trafficking as a national duty.

Moreover, we are cooperating with the United Nations (UN) and other international organizations.”, said Police Major Zaw Min Than.

He said the remark at the workshop on the role of social responsibility by the private sector for fighting the trafficking in persons held in

Yangon yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Myanmar police force is conducting educative talks on trafficking persons as part of efforts raising public awareness against the crime at border towns, according to Myanmar Police Force. Human trafficking problems are mainly caused by insufficient job opportunities, salaries and public migration due to natural disaster.

“A person who was trafficked by someone will suffer fear in such a bad condition and even when she was released from trafficking luckily, she might not have her ordinary mentality.

Thus, public talks are launched with respective ethnic languages to acknowledge

the public in border regions of our nation for combating the human trafficking”, said Police Major Zaw Min Than.

There are 53 cases of human trafficking occurred in Yangon Region from January to November, 2017 while 31 cases out of 53 could be charged in a court of law according to No.(6) Anti-human Trafficking Police Force. Human trafficking to China is mostly found, it is learnt.

In an attempt to combat human trafficking in Myanmar, Yangon Region's Anti-human Trafficking Police Force are launching anti-trafficking program including holding public talks about anti-human trafficking and delivering pamphlets.

— Ko Moe ■

Repatriation camps, houses for ethnic people to complete in a month

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Basic infrastructures construction team out of nine teams from private sector commenced to implement construction of camps for accepting returnees, renovation of lodging places for staff and building new houses for local nationals to be accommodated on 8th November. Generally, it will take one or one and half month to finish, but a labour force of 50 employees will make concerted effort to complete in period of days. The major challenge of labor shortage is being solved with laborers brought from the mainland, it was learnt.

Ko Zaw Min Thein added, “I think it will take one or one and half month to build a new village because of planning plots, building roads and 40-60 ft RC houses, as built by the department of border area and national ethnics development.

The present challenge is labor problem. For now, the region is in the state of peace and stability. Our team includes 18 in all, consisting of managers and engineers, as a pilot team. Further, we planned to fulfill the need of laborers. If possible, we would like local people to take part in the construction. We will pay enough wages as an opportunity of creating job.”

Construction and building infrastructures which commenced to implement the tasks of resettlements in Maungtaung region is one of the nine teams from private sector under UEHRD.

It is learnt that the team include MCEA, Engineering Association, Architect Association, Timber Entrepreneurs Association, Water Transport Association led by Myanmar Licensed Contractor Association.—News Team ■

We never let destructive elements ruin our aims and objectives

Khin Maung Oo

THE UEHRD - Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State has been operationalized and is now moving full steam ahead. For the successful implementation of the UEHRD, the State Counsellor, Chairperson of UEHRD and her entourage travelled to Maungdaw region in northern Rakhine State very recently to make an inspection tour to better understand the situation on the ground and meet key people. She also took time to meet members of different communities including members of the Islamic faith.

Rakhine nationals, Hindus and local ethnic nationals such as Mro and Thet suffered a great deal in terms of human

lives in northern Rakhine State. At the same time the Union Government is providing humanitarian assistance and carrying out relief and resettlement operations regardless of race, religion and status, with a view to maintaining friendly bilateral relations with Bangladesh. While Myanmar is trying to bring about peace, stability and development in Rakhine State, the region which regained nascent progress has seen potential dangers bent on destroying the region again. Myanmar people are well-trained and well-grounded in the teachings of the Buddha. We have decided to respond to acts of terrorism with unity and strength and carefully crafted anti-terrorism strategies. We have decided to fight falsehood with truth and hatred with patience, tact and loving-kindness.

The fact that Buddhism is a very tolerant and accommodating religion should not be taken as a sign of weakness. On the contrary, all the people of Myanmar are solidly behind our national leaders and the Myanmar Tatmadaw.

