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Terrorists trying to destroy Maungtaw



Fire fighters putting off fire at a house in Maungtaw which was hit by extremist terrorists attacks. **PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

EXTREMIST terrorists blew out improvised bombs, set fire the villages and attacked the police outposts in Region-2 of Maung-taw yesterday from the morning to afternoon.

About 100 extremist terror-

ists attacked Ngayantchaung police outpost with four hand-made bombs. In the incident, one of the hand-made bombs exploded and the security forces repulsed the extremist terrorists who retreated from the scene

to the nearby mountain range in the east. About 500 extremist terrorists staged second attack on Ngayantchaung police outpost where they were met with a police repulse. Similarly, extremist terrorists surrounded

Minkhamoung police outpost in Region-2 where they were fought back by security personnel. Security personnel rescued a wounded woman while on patrol between Saylay and Yankha Cedi Villages. **SEE PAGE-7**

(Official Translation)

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Anti-terrorism Central Committee

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ARAKAN ROHINGYA SALVATION ARMY (ARSA) DECLARED AS TERRORIST GROUP

Following is the full text of the official translation of the announcement which declares the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) a terrorist organization. An unofficial translation of the announcement was covered on the front page of the 26-8-2017 issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.

The Anti-Terrorism Central Committee has issued this Order with the approval of the Union Government in exercise of the Anti-Terrorism law Section-72 Sub-section (B).

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has formed various committees to undertake the tasks to ensure security, stability and peace, rule of law and regional development in Rakhine State. It has also carried out regional security and development tasks and provided health care services fulfilling the requirements of the State.

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Warning In Relation With Extremist Terrorists



Extremist terrorists hatching plot for another brutal attack. **PHOTO: MNA**

Information Committee of State Counsellor's Office issues the warning notification which states not to do supporting to or abetting the extremist terrorists and ARSA, supplying, or writing in medias in support of extremist terrorists and ARSA, it is learnt.

Myanmar Counter-terrorism Central Committee has already declared the extremist terrorists and ARSA who perpetrated in the terrorist attacks in Maungtaung area on 25 August 2017 as Terrorist Group.

While the extremist terrorists were besieging and blocking the Taungbazar village on 26 August, the news that some INGO staffs were seen in the terrorist group was secured. The investigation is going on to verify the news. Likewise, the information about finding high-energy biscuits which had been supplied by WFP at the terrorist camps on Mayu mountain on 30, July 2017 was also issued.

Furthermore, some news media used the other terms (for instance "insurgents") in

reporting the news avoiding the use of officially acknowledged word "extremist terrorist".

Now, the news had already been issued that the United Nation, United States State Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, American Embassy and British Embassy in Myanmar strongly condemned the terrorist attacks of extremist terrorists in Maungtaung area.

The responsible personnel are now undertaking the necessary procedures to inform the governments of foreign countries through the International Police to take necessary action on the persons who are connected with or helping the extremist terrorist and ARSA, or the persons or organizations that make financial support to them.

It is highly important to stamp out the extremist terrorists and ARSA since the Counter-terrorism is the common interest for the families of the world, international organizations including the United Nations, and international



Utensils and construction material seized from extremist terrorists. **PHOTO: MNA**



Food delivered by WFP to IDP camps are found in the hidden tents of terrorist **PHOTO: MNA**

governments. In this warning notification, supporting to or abetting the extremist terrorists and ARSA, supplying, or writing in medias in support of extremist terrorists

and ARSA are banned and if those acts described above are found committed in domestic, action will be taken in accordance with Counter-terrorism Law. If those from

foreign countries are found not abiding by the warning, they will be informed to the International Police for necessary action. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Issuing notification of acknowledging and urging the people not to encourage, support and abet extremist terrorists

It is learnt according to the news release from Information Committee of State Counsellor's Office at 6.45 pm of yesterday evening the encouraging, supporting and cooperating with extremist terrorists are strictly banned.

In that news release Central Committee of Counter Terrorism of Myanmar has declared that extremist terror-

ist and ARSA, which involved in Maungtaung terrorist attacks on 25 August 2017 as Terrorist Groups.

Currently the security forces have been striving to protect the properties of people and to maintain peace and stability in Maungtaung, together with the people in accordance with the existing law. In the event of this attempt, the main target is to

subdue the acts of extremist terrorist and it does not target to the people who are not connected to or involved in the terrorist's acts.

Nevertheless, in suppressing the terrorists, terrorists has countered the attack of security forces by using the children as human shield, burning the villages of minority ethnic people and terrorized killing. Those

who get involved in those terrorist acts will be assumed as terrorists.

Bengalis who are not connected or don't abet with extremist terrorists need not be apprehensive. Besides, the news release advised the local people not to be malicious and aggressive, not to hold sticks, knives or swords or any other weapon while the security forces

are undertaking their duties and not to get outside in the time prohibited by 144 Curfew Order.

In the news release, people are urged for those who want to stay in peace and stability to cooperate with security forces and administrative personnel without any concern in keeping peace and stability in the area.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Extremist terrorism on the rise!



