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President U Htin Kyaw and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspect the honour guard at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Red carpet welcome for Indian PM

### President U Htin Kyaw holds talks with India's Modi

Visiting Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi started his three-day official visit to Myanmar with a red carpet welcome by President U Htin Kyaw at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Mr. Narendra Modi and

party arrived Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening for a visit from 5 to 7 September. Following the inspection of the Guard of Honour, the two leaders held talks at the Presidential Palace.

At the meeting, the

two sides discussed effective implementation of the current projects between the two countries, extending mutual support to each other at the regional and international fora and fighting terrorism.

Also present together with President U Htin Kyaw at the meeting were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Thura U Aung Ko, U Thant Sin Maung, Dr Than Myint and U Win Khaing, Minister of State

for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, Ambassador of Myanmar to India U Maung Wai while the Indian delegation was accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Shri Vikram Misri.

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## Terrorists attack security forces, burn Maungtau homes

THE ARSA Extremist terrorist group ambushed security forces on Monday at two villages in Maungtau, Rakhine State, leaving one terrorist dead.

About 20 extremists attacked security forces at

Ducheertan Village (East) at about 4:30 pm and set fire to houses in the village before retreating. According to a police source in Maungtau, this was done in order to make it appear as if security forces destroyed

the houses. This could not be independently confirmed.

The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) extremist terrorists also set fire to more than 100 houses in Yaymyat-taung Village yesterday, ac-

cording to police sources.

Meanwhile, about 10 armed terrorists attacked security forces at Jintaw Village yesterday, according to a government information committee.—Myanmar News Agency

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Yangon Stock Exchange value increased in August

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# Water resources committee holds coordination meeting

U Henry Van Thio, Vice President and Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee, attended and delivered a speech at the third future work programme coordination meeting of the National Water Resources Committee at the Presidential Palace yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee and Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Member and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt.Gen Ye Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, states and regions ministers, permanent secretaries, director generals and officials.

In his speech, the Vice President said this is the third future work programme coordination meeting of the National Water Resources Committee as well as a general meeting attended by all committee members. The future work programme coordination meeting was held for nationwide development of water-related sectors and to discuss and coordinate effective management and utilisation of water resources. It was also held for effective coop-



U Henry Van Thio delivers a speech at the third future work programme coordination meeting of the National Water Resources Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

eration in water-related works conducted by relevant ministerial organisations, state and region governments and to discuss future work programmes.

The National Water Resources Committee successfully held a World Water Day event in March. Water-related works decided in coordination meetings were also being worked on by relevant officials, ministries and departments. Monthly progress and work done by ministerial departments related to a national-level water policy were assessed and requirements were coordinated. In order to systematically collect countrywide basic infrastructure

data related to water, relevant ministerial departments need to assess and send annual changes in data, said the Vice President.

The Vice President added that the committee needed to make investments for the people in the water-related sector; reduce water-related natural disasters, ensure sustainable water utilisation, cooperate with neighbouring countries in trans-national rivers, obtain water-related information and technology and cooperate for mutual benefit, compile, collect and distribute water related data and information, conduct water-related educational work

and capacity building work, support and participate in drawing and implementing projects and water-related cooperation with international organisations.

The committee is working together with the Asia Pacific Water Forum to successfully host the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Forum from 11 to 12 December 2017, an important meeting for international cooperation within the Asia-Pacific region, he said. Forum organising committees and work committees were formed and duties assigned while sub-committees will also be formed, said the Vice President.

All must cooperate and work

together to implement an all-round management system for effective water resources and all are urged to cooperate and work together to protect, conserve and develop water resources in the country, he said. The Vice Chairman of the National Water Resources Committee later explained about completed work, future work programmes and the Ayeyawady River basin all-round management project.

Afterward, the committee secretary Director-General of the Department of Water Resources and Rivers Development U Tun Lwin Oo explained the work of the committee and future works.

National Water Resources Committee advisory group members then discussed and suggested how to determine potable water quality, draw up a national water law, and utilise above-ground and underground water for economic development.