A few days ago, signs of activities made by some remaining ARSA extremist terrorists or those who got involved in the attacks were found out. On 1st November an ARSA extremist terrorist who committed crimes was arrested in 'Kyauk-Hlay-Gar' village, Maungdaw township. On 3rd November three ARSA extremist terrorists who attacked local nationals going out for fishing near the grove at Pachiyartan village in Maungdaw were arrested. On 5th November caves made by ARSA extremist terrorists were found at Kyauk

Pandu and Thinbaw Kway villages in Maungdaw region by security forces. And, in the evening on 5th November, 4 policemen who were inspecting border fences between milestones 45 and 46 were attacked with firearms. Following the outbreak of events which started to happen in northern Rakhine State on 25th August, the Union Government is dealing with all matters relating to national security and rule of law, with great care. Meanwhile, we must be vigilant and alert against all kinds of surprise attacks. Otherwise, we should understand that nascent progress which northern Rakhine State has started to achieve will be greatly harmed. To sum it up, we must eradicate all possible dangers to ensure the success of our projects and Programmes in Rakhine State. ■

Friendship between brethren living over one thousand miles far away

By Lulay Waing

DIPLOMATIC relation between Myanmar and Philippines was established on 29th September 1956, reaching now for over 60 years. ASEAN's birth will enter 50 years of age, this year, hence diplomatic ties between the two countries older than ASEAN's existence.

Archipelago Country

Though being ASEAN member countries, Myanmar and Philippines are geographically far away from each other, to be exact, 1811 miles far away. It will take us round about three and half hours to travel by air. According to the World Almanac 2015, population in the Philippine outnumbered 107 million, much more than that of Myanmar. The Philippines is an Archipelago country made up of over 7000 islands, but 95 percent of the national populace is living on 11 biggest islands of the country.

Plenty of Imports

The Philippines is the country consisting of national ethnic people, but the amount is lower than compared to that of Myanmar. Of them, Tagalog ethnics occupy 28 percent of the national populace, with Cebuano 13 percent, Ilocano 9 percent, Bisaya 8 percent, Haligaynon Ilonggo 8 percent, Bikol 6 percent and Waray 3 percent respectively. As regards the religion they profess, 86 percent of the populace belongs to Christianity and 5 percent to Islam. The Philippines imports 11.5 percent of imports from USA, with 18.8 percent



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte (L) in Yangon, on 20 March 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

imported from China, and 10.4 percent from Japan. Most of its exports are also delivered to those countries.

19 Percent of its exports go to Japan, 14.2 percent to USA and 11.8 percent to China. Per capita GDP is US \$ 4700, greater than that of Myanmar—US \$ 1700. Here, it can be said that it is an advantage for the Philippines to have got huge markets such as USA, Japan and China.

Myanmar-Philippines Co-operation

To put it simply, looking back into the history Myanmar-Philippines Relation stood at the normal stage at the very advent. Though there were exchanges of State Visits of both countries in the later part of 1990, remark-

able progress was not found between them. Yet, in April, 2004 Myanmar-Philippines Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation-JCBC was formed and its first meeting was held in Yangon. At this meeting, the delegation led by Mr Delia Domingo Albert, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Philippines took part in the discussion, in which agreements including cooperation in the sectors including trade, investment and agriculture. Plus, 1st Myanmar-Philippines Policy Consultations was held in June 2006 in Manila, with 2nd Policy Consultations held in July 2007 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Good wishes on friendly country

Myanmar people have owed many thanks to people of Philippines in the post cyclone Nargis period. As all know

the Cyclone Nargis occurred in 2008 May 28 had caused a tremendous loss to Myanmar people. Many thousands of people died in that horrible tragic event. Philippines had sent a medical team that comprised 30 medical professionals and wide variety of medicines. Moreover, Philippines used C-130 military transporting aircraft in that event. The assistance of Philippines can be said not too much in terms of money value, however their good wishes to the friendly country can be vividly perceived.

6 Memorandums of Understanding

In December 2013, Myanmar and Philippines could have signed 6 MOUs in total. The MOUs had involved many different cases ranging from sustainable energy sector to commerce and trade affairs. Furthermore, the MOU between the two countries included visa exemption for the people of two countries. Philippines can visit Myanmar for 14 days without visa while Myanmar can visit Philippines 30 days without visa.

Important Event

The important event during the incumbent government was the visit of Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte to Myanmar. The President Duterte had arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 March 2017 and stayed two days in Myanmar. The President U Htin Kyaw and the President Duterte delivered the speech at the State Dinner given in honour of the visiting President Duterte.

Department of rural development conduct basic sewing course in Buthidaung

Interviewed by News Group

Photo by Han Lin Naing
(Sittway-Kopwa)

BUTHIDAUNG township department of rural development started a basic sewing course on 7 November in the township department of rural development office to create job opportunities, earn income and support livelihood for young women from villages.

