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Villagers from northern Rakhine State fled to Sittway above, and Bangladesh border to escape the ongoing terrorist attacks. **PHOTO: MNA**

Seven more civilians killed in Rakhine

Members of the Mro ethnic tribe killed in a terrorist attack by ARSA; thousands continue to flee to Sittway and border

THE government confirmed yesterday that seven Mro ethnic people were killed and five injured by terrorists on Monday during an attack on Khon-Taing Village in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State.

Hundreds of extremists Terrorists from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) descended on the small village, killing the villagers and then burning down their homes, the government said.

“About 400 ARSA extremist terrorists attacked Khon-Taing Village of Mro ethnic people in Maungtau Township on 28th August afternoon and burnt down the homes. In the attack, three men and four women were killed while two men and three women were injured while one man and two women are still missing,” said a report released by the information committee of the government.

The ARSA extremist terrorists continued their attacks with

improvised explosive devices (IEDs) against security forces and burnt down neighbouring villages, according to the report.

Ethnic villagers from the conflict areas are fleeing to Buthidaung and Maungtau and nearby police outposts. One soldier, 11 policemen, one civil servant, seven members of a Hindu family, five Daingnet ethnic people and seven Mro ethnic people have so far been killed in the attacks, in addition to scores of terrorists, which started with a

series of coordinated attacks by ARSA extremist terrorists on security forces on Friday.

“A mass of extremist terrorists came to our village in large group. While defending against them, an arrow they shot hit me on my leg through. At that time, our villagers gathered, frightening the terrorists to run away,” said Maung Tha Aung, a local ethnic man from Tharyargone Village in Maungtau township, who fled to Sittway.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Mr. Bill Richardson, Chairman of the Richardson Center and former Governor of New Mexico in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives foreign delegations separately

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr. Bill Richardson, Chairman of the Richardson Center and former Governor of New Mexico, the United States of America, and a delegation led by Mrs. Anuradha Gupta, Deputy CEO of Gavi- The Vaccine Alliance and accompanying parliamentarians from Denmark and Sweden separately yesterday at her ministry in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting with Mr Bill Richardson, they cordially

discussed matters relating to the promotion of economic relations, investment and cooperation between Myanmar and the United States of America.

During the meeting with the delegation led by Mrs. Anuradha Gupta, they exchanged views on strengthening cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and the Gavi in the ongoing immunization programme, as well as its future cooperation and assistance in the sector. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Gov't to step up road safety measures



U Henry Van Thio addresses the 3rd meeting of the National Road Safety Council-NRSC. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Henry Van Thio, Vice-President and Chairman of National Road Safety Council (NRSC) addressed the third meeting of the council at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw and spoke about basic steps toward improving road safety such as the use of seat belts, abstaining from use of mobile phones and driving more slowly.

“The tasks of implementation of road safety are of great importance for the nation, being the tasks to be carried out specifically for safety of people’s lives. Today’s meeting was being held with a view to upgrading road safety, presenting situations on accomplishments of decisions laid down by the 2nd meeting and presenting processes to be carried out further, submitting restrictions and difficulties encountered by regions and states. Four quick-win preparations for

national road safety — wearing helmets (for motorcyclists) and seat-belts, abstention from using mobile phones while driving, abstention from drinking while driving and taking care not to commit over-speed driving are required to be obeyed”, U Henry Van Thio said.

“In building new roads, special care needs to be taken for road safety and it needs to abide by road designs and standards. In repairing roads as well, responsible departments and organisations need to take care of security matters. Road signs and installation of signal lights are required to follow existing rules and laws. Deep-rooted and wrong road habits on expressways for vehicles to overpass preceding ones need to be corrected to rightfulness. In upgrading the reduction of road accidents, establishment of an organisation for raising

funds for road safety needs to be carried out. Here, I would like to urge the members of NRSC to cooperate after studying carefully the suggestions acquired from workshop on all-inclusive road safety. The NRSC needs to give out accurate figures on accidents so that the public will be convinced of actual situations to keep road discipline.

In schools, lessons on road safety should be started to be included in the syllabus. Common sense should be indoctrinated at younger ages that road safety knowledge is needed for all of us. Provided that every individual keeps road safety disciplines, roads and vehicles are in better conditions, accident will surely decrease.”

