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UNHCR chief meets villagers in Maungtaw

THE United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr. Filippo Grandi met with villagers in Maungtaw Township yesterday, observing the situations in villages.

At the meeting with villagers at the primary school in Aung Zeya Village, Mr Filippo pledged to assist in issues to which the UNHCR can contribute, inviting the voices of the local people.

Local people spoke of the challenges they face making a livelihood for themselves and their families in Maungtaw.

Following the meeting, the UNHCR chief visited Kyikanpyin (West) Village and met with villagers.

The UN delegation left Maungtaw for Yangon in the afternoon. SEE PAGE-9

Mr. Filippo Grandi. the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, centre, with hands folded, meets with villagers in Maungtaw Township yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

National Security Advisor visits Dhaka

Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, right, meets with U Thaung Tun, Myanmar's National Security Advisor. **PHOTO: MNA**

At the invitation of Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, National Security Advisor to the Union Government of Myanmar U Thaung Tun visited Dhaka, Bangladesh from Sunday until yesterday. During his stay, he called on H.E. Ms. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, and met with Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr Asaduzzaman Khan, Minister of Home Affairs, Maj.-Gen. (Ret) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, Defence and Security Advisor to the Prime Minister, and Lt.-Gen. Chowdhury Hasan Sarwardy, Commandant of the National Defence College, on separate occasions.

In his meetings, the National Security Advisor apprised the Bangladeshi side of matters pertaining to Myanmar's efforts for peace, reconciliation and economic development; and promotion of relations with all countries, particularly its neighbours. He also touched on promoting ties of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Bangladesh; expediting the signing of the proposed memorandum of understanding at a mutually convenient time; and further strengthening of bilateral cooperation in the fight against terrorism and narcotic drugs.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Home Affairs and the Defence and Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh also expressed their views

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