Officials from ministerial departments, state and region governments and municipal committees who were attending the meeting explained water-related works and cooperation. Meeting attendees also suggested future work of the National Water Resources Committee. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with UNICEF Myanmar representative in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives UNICEF Representative

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat received UNICEF Myanmar representative at office in the Pyithu Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the

two officials discussed cooperative efforts to implement UNICEF programs in Myanmar for education, health, nutrition, water and hygiene and child protection. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## Search on for Tatmadaw G-4 jet trainer lost during flight

The Tatmadaw is searching for a military jet that went missing during a training flight yesterday about 36 miles northwest of Patheingyi, the capital of Ayeyawady Region, according to a statement by the

Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief's Office.

The jet trainer, which was piloted by Major Kaung Htike, lost contact with flight control at approximately 9:18 am.

The Soko G-4, alternately

known as the Super Seagull or N-62, is a one-seat military trainer aircraft first introduced by Serbia in 1983.

The two-seater jets cost about \$4 million a piece. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## Officials disburse aid to displaced people in Maungtau

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Rakhine State government yesterday provided displaced people in Minkamaung Village, Maungtau Township, Rakhine with food and supplies.

The aid operation was been overseen yesterday by the deputy minister for the Office of the State Counsellor.



Myanmar Red Cross Society's members loading food aids. **PHOTO: MNA**

During the trip, a teacher, four women staff of General Administrative Department and a

child was taken back to Sittway by helicopter. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets Shanghai National People's Congress Standing Committee Vice Chairperson

During his visit to the People's Republic of China, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint met with Shanghai National People's Congress Standing Committee Vice Chair Mrs. Zhong Yanqun yesterday afternoon in the People's Mansion in Shanghai.

During the meeting, views were exchanged on matters relating to bilateral friendship and cooperation.

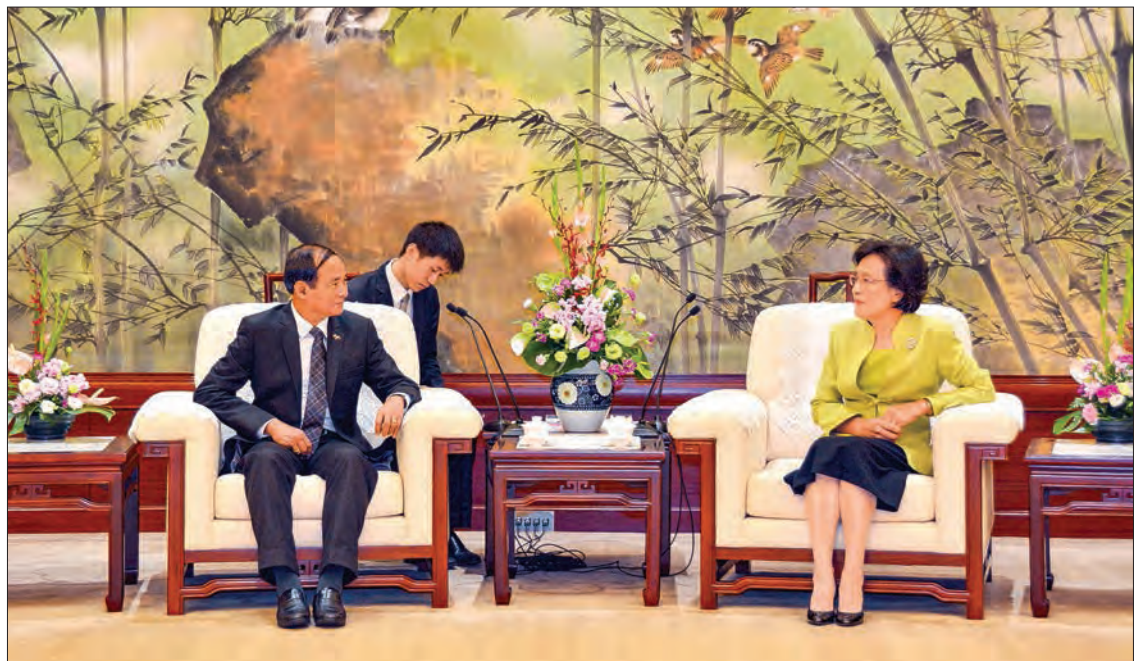
The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw affairs committee members Mahn Nyunt Thein, U Than Nyunt, U Khun Than Htoo, Daw Wint War Tun,

U Tin Nu @ U Tin Nu Aung, the Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn and officials from the Pyithu Hluttaw office.

