

Pyithu Hluttaw

MP denounces UN Human Rights Special Rapporteur's statement

Thura Zaw and
Hmwe Kyu Zin
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Daw Thandar, parliamentarian of Einme constituency put forward a motion to Pyithu Hluttaw, strongly denouncing the statement dated on 21st July 2017 issued by Ms Yanghee Lee, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

In her important motion on strongly denouncing the statement at Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday, she said that the UN rights convoy failed to focus the national reconciliation being implemented by the Government, neglecting the government's co-operation with the United Nations, and it was void of descriptions about existing actual situations in Rakhine State.

And she added, "The government's concerted efforts for national reconciliation and bringing about internal peace

can be clearly seen. Moreover, the conflict happening currently in Rakhine State is very complicated, getting involved with political attitudes.

The Government is implementing means and ways which will safeguard and upgrade human rights in accord with the law within the framework of the Constitution.

Likewise, as for the Hluttaw as well, it approved the laws such as Law on the protection of personal freedom and security, carrying out the tasks of defending human rights and civil rights. Similarly, spending the special fund of the President for the development of Rakhine State, subsidizing pregnant women under 1000-day project, substituting teaching staff in Buthidaung and Maung-taw where conflicts took place by the Ministry of Education are the government's arduous efforts."

In addition, Daw Thandar



Daw Thandar, parliamentarian of Einme constituency.
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went on saying, "In solving out loss and damages happening in Rakhine State, it is essential to deal with by using deep and sober ways politically. After the incumbent government took office, the advisory commission on Rakhine State led by H.E Mr Kofi Annam, Ex-UN Secretary General was formed to report the actual events in the area, and simultaneously news re-

leases were made known to the international communities. At the press release by the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Ms Yanghee Lee's description saying that they were still found in refugee camps although refugees disclosed they would like to go back to their original places in winding up 3 refugee camps as suggested by the advisory commission on Rakhine State, was found to be imperfect.

In reality, suggestions included in page 21 of Interim Report, issued in March 2017 of the advisory commission on Rakhine State include that negotiations should be made in consultation with respective societies after laying down strategies with time schedule clearly described, in winding up IDP Camps, and suggestions should be expressed as to whether they will go back to their original locations or move

to other areas to resettle with security and job opportunities provided.

Depending upon the fundamental circumstances, moreover, the Government is implementing as suggested by the commission to carry out the tasks of reviewing security matters and to carry out suitable performances if necessary."

The motion presenter expressed, "As suggested by the advisory commission on Rakhine State, 3 refugee camps were closed in Kyaukpyu, Pauktaw and Yanbye townships, with 55 households selected in accord with the law to let them move to Yangon. Moreover, over 20,000 birth certificates were given out.

At the press conference, we were very sorrowful to hear that news items of man-made tunnels, weapons and terrorist training camps found on May Yu mountain range were deliberately concealed." ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Myanmar migrants protected in accordance with the law

Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

At the 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 5th regular session 31st day meeting held yesterday, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe said Myanmar overseas workers including housemaids will be protected in accordance with the law.

The Union Minister was responding to a question by Daw Ei Ei Pyone of Ayeyawady Region constituency 8 on government plan to protect Myanmar overseas workers including housemaids.

The Union Minister added that at present, housemaids were not officially sent but those who went abroad to work as housemaids went with either a visit visa or to work in some other type of works. On departure from Myanmar, they were not registered as going abroad to work as housemaid but in the host country, they were registered as housemaids.

Whether they went officially or unofficially to work, whenever there is any problem, relevant embassy official ensure that full rights under the host country's

laws were obtained. If there is a case of human trafficking, action is taken according to Anti Trafficking in Persons Law together with Ministry of Home Affairs Anti-human Trafficking Police Force. Discussions are underway with civil society groups and agency groups in Singapore that provides supports and protections of workers and housemaids from Myanmar.

In order to provide work opportunities, arrangements will be made to send workers officially in accordance with the law at an appropriate time for appropriate type of workers said the Union Minister.

In responding to a question by U Kin Shein of Tanintharyi Region constituency 9 on appointing township religious affairs department head, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko said in townships where there is no township religious affairs department head, township immigration and national registration department head work concurrently as township religious affairs department head and any religious affairs matters in such townships are handled by



Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe. **PHOTO: MNA**

the township immigration and national registration department head. There are plans to open dedicated township religious affairs department in townships that are far and difficult to travel from existing township religious affairs department but it will depend on having the organization setup, permission of the President office and budget allocation and once these are provided the township religious affairs department head will be appointed said the Union Minister.