Officials from the Department of Rural Development, course trainers and trainees were interviewed about the course.

U Tun Hlaing, Head of Buthidaung Township Department of Rural Development

Previously, Department of Rural Development had conducted a motorcycle repair course twice for men. Now, it is conducting a sewing course for young women to create job opportunity. Trainees were provided with breakfast and lunch and they stay at their relatives houses in Buthidaung town. There are two parts in the course. A basic course is conducted for



U Tun Hlaing.



Daw Ei Sabei.



Ma Zin Mar Oo.



Ma Nu Aye Khaing.

20 days after which there is a break of one week and then a refresher course of another 20 days is conducted. The course runs for a total of 40 days. Contact is made with Rakhine State Minister for Development Affairs so that course trainees can get job at garment factories in Sittway. There'll be more training courses. After this course is concluded, another motorcycle repair course, including the repair of motorcycle engine will be conducted for men.

Daw Ei Sabei, Sewing trainer, Myinlut Village, Maungtau Township

In the past, I lived in Myinlut, Maungtau Township and

have a sewing shop. I fled from the village and came to live in Buthidaung because I'm afraid of ARSA extremist terrorists. I have to rent a house in Buthidaung. Living in a rented house without work is difficult. I applied for a job on hearing of this course and become a sewing teacher. For some women, there is a bit of language difficulty but some were easy to teach. They follow the instruction. In this course, sewing of pillow case, women clothing, child clothing and men clothing were conducted. The aim is for the trainees to go back and work (sew clothing) in their village after the course is completed.

Ma Zin Mar Oo, trainee, Kanpyin village, Buthidaung Township

On hearing from the village administrative head about a sewing course to be conducted in Buthidaung Rural Development Department, I enrolled to attend it. Lunch was provided at the course and dinner was on own arrangement. I'm staying with relatives in Buthidaung. Once I complete the course, I intend to return to my village and start a sewing work. A friend from the village is also attending this course.

Ma Nu Aye Khaing, trainee, Sintawpyan village, Buthidaung Township

I come from Sintawpyan village to attend this course. I'm a Daingnet and 18 years old. I became interested and attend the course after hearing about it from the village administrative head. From the (my) village, there are two attending the course.

There are only a few who can sew in the village and job is scarce for women. I plan to return to (my) village and start a sewing work. Department of Rural Development conducting such course for woman is beneficial for rural women like me. I expect to see more courses for women in border area like me. ■

Friendship between brethren...

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The President Duterte, in his speech, pointed out that the diplomatic relation between the Philippines and Myanmar had seen the 60th anniversary the previous year. This year a new page in our diplomatic relation will be opened. That new page of the relation will definitely become deepened and firmer. Six decades of our relation has developed perpetually. Almost the same historical experience and common objectives existed in both countries will tie our diplomatic relation stronger than before. The common objectives of our two countries which are to let the people stay in peace, to bring

the people to the development and to make them affluent will surely convey the two countries to a stage of close friends like blood related people.

Then he added "We, both countries were implementing together the agricultural sector, labour sector and trade and investment sector and both countries attained the remarkable development. We will make further development." The President Duterte donated US\$ 300,000 to be used in humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State.

Arrival

During the visit of the President Duterte two MOUs had been signed, one was for "Securing Enough Food" and

"Cooperation in Agricultural Sector" Now, The State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has arrived in Philippines to attend ASEAN Summit Meeting and Related meetings. The visit of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to Philippines will certainly make the already-firm relation between the two countries more strengthened.

We believed though the two countries are apart more than 1000 miles, the hand in hand cooperation between the two countries will bring the two countries into firmer and firmer relation with the advancing time.

Translated by Khin Maung Oo and Khin Maung Win

More than 1.3 million acres of summer paddy to be grown in Ayeyawady Region

MORE THAN 1.3 million acres of summer paddy will be cultivated in Ayeyawady Region in 2017-2018 fiscal year under the supervision of the region department of agriculture, the Myawady Daily reported on Monday.

Efforts have been made to meet the department's target of about 1.340 million acres of summer paddy under schedule, an official of the aforementioned department said. The target 1.340 million acres are increased by 10,000 acres matched against the last year.