Equipment left behind by terrorists. Cars torched by extremist terrorists. PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE

As the extremist terrorists were committing arson, mine and terrorist attacks against villages, security posts and Buddhist monasteries and butchering innocent people in Maungtaw area the whole day on 26 August, security forces have been launching operations to stabilize and control the area, according to the news release issued by the Information Committee of the State Counsellor Office yesterday morning.

About 50 extremist terrorists attacked members of security force with small arms from the edge of a mangrove forest about 70 yards away at 9.20 am on 26 August. The security members who joined forces with their counterparts in Kyunpaukpyusu-chaungwa outpost of area 4 in Maungtaw Township from Kyaukchaung outpost were on their way back from Htanchaung-chaungwa outpost where they took their rations. The security forces arrived back at Kyunpaukpyusu-chaungwa outpost after fighting back and clearing off the extremist terrorists.

At that time, about 300 extremist terrorists from Phetleikpyin and Zeebinchaung-myauk villages of Kyunpaukpyusu village-tract were approaching the outpost and were reaching at a place just 500 yards from it. Hence

security forces fired back and halted them. Security forces from the Tatmadaw joined forces with the Kyunpaukpyusu-chaungwa outpost shot back the extremist terrorists with small arms. The extremist terrorists retreated.

While security forces were conducting area clearance operations at 9.30 am on 26 August, extremist terrorists attacked their truck with a directional mine near Nwayontaung village. So the security forces fought back and cleared them off.

About 300 extremist terrorists armed with sticks and knives besieged Kyunpaukpyusu-chaungwa outpost of area 4, Maungtaw Township at 10.20 am. Hence Ngaman gunboat of the fleet of Tatmadaw vessels at POE gate of Maungtaw rushed to the area as reinforcement.

About 20 ethnic Dienet people of Yanka-zaydi village, area 2 of Maungtaw Township, at 2.30 pm went to Aungzan ethnic village to stay there. But they were attacked by nearly 100 extremist terrorists from Kyaukdoe village armed with sticks and knives when they reached the place near the entrance bridge of the village. Only U Maung Ba Sein (28) escaped the attack. He informed the Aungthabye area office about the attack, saying

that he had no idea how many of the persons who were left behind were killed or still alive.

Seventeen improvised mines planted by extremist terrorists exploded at Zinpaingnya junction and its surrounding areas of the area 6 in Maungtaw Township from 2.45 pm to 4.42 pm on 26 August. Two home-made bombs were blown up during the time between 4.40 pm and 4.55 pm at Kyaukhlayga village. At 5.20 pm, extremist terrorists burnt down Natchaung outpost. At 5 pm, about seven extremist terrorists in two groups came and attacked about 370 students of Nanthataung Parahita monastic education school who were at the high school of Taungpyoletwei sub-township. But when Tatmadaw columns fought back extremist terrorists fled, leaving behind two dead bodies.

Meanwhile, security forces pursued and cleared off four masked extremist terrorists at Wapeik village near outpost No 4 of the No 1 border guard police force HQ. At 5.33 pm, extremist terrorists launched hit-and-run grenade attack on Zinpaingnya outpost. Security forces had to clear the mines planted by extremist terrorists near the outpost at 5.35 pm.

At 5.45 pm, extremist terror-

ists torched their own homes in Zinpaingnya village and fled. Ten minutes later, they prepared to attack a police outposts followed by an exchange of gunfire between the two sides at 6.05 pm. Security forces had to returned the fire and cleared the extremist terrorists off as they started attacking Gawduthara outpost at 6.17 pm. A mine planted by extremist terrorists exploded at 7.15 pm at Pyathat outpost. One minute later, extremist terrorists burnt down the temporarily abandoned Gatkayin outpost. At the same time, extremist terrorists and security forces exchanged fire on the road between Laundon and Kyeinchaung villages.

Extremist terrorists burnt down 42 houses, 13 shops and a village monastery at Nanthantaung village, Kuntheebin village-tract, Maungtaw Township at 7.30 pm on 26 August. Ethnic people of the village are now taking refuge at Taungpyoletwei high school. At 8.25 pm, a home-made mine exploded at Kyaukhklayga village 50 yards from Pinyinphu outpost. Eight minutes later, security forces while conducting area clearance operations found about 10 extremist terrorists. When the security forces pursued them, they fled after burning down their

five homes. At 8.45 pm, another home-made bomb exploded near Gawlidula village. As the extremist terrorists from Gawduthara village were moving towards the fence of Pinyinphu area office at 9.45 pm security forces were taking security measures with full combat readiness.

The extremist terrorists while using broadly home-made bombs in committing terrorist acts were besieging the minority ethnic villages with mobs holding, sticks, knives and guns. So the security forces have to launch area clearance operations. The extremist terrorists are murdering village administrators who are also Muslims like them while using battery-ignited launcher-like guns in committing terrorist acts.

The extremist terrorists committed their terrorist attacks in parallel with the release of the final report of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and the date of the UN meetings that is drawing nearer. Moreover, they chose 25th August (Friday) as their launching date.