Afterwards, questions by Dr. Win Myint of Bago Region constituency 11, U Ye Htut of Sagaing



Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing. **PHOTO: MNA**

Region constituency 5 and U Min Naing of Sagaing Region constituency 12 were answered by Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing, Union Election Commission member U Hla Tint and Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe.

The Hluttaw then decided and confirmed the bill amending the special marriage act that had been confirmed and sent with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw, bill amending the Myanmar divorce act, bill amending the guardian and ward law and bill amending the Christian

Marriage Act.

Next, a report of Amyotha Hluttaw Citizens Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee on its conducts during the duration of the 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 5th regular session was read by the committee secretary U Myo Htat (a) Salai Myo Htike of Chin State constituency 12 and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced interested Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report to register their names.

In the day's meeting matter of replacing members and reorganizing Amyotha Hluttaw committees was submitted to the Hluttaw and decided on, committee report on questions and motions submitted to 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 4th regular session and Amyotha Hluttaw local and foreign non-government organization committee report on its activities during the 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw 5th regular session were read by relevant committee members and announcement was made for interested Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the reports to register their names.■

Potential increasing income from freshwater shrimp breeding in Maungtaw

**Myint Maung Soe,
Aung Kyaw Oo**

Maungtaw District in Rakhine State is gaining economic success with its marine shrimp breeding, exporting most of its marine shrimps to the neighbouring country, according to an official of the district fishery department.

U Tun Tin, deputy director of Maungtaw district fishery department said, "In Maungtaw district, there is not yet freshwater shrimp breeding, apart from marine shrimp breeding, until now. Marine shrimp breed-

ing here is the kind of breeding where young shrimps carried by tides are kept into the shrimp ponds along the coast. Any feeding is not needed for them, apart from changing water in the pond. One acre of the shrimp pond produces nearly 30 viss of shrimp. In Maungtaw, there are over 15300 acres of such ponds. Shrimp is the major export of the region."

Currently, inshore fishing industry was closed for security after 2016 October armed attack and only shrimp breeding is being operated. It has been learnt that Maungtaw is the best region for breeding freshwater



Shrimp breeding farms, like the one in this picture, contributes to the marine shrimp exports from Maungtaw to other neighbouring country. **PHOTO: THEKKA**

shrimps, potentially producing fish a lot from the area and it is likely to become a fish export market provided that small-scale fishing ponds can be created.

Pre-Monsoon some kinds of fish were sent from Yangon to Sittway by refrigerated trucks, thence southern Maungtaw by ferry, Maungtaw border trade

zone and Bangladesh. U Tun Tin added that it would be beneficial for the area if freshwater fish breeding ponds can be created. ■

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint receives ambassador of Qatar

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint received H.E. Mr. Hassan Bin Mohamed Al-Emadi, Ambassador of the State of Qatar at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday at 2:00 pm.

During the meeting, they

discussed media development and bilateral affairs.

Present at the meeting were News and Periodicals Enterprise's Managing Director and the Deputy Permanent Secretary. —Myanmar News Agency ■

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets ...

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After this, she presented gifts of remembrance to the KBC Chairman and members of his delegation.

After the conclusion of the meeting the State Coun-

sellor posed for photos with the KBC Chairman and his delegation.

Other attendees included Union Minister for the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office U Kyaw Tint Swe, Peace

Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and Deputy Minister for the President's Office U Min Thu. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Thura U Shwe Mann receives MYPOL delegation

Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw received MYPOL delegation in which they are supporting to the reform of the Myanmar Police

Force at Hluttaw Building Hall (I-1), Nay Pyi Taw at 11:00 am of 24 July.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to legal affairs. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Flood condition of rivers: still danger

The water levels of Ayeyawady, Sittoung, Ngawun and Toe rivers which have exceeded their respective danger levels are expected to decrease in the next three days, according to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

The water levels may fall by about 1/2 foot but may still remain above their respective

danger levels.

The weather bureau has alerted the people who are living along the rivers in Hinthada, Zalun, Madauk, Ngathaingchaung and Maubin to take precautionary measures against possible floods.

The Ayeyawady River exceeded its danger level by about two feet at Hinthada and

about 1 1/2 feet at Zalun yesterday. The water level of Sittoung River has exceeded by about 1 1/2 feet above its danger level yesterday in Madauk.