Afterward, Union Ministers Lt Gen Kyaw Swe and U Thant Sin Maung, vice-chairpersons also spoke about road safety.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Ethnic people in Mingyi and Tamaranthar villages provided with aid

Authorities delivered aid to villagers in conflict areas in northern Rakhine yesterday, pledging providing security to them.

Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Rakhine State Cabinet’s Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and officials met with Mingyi and Tamaranthar villagers in Maungtau Township yesterday, giving words of encouragement and providing necessary provisions.

Union Minister and party arrived at Mingyi village to meet local ethnic people, addressing, “Matters on security of local people are being carried out as a priority. Simultaneously provisions are being supported for their living. The main purpose of coming here is to negotiate and perform the task of finding ways for safer security. For the time being, preparations had been made for fulfilling 2-month-provisions. Negotiations will be made with authorities con-

cerned for health.” Afterward, Union Minister and party went to Tamaranthar village to meet local residents, and arrangements were made to give phone numbers to contact if necessary concerning security and health.

In the morning, packs of instant noodle and fried fish were provided to local ethnic people in Mingyi and Tamaranthar villages. In the evening, the party led by U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister of Rakhine State and U Soe Aung, permanent secretary of the Ministry of SWRR visited Htarein, Yan Aung Myin, Kyauk Pandu villages, giving words of encouragement and providing provisions and drugs. Moreover, feeble mother and new-born baby from Kyauk Pandu village were brought to Sittway, general hospital by helicopter for medical treatment. The Ministry of SWRR supported monetary aids and necessary social affairs for them will be fulfilled by the ministry. — Myanmar News Agency



Dr Win Myat Aye hands over the aid to ethnic people during his tour of Mingyi and Tamaranthar villages. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Foods supply for displaced ethnic people in Taung Pyo Let Wae Township, Maungtaw



Villagers receive aid in Taung Pyo Let Wae. **PHOTO: TIN MAUNG LWIN**

RAKHINE State government distributed and supplied food and provisions to ethnic people who fled recent violence in the area and took refuge in Taung Pyo Let Wae Township in Rakhine State.

U Naing Lin Aung, provisional head of township's General Administration Department, said they are supplying rice, cooking oil, beans and salt.

Thirty sacks of rice, one sack of bean, 50 viss of cooking oil and two sacks of salts were provided yesterday and more aid is being arranged.

On 28 August, the General Administration Department provided food and provisions to government staff in Maungtaw. Buthidaung Township head of GAD and departments of township also provided rice, oil, salts and beans to displaced ethnic people. —Tin Maung Lwin/ Min Htet Aung ■

Circular train popular with tourists

MORE THAN 100 foreign visitors are touring on the Yangon circular railway on a daily basis, according to a report of the Myawady Daily issued on Wednesday.

According to official statistic of the Myanma Railways, as many as 3,483 foreign

commuters took the train this July.

The railway system has accordingly increased security services in collaboration with relevant government departments and police, said U Zaw Lwin, a transport manager from the Myanma Rail-

ways. Railroads improvement projects are being implemented throughout the nation with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to provide better and safe transportation services to local commuters, he added.—GNLM ■

Researchers investigate rotavirus to prevent future outbreaks

Local researchers are investigating rotavirus species at the Yangon Children's Hospital to prepare for future Myanmar vaccination programmes, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The research is being led by molecular researchers from the Medical Research Department and the Univer-

sity of Medicine branches in Yangon and Mandalay.

Young children, elderly people and people with compromised immune systems are most at risk for infection by rotavirus. The virus is the leading cause of life diarrhea disease among infants and young children in many countries.

Researchers obtained

stool specimens from children admitted to the hospital for serious diarrhea for rotavirus testing.

Rotavirus was identified in 219 out of 488 stool specimens tested, a prevalence rate of 45 per cent. Rotavirus was found mostly in the children, mostly boys, between six and 11 months of age.—GNLM ■

Contraband worth Ks37 million seized along Myanmar highways

VEHICLE inspections along the Mandalay-Muse Pyi Htuangsu Road recorded 354 transport vehicles carrying items for export and 396 for import, from 1-29 August.

Forty-five transport vehicles carried export items and 136 carried import items along the Yangon-Myawady Road during the same period.