As the Central Committee for Counter Terrorism has already declared them as a terrorist group, any supporter or helper shall also be branded as terrorist. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Six relatives killed amid firefight between terrorists and soldiers

Six members of a 12-member family were shot to death while returning to their home in Maungtaw from their jobs as labourers during clashes between terrorists gunmen and Myanmar Army soldiers, on Saturday.

During the shooting, the

family, all of them Hindus, sought cover in a nearby construction site. Two men, a woman and three children were killed. Two other women were critically injured. Four children survived without injury. The dead were taken to Maungtaw Hospital. —Myanmar News Agency ■



The red spot on the map shows where the murders took place.

Illegal electronic products confiscated in Shan State

Law enforcement officials seized contraband electronic products they discovered during a vehicle inspection at Yaypu checkpoint, Hseindi Township, Shan State on 26 August.

The officers found televisions, mobile phone accessories and other elec-

tronic devices worth Ks17 million in a Toyota Mark II truck.

On the same day, police conducted 10 seizures of goods worth an estimated worth Ks21 million in Mayanchaung checkpoint, Kyaikto Township, Mon State. —GNLM ■

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- 2. On 9 October 2016, the terrorists launched a surprise attack on the No.1 Border Guard Police Command Headquarters (Kyikanpyin), police outpost at Kotankauk and the Ngakhuya local administrative office. In that incident, 9 policemen were killed and 48 assorted arms, 6624 bullets, 47 bayonets, and 164 bullet cartridges seized by the terrorists. Investigation reveals that terrorists had infiltrated the area where the majority of the residents were Muslims and organized violent attacks to escalate terrorist acts in that area.
- 3. In response to the situation, Border Guard Police Command No.1 reinforced troops and has been collaborating with the Tatmadaw to provide security in the region. The multiple killings, threats and propaganda have adversely affected the process for regional peace and rule of law. Clearance operations in May Yu mountain range have also uncovered multiple terrorist training camps.
- 4. On 25 August, extremist terrorist groups again launched sneak attacks on 30 police outposts in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships as well as against the Regiment Headquarters in Taungthazar village. 10 police officers, 1 soldier and 1 immigration officer were killed. 9 security officers and a number of civilians were wounded. 6 firearms were lost.
- 5. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar strongly condemns these terrorist acts and will do all in its power to prevent them from occurring again. It will strive to bring the perpetrators to justice.
- 6. The Union Government hereby declares that the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) and its supporters, responsible for the acts of terrorism, as a terrorist group in accordance with the Counter-Terrorism Law Section 6, Sub-Section 5.

Chairman
Anti-Terrorism Central Committee

Terrorists trying to destroy Maungtaw

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Extremist terrorists set fire Yeaung Chaungwa police outpost in Region-3 in Maungtaw Township before proceeding to Thayargon Village. As about 500 extremist terrorists wielding sticks and swords surrounded Thayargon Village, the security forces attempted to disperse them by opening fires. The crowd destroyed Nantthataung Village and a monastery.

Security forces were ambushed by about 200 extremist terrorists holding small fire-arms, sticks, swords and spears near Taungpyo-Letwe Village while making their way to Nantthataung Village. The security forces resisted the extremist terrorists who retreated to nearby villages. The security forces seized 60 rounds of ammunition and 62 spears from the perpetrators.

The security forces exchanged fires with extremist terrorists in Nwayontaung Village in Region-6 this morning. The extremist terrorists torched the village and blew out an IED before fleeing.

Moreover, extremist terrorists blew out two IEDs about 700 yards of east of Zinpaingn-



Extremist terrorists gathering to commit atrocities against innocent ethnic people. PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE



yar police outpost and an IED in the village. Similarly, two improvised explosive devices went off in Kyaukhlaygar Village. They also destroyed Pyathat Village.

When four extremist terrorists wielding firearms attempted to attack the security personnel as the latter are removing sand bags placed on motor road near Maungni Village this evening, they met with warning shots from the latter. The terrorists retreated

to Maungni bazaar.

An unidentified number of extremist terrorists attacked Chopyin outpost in Region-11 with homemade bombs where they were repulsed by security personnel. No casualties reported in the incident. Likewise, about 200 extremist terrorists attacked Kyaungtaung police outpost in Region-10 in Maungtaw Township in the evening. In yesterday's incidents, one security personnel

went missing and one small gun and ammunition taken.

At 3:30 pm, extremist terrorists burned down three houses belonged to Hindus in Ywathitkay ward in Maungtaw. At 5 pm, they set fire to about 100 homes in Bengali Ward. Two handmade bombs blasted inside two houses while firefighters and security personnel were putting out the fire with the use of four fire engines.

At 5:15 pm, extremist terror-

ists fired two shots at the security forces who were putting out the fire and fled the scene.

Maungtaw, a district-level town is home to both Bengalis and ethnic minority. The extremist terrorists themselves torched their houses with the intention of flaming the violence to totally destroy the town.

(State Counsellor Office Information Committee)
Translated by GNLM



Extremist terrorists turn homes into inferno. PHOTO: STATE COUNSELLOR OFFICE INFORMATION COMMITTEE.