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Aid arrives for flood victims in Kyaikto

Volunteers clear a flooded road as a car carrying relief aid from the Amyotha Hluttaw and Mon State Hluttaw arrives in Kyaikto, whose residents are dealing with mass flooding. The flood started to recede yesterday. **PHOTO: IPRD (NEWS ON PAGE-2)**

Nine murder suspects arrested in Buthidaung

SECURITY forces on Friday arrested nine people suspected of the murder of Abdu Suwon in Maunghnama village, Nga Yant Chaung village-tract, in Buthidaung Township.

The security forces had been searching for those suspected of involvement in Abdu Suwon's 4

July murder and arrested nine suspects including Mar Maut Swe York Nul in Maunghnama village on Friday morning.

All suspects are under investigation at the local police station. Officials say Muslim insurgents are behind this and a slew of killings in the area that

has been racked by violence in recent months, with security forces accused of committing atrocities against civilians.

"It is clear that Muslim militants are taking out Muslim villagers who are perceived to be collaborating with the government," U Thauung Tun, National

Security Advisor, told diplomats in Yangon.

At least 44 civilians have been killed and 27 have been kidnapped or gone missing in northern Rakhine in the past nine months, U Thauung Tun said.

It was not possible to independently verify those figures

or establish who was behind any of the killings described to journalists. Insurgents have denied targeting civilians.

But in two cases, including that of Abdu Suwon, relatives of the victims broadly supported the official version of events.— Myanmar News Agency ■

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