According to the schedule, farmers are expected to grow 283,965 acres of summer paddy

in Patheingyi District, 28,378 acres in Hinthada District, 292,201 acres in Myaungmya District, 198,562 acres in Maubin District, 379,764 acres in Pyawbwe District and 155,790 in Labutta District.

To increase rice production next FY, educative talks will be conducted prior to plantations, with plans to share knowledge and experiences on nurturing the saplings, cultivation techniques, fertilizer utilizing methods and irrigation to farmers.

Last financial year, farmers developed 1.328 million acres of plantations in the region.—GNLM ■

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

Buddha image consecration and libation ceremony held in Thiri Mingala Gaba Aye Pagoda

CONSECRATION and libation ceremony of Bhawa Thukha Ahbhayya Laba Muni Buddha image enshrined inside the compound of Thiri Mingala Gaba Aye Pagoda was held yesterday morning.

Firstly, Sayadaws including member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Aggha Maha Pannhi Badhanta Thilar Sara Bhiwuntha consecrated a Buddha's image by reciting to relevant religious verses.

Then attended public received five precepts and listened to religious sermon from Sayadaw Sangadaws.

After that, Dr. Than Naing and his wife Daw Wai Wai from Success Purifying Drinking Water family, donated offertories to Sayadaws and listened to sermon from Sayadaw Aggha Maha Pannhi Badhanta Thilar Sara Bhiwuntha and made libation with praying their wishes and shared their meritorious deed to other beings.—MNA ■



Troops did not commit sexual violence nor killed civilians: Investigation Team

Tatmadaw released a statement yesterday on the findings of its Investigation Team in connection with the performances of the security troops during the terrorist attacks in Maungtaung region, Rakhine State

According to the answers of 2,817 villagers from 54 Bengali villages in interviews and confessions of 362 villagers from 105 Muslim villages, security forces did not commit shooting at innocent villagers and sexual violence and rape cases against women, said the statement released by the investigation team.

"They did not arrest, beat and kill the villagers. They did not totally destroy, rob and take property, gold and silver wares, vehicles and animals of villagers from the villages and displaced villages. They did not set fire to the mosques in Muslim villages. They allow the Muslim villagers to perform their faiths in freedom without banning them to attend the mosques and join prayers. They did not threaten, bully and drive out the villagers not to be able to live in the villages and they did not set fire to the houses," said the statement.

They are joining hands with relevant administrative bodies in systematically supervising the tasks to protect the remaining houses in villages against destruction and stealing of unscrupulous persons, said the statement.

The Investigation Team has been assigned with the task of conducting ground inspection to know the true situation in connection with terrorist attacks of the ARSA terrorists on 30 police outposts and an army battalion headquarters in Buthidaung, Maungtaung and Yathedaung townships in Rakhine State on

25 August 2017.

The Team led by Lt-Gen Aye Win toured Maungtaung, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships for 26 days from 13 October to 7 November 2017, and interviewed 195 ethnic people of two ethnic villages, 205 Hindus of two Hindu villages, and 2,817 Bengalis of 54 Bengali villages totalling 3,217 villagers. The team also collected the accounts of 804 witnesses.

The findings of the investigation have proved that all security members up from the leaders to the privates were aware of and strictly abided by the orders and directives of superior bodies, especially the rules of engagement-ROE in connection with the rights of self-defence and in discharging duties during the armed conflicts and anti-terrorist operations.

It is found that during the terrorist attack ARSA Bengali terrorists in the form of combined village-wise gangs attacked police outposts, an army battalion HQ and Tatmadaw columns conducting area combing operations with the use of small/heavy weapons, remote controlled home-made mines, sticks, knives, jingalees and directional mines as from 1 am on 25 August using superior manpower. In accord with the rights of self-defence and ROE, the security troops including Tatmadaw columns which were accompanied by members of Border Guard Police Force first gave warning shouts to the mob to halt the advance, if the mob did not stop they fired warning shots and only when the mob reached the striking distance, the security troops started firing single shots in intervals aiming only at the legs between the foot and knee of the leader. Because of the use of such tactics, the security troops could disperse the terrorist mobs

and there was no death of innocent people. Although the Bengali villages where the engagements took place were burning and women and children were fleeing their homes, not a single shot was fired on them. The security forces were only fighting against the ARSA Bengali terrorists. They never shot at the innocent Bengalis.

