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A child in a rural area of Rakhine State is vaccinated by a nurse who is part of a mobile team administering vaccinations nationwide. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**

Japanese Encephalitis vaccinations continue in rural areas of N Rakhine

CHILDREN in far-flung, difficult-to-access areas in northern Rakhine State have been given Japanese Encephalitis vaccinations since 20 November as the government continues its nationwide vaccination campaign.

Children from four village-tracts, including Saidin Pyaing Chaung Village located about 13 miles from Buthidaung and not easily accessible, were given vaccinations.

"We have to take our se-

curity following the safety first guidelines to reach this village because this village is not easily accessible," said Deputy Director Dr Than Tun Kyaw of Buthidaung Township Public Health Department. Dr. Than

Tun Kyaw is the leader of the mobile team which vaccinated the children from Sai Din Pyaing Chaung Village included in the four village-tracts in Buthidaung Township.

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Threats against NVC applicants won't be tolerated

AS the government steps up efforts at issuing the National Verification Card, the first step in the process towards citizenship, villagers in conflict areas in northern Rakhine said they have been threatened by terrorists who do not want them to apply for the card.

"In the NVC issuing programme, 18 townselders have been killed, and three are still missing,"

Townselders who advise and represent villagers have reportedly been harassed, kidnapped and killed, villagers said. Yesterday, Rakhine State authorities said those who make threats against the National Verification Card issuing programme will be brought to court. A statement released by the Rakhine State Government yesterday said some organisations have threatened villagers not to apply for the NVC card, and ARSA terrorists have made death threats to villagers who participate in the NVC card issuing process. **SEE PAGE-3**



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At the invitation of U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, the Bangladesh delegation led by H.E. Mr. Abdul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has begun an official visit to Myanmar yesterday, after attending the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

During the visit, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor and the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh co-chaired the Ministerial Meeting at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor on 22 No-

vember 2017 at 1330 hrs.

Prior to this, the Senior Officials Meeting co-chaired by U Myint Thu, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh was convened at the same Ministry at 0930 hrs.

U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, hosted a dinner at 1900 hrs in honour of visiting Foreign Minister of Bangladesh at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. —Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor ■



Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe holds talks with Bangladesh delegation led by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Mr. Abdul Hassan Mahmood Ali in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The nationwide seven-day campaign is targeted to end on 21 November.

The Ministry of Health and Sports launched the vaccination programme for children under the age of 15 yesterday in Maungdaw Township, Rakhine State.

The medical officer of Maungdaw Township, Dr. Kyaw Maung Maung Thein, said this was the first step in a nationwide effort to control encephalitis, an incurable viral disease that affects children more severely.

"The intention of the

vaccination is to control the spread of Japanese encephalitis, especially for children under 15. We vaccinate mainly children from 9 months to 15 years of age.

This campaign is not only for Maungdaw Township, but for the whole country also."

The disease is spread through mosquito bites, and the potentially fatal virus can harm the brain and cause irreversible neurological damage.

The vaccination can protect 85 to 100 per cent of children from Japanese encephalitis, it is learnt from the staff of the health department.

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Action will be taken against him in accordance with the law, said the statement.

The mobile teams of the Rakhine State Immigration and Population Department have made numerous field trips to villages in Maungdaw, explaining to villagers the merits of having an NV card.

Meanwhile, authorities announced they will take action against anyone who threatens villagers under the Counter-Terrorism Law.

The work of verifying identification and issuing NV Cards is a priority for the government because it was one of the main suggestions made by an independent committee to spur on the development of Rakhine State.

This work was already being conducted in recent months but was delayed due to the ARSA extremist terrorists attack of 25 August. The work was restarted in Maungdaw Township, Shwezar village tract on 12 October. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Broadcasters blast AP's 'distorted' report on State Counsellor's comments

Following is the the statement released by MRTV- Myanmar Broadcaster's Association on 22 November 2017.

Date: 22 November 2017

The MRTV - Myanmar Broadcaster's Association has found that the Associated Press article that they say misrepresented State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's remarks made at the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 20th November.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said in her speech that "Conflicts around the world are giving rise to new threats and emergencies; illegal migration, spread of terrorism and violent extremism, social

disharmony and even the threat of nuclear war ...". But, the AP report misrepresented her comments and wrote that, "Illegal migration spreads terrorism and violent extremism, social disharmony ...".

The distorted AP news was described and perpetuated on international broadcasts, print and online media. This harmed Myanmar's image and the performances of the country's leaders who are constructively and systematically performing internal

affairs, including events which took place in Rakhine State.

We strongly denounce the distorted report of the established Associated Press News Agency which deviated from the international media ethics and fanned the country's challenge because the report comes at a time when Myanmar is attacked with fake news .

MRTV and Myanmar Broadcaster's Association (Unofficial Translation)

MJA denounces AP's misleading report

The following is a statement released by the Myanmar Journalists Association Date: 22 November 2017

1. The Myanmar Journalists Association has learnt that the Associated Press, an established news agency, on Monday misquoted comments made by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her speech to the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw.
2. The comment made by the State Counsellor In her opening remarks is "Conflicts around the world are giving rise to new threats

- and emergencies; illegal migration, spread of terrorism and violent, extremism, social disharmony and even the threat of nuclear war." But the AP misrepresented the comment in the lead paragraph of the story saying that "illegal migration spreads terrorism...".
3. It is found that the AP's report violated Section-9 of the existing News Media Law and journalistic ethics of international media.
4. At a time when the State is

- making efforts for building good relations with international communities, the government is handling sensitive issues cautiously.
5. Though the AP corrected the mistake, the story damaged the image of Myanmar.
6. Hence, the Myanmar Journalists Association strongly condemned the AP's misleading report.

Myanmar Journalists Association (Unofficial Translation)