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State Counsellor back from China working visit

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who was in Beijing, People's Republic of China for a working visit returned to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and entourage accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang left Beijing at local standard time 10:30 a.m. and were seen off at Beijing International Airport by International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China Deputy Director Guo Yezhou, Myanmar Military Attache Brig-Gen Tint Hsan, staff from the Myanmar embassy and Myanmar Military Attache's office and officials.

The State Counsellor and entourage arrived at Kunming International Airport at local standard time 2 p.m. and went to Best Yuehang Hotel in Kunming with a motorcade for a brief rest.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor and entourage departed from Kunming International Airport on a special flight and was seen off by Yunnan Province Vice Governor Chen Shun, Myanmar Ambassador to China, Myanmar Consul-General, staff from the Myanmar embassy and Myanmar military attaché's office and officials.—MNA ■



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 3:20 p.m. by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Kyaw Tin, and Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Aid from India reaches Hindu families in Rakhine

AID from India reached Hindu families in Maungtaw yesterday who are currently being sheltered at an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Sittway.

The chairman and members of the committee in charge of aid to IDPs delivered the supplies to 155 Hindu families at the camp established at the Danyawady Sports Ground.

The aid distributed to the families includes 155 family beds, soap, biscuits, cooking oil and, 156 mats given by private donors. The humanitarian aid from India arrived in Yangon on a cargo ship on 25th November. The Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Vikram Misri handed over a relief consignment of 3,000 family bags for Rakhine State to Dr. Ko Ko Naing, Director-General of the Relief and Resettlement Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. "We will transfer the aid to the Rakhine State Government as soon as possible, and they will deliver the aid to the people without discrimination," said Dr Ko Ko Naing. The 3,000 family bags worth 4 million Indian rupees includes rice, cooking oil, salt, dried noodles, biscuits, peas, mosquito nets and soap. The people of India previously donated aid to the people in Rakhine in 2015, 2016 and on 6th June 2017.—Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

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Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Sittway



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing greeting officers and other ranks and their families in Sittway. PHOTO: MNA

TATMADAW Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with officers, troops and families of the Sittway Cantonment in Sittway Cantonment Hall yesterday afternoon.

Western Command Brig-Gen Soe Tint Naing first explained security and stabilising works in Rakhine State, repair and new construction of the Myanmar-Bangladesh border fence and assistance provided for resettlement of ethnic nationals.

Senior General Min Aung

Hlaing then commented on the need to provide security systematically for local ethnic nationals, to acquire timely information on the movement of terrorists and to continuously conduct law enforcement and security measures.

The Senior General also commented on cooperating with Rakhine State government and administrative officials to create job opportunities for local ethnic nationals and for regional development.

In repatriating those who

had fled to a neighbouring country, the Senior General said it is to be done according to the agreement between the two countries and the returnees need to be thoroughly assessed. The returnees also need to obey Myanmar's existing laws while data and information about them need to be true and correct, the Senior General said.

The Senior General added that the Tatmadaw, police forces and departmental personnel should stand together with the people.—Myanmar News

Rakhine State Hluttaw in line with local populace: Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker

IN his meeting with the local populace, Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker U San Kyaw Hla said the Rakhine State Hluttaw is always in line with the local residents in all matters including reconstruction and regional development with regards to the terrorism event in Rakhine State Maungdaw region.

He mentioned this at the meeting held between the Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Hluttaw representatives, legal affairs advisory group and Maungdaw town people held yesterday afternoon in Maungdaw's sasana beikman.

"A certain level of peace had been achieved in Maungdaw and Buthidaung region and the Rakhine State Hluttaw is in line with the local residents on the terrorism event in Rakhine State. Hluttaw is standing on the side of the local people



Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker meeting with Maungdaw region local populace. PHOTO: MIN HTET

and the union and state governments are implementing the reconstruction works. Together with the reconstruction works, regional development works and job opportunities will be included. In the hluttaw, regional development works were given

a priority without affiliation to any party or person" said the Hluttaw Speaker.

The local populace discussed transparency in reconstruction and repatriation works and informing the local populace on all matters.—News Team ■

National objectives for the 2018, 70th Anniversary of Independence Day

1. All nationalities to collectively preserve and protect non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national unity; and perpetuation of national sovereignty.
2. To strive hard to draw up a constitution suitable for the Union in accordance with democratic principles and norms for the emergence of a Democratic Federal Union.
3. To strive hard and exert our utmost efforts to implement the peace process as quickly as possible.
4. For all nationalities to work together with the State to achieve the goal of "lasting peace" through political dialogues.
5. By encouraging the private sector which is the main engine of growth for the economy, to collectively exert our efforts for improving and advancing the socio-economic life of the people.

December Sports Month in Maungdaw and Buthidaung begins with mass walk

A mass walk on the occasion of the first week of December Sports Month was held in Maungdaw and Buthidaung townships yesterday morning.

Hluttaw representatives, personnel from government departments, civil societies, teachers and residents participated in the mass walk events.

"The Ministry of Health and Sports December walking event is held country-wide. Stability and security had been achieved in Maungdaw after the event of August 25. That is why this event had been organised for the people from Maungdaw Township to participate. There were people who routinely walked for health even during the time when there were disturbances. As it is becoming stable, mass walks will be conducted every Saturday", said Maungdaw District administrator U Ye Htut, who participated in the Maungdaw Township mass walk.

The route for the Maungdaw walk was from the women's household work training school to the bridge at the entrance

of Maungdaw Township and on to Myothugyi Village. In Buthidaung Township, the mass walk started in front of U Ottama Hall, went around town and ended at the Buthidaung Myoma sports ground, where group physical exercises were conducted.

"I always walk every morning at 6. I think it is becoming safer and better to walk now. Today was more enjoyable as I walked with departmental personnel", said U Aung Myint Naing, who lives in Bo Hmu Village, Ward 4, Maungdaw.

Although a 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is still in place in Maungdaw and Buthidaung, it will be adjusted as the security situation improves.

"The night time curfew was announced once every two months, and once there is stability and security, it will be changed accordingly" said U Ye Htut.

The December Sports Month mass walk for the first week of December was held on Saturday 2 December. It will be conducted every Saturday.—News Team ■



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