Inspectors discovered illegal goods worth Ks37 million at Mayan Chaung checkpoint, including 450 grams of heroin.—MNA ■



Heroin brought hidden under dried tea leaf. **PHOTO: MPF**

Housing shortage likely to worsen by 2040

Yangon is projected to grow by 10 million residents by the year 2040 and only 20 per cent will be able to afford to own their homes due to the slow pace of affordable housing construction, according to a report in yesterday's Myawady Daily.

The rest will be renters

or squatters, according to the article.

The 2014 census estimated there are 1.6 million residential units in Yangon Region. Housing experts expect that there will be 2.6 million units by 2040, resulting in a shortfall of more than 1

million units. The Rural Area and Housing Development Department plans to develop 900,000 units of property within 15 years by 2031. About 4.8 million residential units are required by 2040 to keep up with demographic trends.—GNLM ■

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe visits patients wounded in terrorist attacks

THE Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe and officials visited Sittway General Hospital yesterday and encouraged patients who were wounded by the extremist terrorist attacks in Maungdaw.

During the visit, the Union Minister met with health officials and stressed the importance of promoting health knowledge to the patients.

“As the number of patients increases, more physicians who are needed in the hospital and will be filled as soon as possible.

It is assumed that public health-care is weak, the outpatients are increasing in the hospital and when the public healthcare is well enough, the workload of the hospital and patients in the hospital will reduce. The needs for the investigating diseases will also be fulfilled”, Dr. Myint Htwe said.

The Union Minister also discussed matters of psychological promoting and honouring of the staff currently working in Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe and officials comfort a villager receiving treatment at hospital. **PHOTO: MNA**



Thura U Shwe Mann holds talk with Mr. Ben Brooks, a policy executive for Uber Company. **PHOTO: MNA**

Thura U Shwe Mann receives Uber executives

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Chairman Thura U Shwe Mann received Mr. Ben Brooks, a policy executive for Uber Co., at the Hluttaw

Building (I-1), Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Uber's ride share system and e-governance matters were discussed. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Final day of review for 21st Century Panglong

The final day of review and preparatory discussions for the Union Peace Conference -21st Century Panglong was held at the meeting hall of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NPRC) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Present at the meeting were 15 Hluttaw conference representatives, 15 government conference representatives and 15 Tatmadaw con-

ference representatives and officials.

During the meeting, detailed matters relating to each chapter included in the political discussion framework were discussed.

Lt-General Tin Maung Win delivered the closing speech as the group discussion of UPC-21st Century Panglong was concluded. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Eid Day on 2 September

THE Government issued a notification on Tuesday that as Eid Day (Bakri Eid) falls on 2 September (Saturday), the day is declared as a public holiday in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, according to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. —GNLM

Acknowledging Notification To Use Correct Indicator Lights In Case Of Overtaking The Car Ahead

1. According to the 1989 regulations of the motorized vehicle, in the section “Lights fixed at the vehicle and indicating with the hand of the driver” it is prescribed to switch on right indicator light to indicate the car behind to overtake.
2. In spite of the fact that switching on the right indicator light to indicate the car behind can overtake, the drivers especially truck drivers while driving on express highway use left indicator light to indicate the car behind for overtaking. Those errors are leading to the undesirable accidents on the road.
3. All the vehicle drivers must simultaneously change to the correct indicating in all streets and roads both inside and outside the town and all highways starting from 6 am of 1.9.2017 as the educating, inspection and checking have been done extensively throughout the country so as to switch to the correct system smoothly.
4. As there might be some misunderstanding just before the change of practice, every driver is suggested to take great care before overtaking by checking all surrounding situation.
5. It is suggested all the drivers shall cooperate in the movement of the changing to correct indicating practice in overtaking (ie. indicating right light) which will start on 1.9.2017 in all streets, roads and express highways of Myanmar. —MNA

Terrorist attacks in N-Rakhine State denounced

People denounced ARSA extremist terrorist attacks in northern Rakhine State in front of Yangon City Hall yesterday evening.