Troops were aware of and strictly abided by the orders and directives of superior bodies, especially the rules of engagement-ROE in connection with the rights of self-defence.

While fleeing there, terrorists set fire to the village. Members of security forces did not commit persecution against those persons in arresting. It was found that those Muslims were exposed and arrested under provisions of the Geneva Convention and the law of wars.

From 25 August 2017 to 5 September, there were 94 engagements, 27 times of arresting Bengali terrorists and 11 times of seizures, totalling 132 events. In the incidents, a total of 376 bodies of ARSA terrorists, 15 assorted arms, 97 rounds of ammunition, 30 packages of gunpowder and 67 home-made mines were seized and 78 ARSA terrorists arrested. A total of 13 members of security forces were posthumous and 15

members injured and one missing. The security forces lost 11 assorted small arms, 1,676 rounds of ammunition, four magazines and one walkie-talkie.

According to accounts of witnesses, terrorist leaders at different levels instructed to launch synchronized terrorist attacks, and core ARSA Bengali terrorists and many villagers and children joined the attacks. As the attacks failed, ARSA Bengali terrorists torched houses and fled to Bangladesh, and were reported to have threatened villagers,

According to accounts of witnesses, terrorists abducted 52 Hindus from Ye Baw Kya Village and 53 from Kha Maung Seik (South) Village on 25 August morning, 2017. They took gold and silver wares and destroyed altars, Buddha images, and set fire to citizenship scrutiny cards from houses of Hindus. They inhumanely tortured 45 Hindu villagers of Ye Baw Kya in front of a Hindu female villager of Ye Baw Kya and eight Hindu female villagers of Kha Maung Seik (South) Village. They made the villagers lie on their back beside the pit already dug by them, and then slit their throats. Of 105 Hindu abductees, 60 remain missing till today. Since the 9 October attacks, ARSA Bengali terrorists had been brutally killing non-supporters, departmental personnel, those dealing well with security forces, Bengalis unwilling to attend terrorism courses and local ethnics. Moreover, they radicalized others with the spirit of crushing people of different races or faiths. Although they carried out killings and committed atrocities against minorities, they, while staying in a refugee camp of the other country, made up news about Myanmar's Tatmadaw committing genocide and ethnic

cleansing when international diplomats and media arrived there.

According to accounts of witnesses, after the 9 October incidents, ARSA Bengali terrorist leader Artar Ula appointed terrorist leaders in respective village-tracts and villages. Rector of Arabi University in Myinlut Mawlawi Musetar Armad was appointed as in-charge of southern part of Maungtaung Township, Mawlawi Adu Rahman as in-charge of Ngakhuya in northern part of Maungtaung, Mawlawi Jama and Mawlawi Mawshita Mauk from Nanthataung Village as in-charges of Taungpyoletwe region and Mawlawi Kumoro from Michaungzay Village as in-charge of Buthidaung Township. With the help of those leaders, the terrorist group was extended based on Mawlawis and village administrators. They killed those close to government, non-supporters and those unwilling to do terrorism courses by slashing their throats. Millagers were forced to take oaths holding the Koran and made terrorists. Villagers from the most of the Bengali villages were persuaded to become terrorists. Despite the extended terrorist group, the issue including atrocities committed by the terrorists could not be exposed as officials in the concerned region were weak in acquiring information. Consequently, the ARSA Bengali terrorist group was able to carry out extensive attacks on 25 August.

As such weaknesses in doing management and acquiring security information were found, action will be taken against those responsible and arrests of the remaining ARSA terrorists will continue. — (Full text of the Statement is available at www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com) Myanmar News Agency ■

Mro ethnic people to benefit from new Khonhtaing village

KHONHTAING (Mro) village near Dewanali village, Nanchaung group, northern Maungtaw region and 2 miles from the base of Mayyu Mountain was burnt and destroyed by more than 400 ARSA extremist terrorists on the afternoon of 28 August killing 7 and wounding 5 ethnic Mro nationals. Remaining villagers had to flee to safe areas.

Now, the government and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation is jointly building a new Khonhtaing village beside Kyeinchaung-Bandoola road and Padaka creek, about a mile away from the old village site and will become developed soon.

Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) Committee Chairperson, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi together with officials on November 2

came to the site where the new Khonhtaing village will be built and cordially met with Mro villagers. The State Counsellor coordinated with officials about matters raised by local ethnic national spoke emphatically to arrange for child to attend school without disruption.

On the morning of 13 November Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and officials went to new Khonhtaing village and made additional arrangement for the village to have full requisite of a village.

The Union Minister provided Ks 50,000 for each of the 38 households totaling Ks 1.9 million and Ks 100,000 for traditional culture group while State Chief Minister provided Ks 200,000 for traditional culture group and then viewed the construction of the new village. New Khonhtaing village



Local people get jobs as infrastructure are under construction in Khonhtaing Village. **PHOTO: MNA**

beside Kyeinchaung-Bandoola road and Padaka creek will be on 35 acres of land. 96 single story buildings each worth Ks 7 million will be built on a 40x60 ft. plot of

land and will include a traditional Mro house, 3 multiple use hall, a clinic, a school and a monastery as well.

Ethnic Mro nationals lived

peacefully with agriculture and new Khonhtaing (Mro) village will soon be developed with the full requisite of a village.—News

Team ■



Mro ethnic people perform traditional dance at Khonhtaing village, Nanchaung group, Maungtaw Township. **PHOTO: MNA**



Clarification regarding harvested rice in N-Rakhine

It has been noticed that there had been some confusion among the people and certain international organizations about what is going to happen to the paddy once it has been harvested by the government personnel in collaboration with the private sector companies under the auspices of the UEHRD – Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine.

In this regard it has been

learnt from the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, that the paddy that has been harvested will be returned to the original owners either in cash or in the form of paddy. This has been made possible because the harvested rice has been systematically recorded with the following data: Owner's name, plot number, quantity and moisture level (13 per cent). After recording thus, the rice is bagged and stored in designated

storage areas. The government personnel who are performing this task are from the AMD – Agriculture Mechanization Department. AMD personnel from Mandalay and Sagaing Regions have been brought in to support the local AMD personnel.- UEHRD Information and Communications Office.

UEHRD – Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine.—GNLM



Workers work with harvesters at a field in Maungtaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Dr Pe Myint and Rakhine State Chief Minister visit Maungtaw

As part of efforts for speeding up media coverage on Rakhine issue, a delegation led by Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information visited northern Maungtaw region, together with U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister of Rakhine State.

Firstly, the Union Minister, the Chief Minister and members arrived at Ngan Chaung village of Muslim community, on Kyigan-pyin-Kyeinchaung Road.

In meeting with Ngan Chaung villagers, the Union Minister inquired concerning situations of their socio economy and regional security, clarifying programs of supporting necessities of education and health and arrangement of issuing National Verification cards. The village did not get involved in the events of extremist terrorist attacks in Maungtaw region, remaining intact.

Then, the Union Minister and party arrived at the site of building 8-mile-long

road linking Kyeinchaung village in Maungtaw and Guppi village in Buthidaung, where in-charge of Road Department, road special team 17 explained situation of building road and further plans.

Following that, the Union Minister and party arrived Khonhtaing (Mro) new village on Kyeinchaung-Bandoola where the Mro villagers welcomed the party with traditional troupe and dances.

Union Minister, Chief Minister and party were explained at the meeting hall of the village construction, concerning construction of the new village and the programs for implementation to be well-equipped with standards of a village by the Maungtaw district border area development department.

On the land of 35 acres on the side of Padakar creek on Kyeinchaung-Bandoola road, 96 pucca-buildings, a school building, a dispen-



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu provides cash to villagers from Khonhtaing village in Maungtaw. PHOTO: MNA

sary and religious edifices are being built in cooperation between the Ministry of Border Affairs and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation.

Afterward, Union Minister provided K 50,000 each to 38 households—K 1.9 million and K 100,000 to the traditional cultural troupe, with Chief Minister providing K 200,000 to the traditional cultural troupe, followed by inspection of construction of the new

village.

In the afternoon, Union Minister, Chief Minister and party inspected round situations on the construction of border fence and the bridge crossing Myanmar-Bangladesh and the site in which returnees will be temporarily accommodated for examination near the no 1 border area guardian guards the Taungpyowei camp. Then, the party arrived at

Thinbawhla village where Daingnet people live, giving words of encouragement to the villagers and providing subventions to 5 100-year old men and women.