The water level of the Ngawun River have exceeded by about 2 1/2 feet above its danger level in Ngathaing Chaung and Thabaung yesterday. —GNLM ■

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Pyithu Hluttaw: Education is biggest investment for Myanmar

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In yesterday's Pyithu Hluttaw meeting U Win Maw Htun, Deputy Minister for Education, replied to questions about matriculation certificates, incorrect measurements of rice and changing the quality of paper in textbooks for government schools.

He said the responsibility of

getting the name, birthdate and other factors correct on matriculation certificates depends on the student who fills the form. If any mistakes do come up, students can report to the administrator of the matriculation exam. The administrator will then cross check with the Myanmar Board of Examination's list of applicants and send it to the Board for correction. But the Board does not usually change

the contents of the matriculation certificate as they fill it in with the form submitted by the students.

As to a question of issues of inconsistency arising in using bushels as units of measurements in rice sales, the Deputy Minister replied that all the units of measurements in Myanmar were developed under the Department of Research and Innovation (DRI) with cooperation

from other ministries and experts from non-government organisations. They are continuing work on drafting and amending laws and rules and regulations to avoid conflicts between farmers, retail and wholesale entities. There is also an ongoing project to establish a laboratory that test apparatuses used in rice sales to see if they meet standard requirements.

Afterwards, the Deputy

Minister said they may not replace the use of Woodfree Paper 70gsm in government school textbooks as it was chosen for its quality and resistance to weather damage. The Deputy Minister said education is the biggest investment for Myanmar and they planned for the books to be durable for long years as they will soon implement a relay system of old books thus reducing production costs. ■

No boundary and limit for development based on knowledge

At an event honoring outstanding Tatmadaw members and sons and daughters of Tatmadaw members who passed the 2016-2017 matriculation examination and outstanding youths held in Zeyathiri Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said there is no limit and boundary to the depth and extent of knowledge and socio economic development of a people depends on human resources development while the main and basic source for human resources development is skills and knowhow obtained from schoolrooms.

As per the Myanmar saying "starts well to end well", foundation is very important and for those who have started well by passing the matriculation examination should build on this foundation and acquire higher education for their own development as well as for the country's development. For a nation to develop, both science and arts knowledge is important. While pursuing both knowledge cares should be taken of self in order to achieve the ultimate aim said the Senior General. Afterward, Lt-Gen Hsan Oo explained about the achievements of the outstanding Tatmadaw members and sons

and daughters of Tatmadaw members who passed the 2016-2017 matriculation examination and award winning students of national level essay, painting and cartoon competitions. Next, awards and certificate of honors were handed out to Tatmadaw Basic Education High Schools and Tatmadaw schools with best passing results, Tatmadaw members and sons and daughters of Tatmadaw members who passed the 2016-2017 matriculation examination with distinctions and award winning students of national level essay, painting and cartoon competitions. —Myanmar News Agency ■



C-in-C Senior General Min Aung Hlaing awarding an outstanding female student from a Tatmadaw family. **PHOTO: MNA**

Three H1N1 cases confirmed in Yangon

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Ministry of Health and Sports held an emergency meeting yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss preventive measures. "We have informed the World Health Organization and possess the adequate medicine supplies and preventive equipment," Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe said at the meeting.

H1N1 disproportionately affects children, the elderly and other people with weakened immune systems. In 2009, the virus spread to most countries in the world. At least 66 people contracted it in Myanmar, according to official comments carried by media at the time.—Ko Moe (GNLM) ■



A woman gives out free masks to passerbys as the Seasonal Influenza H1N1 arrives in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWA**

Four police missing in boat capsized in Buthidaung

A patrol boat of the security forces capsized in Buthidaung, Rakhine State, Sunday, leaving four missing. The boat with seven on board lost control around 10.30 pm due to the strong current in

a river near the Tinmay Village while patrolling along the river, according to policemen who managed to escape from the disaster. The remaining four are feared dead. —Myanmar News Agency

Man killed in Buthidaung

A man, who is authorized to manage 10 households in a village in Buthidaung Township, was killed at his home by an unidentified man yesterday. Husaung Namauk, the head of 10 households of the Phayar Pyinthein Tan Village, was cut and stabbed

to death around 1 am yesterday by the intruder as he was sleeping at his home. The body of Husaung Namauk was brought to the Buthidaung Hospital for further forensic investigation. The case has been filed at the Buthidaung Police Station. —MNA ■

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office