Hundreds of people gathered in downtown Yangon, protesting against the final report of Mr Kofi Annan Chairman of Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and atrocious attacks of ARSA extremist terrorists, holding the placards written in words of denunciation. After holding talk on terrorism, a statement with seven facts was released. —Zaw Gyi ■



People gathered in front of City Hall in Yangon to protest against the ARSA extremist attacks in northern Rakhine. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**



Two home made bombs for setting homes on fire. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**



ARSA extremist terrorists burn down homes in Maungtaw. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**



Banker built by ARSA extremist terrorists inside a village. **PHOTO: INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

Seven more civilians killed in Rakhine

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“Terrorists were estimated to be about one hundred. As children were accompanying them, they seemed to live in nearby villages. I was greatly annoyed with being bullied by them. I would not leave our locations. On our way to

the place, there were many people left at their places, as there were not any vehicles such as cars and boats,” he added.

Since then, more than 18,000 Muslims from Rakhine State, have fled the violence in north-west Myanmar, while thousands

more are stuck at the Bangladesh border or scrambling to reach it.

In addition, the government has evacuated thousands of Rakhine Buddhists further south to Sittway.

The United Nations, while condemning the militant attacks,

has asked the Union government to protect civilian lives without discrimination and appealed to Bangladesh to admit those fleeing the military counteroffensive.

At least 109 people have been killed in the attacks by ARSA extremist terrorists, most of them

terrorists but also members of the security forces and civilians.

The violence marks a dramatic escalation of a conflict that has simmered since October, when a similar coordinated attacks on security posts .
—Myanmar News Agency ■

Independent journalists visit conflict areas in Maungtaw

A group of independent journalists including local and foreign media yesterday talked to people, who fled their villages after terrorist attacks, sheltering at schools in Maungtaw.

During their tour, they witnessed preparations for burning down homes and improvise explosive devices planted by ARSA extremist terrorists in Maungtaw. They will tour around the conflict areas from 30th August to 1st September.

The group includes 18 journalists from Kyodo News,



Journalists talk to people fled from Maungtaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

TV Asahi, Nippon TV, The Irrawaddy, Asahi Shimbun, Fuji TV, Nikkei Shimbun, Skynet Media, VOA, News Watch, Mizzima and the Voice. This the fourth visit of the independent journalists to northern Rakh-

ine following their third visit in July 2017.

The first trip made from 19 to 22 December in 2016 and the second from 28th March to 1st April in 2017.—Myanmar News Agency ■

India relaxes restrictions on pulses import from Myanmar

Indian Embassy in Yangon announced yesterday relaxation of the limitation on beans import from Myanmar in attempts to address the concerns related to to cases in which contracts had been entered into by making advance payments. “In view of the special relationship between India and Myanmar, the Government of India has now intimated a relaxation of the provisions of Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy in order to provide for registration of such import

contracts of Toor Dal (Pigeon Pea) for which advance payments had been made prior to 5th August, 2017, and for which contract papers and proforma invoices authenticated by the Government of Myanmar and copies of SWIFT documents authenticated by the bank concerned are available,” said the statement released by the embassy.

The announcement came after discussions between the Embassy of India and Myanmar authorities.— GNLM

“Light, where Darkness was”

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For many years U Myo Thant [Maung Hsu Shin] was the prime mover of the activities of Sarpay Beikman. There was a quarterly Sarpay Beikman magazine which is now a monthly magazine Thuta Padetha.

The writer is proud to say

that he, as a student at the Yangon University was an observer and later participant in the activities of Sarpay Beikman. Later he was chosen as member of the central Executive Committee of Writers and Journalists Association and permanent member of Sarpay Beikman. In these capacities, he had served

until his very old age of 80 years in the activities of both Sarpay Beikman and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association—literary talks, Seminars, Discussion, Exchange program at home and abroad.

Today he attended this auspicious ceremony of 70th Anniversary of Sarpay Beikman

graced by the presence of the Union Minister for Information H.E Dr. Pe Myint.

Today in this 21st century of Globalization Age need new generation of good and efficient translators.

It is not an easy job to train good and efficient translators. Dictionary alone cannot produce good efficient translators. Language and literature are very fluid.

They abruptly change according to time, place and circumstances. Translator must move with current changes picking up and paying special attention to usage, jargons jokes of the time translators must be able to read between lines. So on this occasion of Sarpay Beikman 70th anniversary, the writer makes a clarion call for the training of a new generation of Translators. ■

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