In the evening, the Union Minister and party inspected round the camp for examination of returnees at Ngakhura camp, and the boats' place.

Later, at the administrator office of Ngakhura village, the party met with

those of different beliefs—Buddhists, Hindus and Islamists, enquiring situations of security in the area, living condition, whereas villagers submitted the requirements concerning timely harvest, transport and other necessities.

Union Minister and Chief Minister replied to the necessities of the villages on health and education.—Myanmar News Agency ■

97th National Day event held in NLD Headquarters

97th National Day event was held yesterday afternoon in National League for Democracy (NLD) Headquarters in Bahan Township, Yangon.

The event was started by saluting the national flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and martyrs including Bogyoke Aung San and observing of 8 seconds of silence for monks, students and people who lost their lives for democracy.

Next, NLD central executive member Dr. Myo Nyunt who preside the event delivered an opening speech. He said "Now is the time when we are marching toward a united and peaceful nation that is based on high standard and honorable politic. Political, economic, social and all round difficulties and challenges that are usually faced during the democracy transition period are being overcome

and resolved together with the people. Cessation of internal armed conflicts and achieving permanent peace is the most important and primary task while northern Rakhine State affair that is in the danger zone need to be resolved."

We are striving to defend our country's national identity, national prestige, national security, stability and sovereignty. Northern Rakhine State affair is the affair of the entire Myanmar country. We will live and work in truth, remove the lies and urge to march resolutely toward the aim of establishing a democracy federal union based on national reconciliation said Dr. Myo Nyunt.

Afterwards, NLD central information committee secretary U Aung Shin read the NLD declaration for 97th National Day and put on record the messages sent by veteran politicians. Yangon Region Hlut-

taw representative U Yan Aung said "National Day is a valuable day. I came to honor the heroes who had made this day come about and those who contributed (and sacrificed) toward successive holding of it throughout the whole country. Only by holding these events can youths know about National Day, historical value and acquire new thoughts and ideas."

The event organized by NLD was attended by NLD central committee secretariat member U Han Thar Myint, central committee members, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and government ministers, Yangon Region Hluttaw representatives, veteran politicians, NLD members and invited guests. Writer Maung Sein Win (Padikone) and writer San San Nwe (Thayawaddy) then held a literary talk commemorating the 97th National Day.—MNA ■

INVITATION FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Flood and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP). The IDA No. of the credit agreement is No. 5889-MM. The Department of Highways (DOH) of the Ministry of Construction, in its role as implementing agency of the FLERP, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Purchase Order/Contracts C4-MOC-G07, C1-MOC-G01 and C4-MOC-G02 for the supply of Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles, Laboratory Equipment and office Equipment. DOH now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying the following items:

Reference Number: C4-MOC-G07 – Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles
Reference Number: C1-MOC-G01 – Laboratory Equipment
Reference Number: C4-MOC-G02 – Office Equipment

Reference No.	Lot No	Description	Quantity
C4-MOC-G07	1	Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles	4 vehicles
C1-MOC-G01	1-10	Laboratory Equipment	11 sets
C4-MOC-G02	1-4	Office Equipment	25 items
Supply to		Department of Highways, Ministry of Construction, Office No.(11),NayPyiTaw	

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the reference number above. Eligible suppliers having expressed interest will receive an INVITATION TO QUOTE (ITQ).

Sealed Quotations will be submitted to the address below at the latest at the dead line of **Thursday 7 December 2017 at 10:00 am (vehicles), at 11:00 am (laboratory equipment) and at 12:00pm (Office Equipment) Myanmar time** after which no Quotations will be accepted. The vehicles will be contracted in 1 (one) contract. The contract(s) for the laboratory equipment and the office equipment will be awarded on a lot by lot basis.

The Suppliers will be selected following the Shopping Method as per the "Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014.

Please submit your Expression of Interest for receiving the Invitation to Quote (ITQ) to: U Hla Tun Oo, Project Director, Department of Highways of the Ministry of Construction, Office No. (11), Nay Pyi Taw. Office phone and fax (+95-67)407583 Email: flerp.moc@gmail.com. Please clearly indicate the reference number above of interest to your Company as well as your e-mail address as only electronic copies of the ITQ will be send.