

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets King of Belgium, PM and EU heads

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is currently in Brussels, Belgium on an official visit, met separately yesterday with King Philippe, Prime Minister H.E Mr Charles Michel and Mr Donald Tusk, (President) of European Union.

Following the meeting with King Philippe at the King's Palace in Brussels, she held talks with Prime Minister Mr Charles Michel over promoting bilateral cooperation and promoting capacity of the Myanmar Police Force and water management issue being assisted by Belgium.

They also discussed assistance to be provided by Belgium to national reconciliation, peace making and development of democracy in Myanmar.

After the meeting, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held talks with President of the European Council Mr Donald Tusk at the EU Council Office.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed promoting the bilateral relations.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also clarified the government's efforts for Myanmar's transition to democracy, for national reconciliation and for eternal peace and for stability and development in Rakhine State.

Also present at the meetings were Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium U Paw Lwin Sein, Director-Gen-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and King Philippe enter the King's Palace in Brussels. **PHOTO: MNA**

eral of the Protocol Department U Thant Zin and officials.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EU Commission, hosted a working luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

During the luncheon, the State Counsellor and Mrs Federica discussed matters relat-

ed to the government's efforts for national reconciliation and peace, for stability and development in Rakhine state and EU's assistance to Myanmar to achieve success in the country's democratic transition.

Following the luncheon, they held a joint press conference at the EU Commission building, during which Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Mrs. Mogherini, the EU's top diplomat, disagreed on whether an international mis-



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Prime Minister of Belgium Mr. Charles Michel. **PHOTO: MNA**



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gives a press conference with European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini in Brussels. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

sion from the United Nations should look into alleged human rights abuses by Myanmar security forces against members of the Muslim community in Rakhine State.

"We are disassociating ourselves from the resolution because we don't think the resolution is in keeping with what is actually happening on the ground", Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said.

The State Counsellor said

she would only accept recommendations from a separate advisory commission led by former U.N. chief Kofi Annan. Any other input would "divide" communities, she added.

The U.N. Human Rights Council adopted the resolution brought by the European Union without a vote in March. China and India distanced themselves from the U.N. resolution. —Myanmar News Agency and GNLM ■

Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand demand labour rights

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MYANMAR migrant workers in Thailand joined Thai workers to mark International Workers' Day (May Day) by marching in procession in Chiang Mai, Thailand on the evening of April 30.

They also held a press conference on labour rights on International Workers' Day which fell on May 1 and presented their demands to Chiang Mai District Office at City Hall.

This procession in Chiang Mai was jointly organized by over ten organizations which work for labour rights.

Nan San Ngin, former President of Workers Solidarity Association (WSA), said that the procession was done with the objective of Myanmar migrant workers getting equal rights with Thai workers.

"We marched in procession and demanded to get equal rights in accordance with Thai labour law," she said.

On the morning of April 30, Myanmar migrant workers held a seminar at Uniserv Hall in Chiang Mai University attended by over 170 workers and exchanged their experiences relating to violations of their rights and difficulties faced in their workplaces.

Migrant worker Mi Nge said that they would like to get equal rights with their fellow Thai workers who enjoy medical care and safety in the working environment.

About Ks 880 million worth WY-stimulants seized in Maungtaw

ABOUT 440,000 WY-stimulant tablets worth Ks 880 million were seized at 3-mile inspection gate in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on the morning of 1st May.

While local police force were conducting regular inspection at the 3-mile inspection gate, the police found a suspicious looking pajero in gray colour driven by Than Tun Naing, 36, en route from Buthidaung to Maungtaw and found 440,000 WY/R-stimulant tablets worth Ks 880 million

at about 10:30 am.

The police also arrested the driver together with Zaw Oo, 32, and a military officer and an other rank soldier on board the vehicle. The police are still investigating the case for handing over the two soldiers to local forces.

And, the driver Than Tun Naing and Zaw Oo have action taken by Pyin Phyu local police, according to the State Counsellor's office Information Committee.—Myanmar News Agency ■