After the meeting, Mrs. Zhong Yanqun hosted a lunch for the Myanmar Hluttaw delegation.

Afterward, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint and party arrived at the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre, where officials conducted a guided tour.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation arrived at the Pudong New District at 2 pm and toured



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint meets with Vice Chairperson Mrs. Zhong Yanqun, Shanghai National People's Congress Standing Committee in Shanghai. **PHOTO: MNA**

the free trade office and had discussions with officials from the management committee.

The Myanmar delegation

also visited The Oriental Pearl TV and Radio Tower in the afternoon.

The delegation then arrived

at Oriental Pearl jetty last night and viewed the Huangpu river onboard. — Myanmar News Agency ■

### Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the State Counsellor

#### Statement to prevent unwarranted tension and unrest

that could be incited by news of possible ARSA terrorist group's attacks  
(5 September 2017)

1. The Government security forces are undertaking security operations to maintain peace and stability that have been threatened by brutal attacks of the ARSA extremist terrorist group in the Northern Rakhine State. At the same time, the Government is providing emergency aid and relief to those who are displaced by terrorist attacks. Ensuring that those inhabitants who are innocent and not part of the terrorist movement be able to live without fear for their safety and security, it is also working to apprehend the terrorists to bring them to justice.
2. In the meantime, news about preparation being made by terrorists to stage bomb attacks against innocent civilians in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other big cities in the country have been brought to our attention. The aim of such attacks will be to attract international focus on and to garner support for their activities in Maungdaw and Buthidaung in Rakhine State.
3. Government has already issued security alerts and instructions to all State and Division governments throughout the country and to the Nay Pyi Taw Council. It is important to remain vigilant of the fact that there is a possible danger of terrorist attacks being used to incite ethnic or religious tension or public unrest.
4. Hence, we urge the people to remain security conscious and report any suspicious person, activity, or irregularities in their areas to the nearest administration authorities or to security personnel. People also need to be on guard against those instigators who, for their own benefit and interest, will ferment ethnic or religious tension by using the possible threats of terrorist attacks. The people are urged to stand together with the Government and render their cooperation in the Government efforts to maintain peace and stability throughout the country.

## Col. Phone Tint encourages returning teachers and local ethnics in Rakhine State



Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint meets and encourages teachers and local ethnics. **PHOTO: MNA**

Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint met and encouraged teachers and local ethnics who are returning to their homes and schools in Rakhine State that

were temporarily closed.

Twenty-six teachers and 18 local ethnics from Kyeinchaung and Tarane villages and Taungpyo town arrived in Maungdaw Township in three military vehi-

cles yesterday morning.

Later, these people left for Buthidaung and will continue to Sittway on 6 September to return to their homes.— Myanmar News Agency

## Myanmar Writers Association condemns ARSA terrorist acts

The Myanmar Writers Association issued a statement strongly condemning the ARSA extremist terrorist group and the terrorist acts committed by them in the region, including Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships in Rakhine State.—GNLM

## Indonesian Foreign Minister departs Yangon

INDONESIA Foreign Minister Mrs. Retno L.P. Marsudi departed Yangon yesterday morning after being escorted to Yangon International Airport by Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials and Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar Dr. Ito Sumardi.—Myanmar News Agency

# State Counsellor discusses issue of Rakhine State with President Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey

The State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received a telephone call from President Erdogan and discussed the issue of Rakhine. President Erdogan said that he is confident that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as a leader who has faced and overcome challenges and advocate of human rights will approach the situation with vision of a long term solution to the issue of Rakhine. He mentioned that there are concerns worldwide regarding the situation because of the news and photos that have been widely published.

The State Counsellor said that “ We know very well, more than most, what it means to be deprived of human rights and democratic protection. So we make sure that all the people in our country are entitled to protection of their rights as well as, the right to, and not just political but social and humanitarian defence.” The State Counsellor also said that the Government has already started defending all the people in Rakhine in the best way possible and expressed that there should be no misinformation to create trouble between

the two countries which have good friendly relations for a long time.

She also intimated to President Erdogan that his Deputy Prime Minister was subjected to a lot of fake news photographs taken elsewhere in the world and not in Burma. She said, that kind of fake information which was inflicted on the Deputy Prime Minister was simply the tip of a huge iceberg of misinformation calculated to create a lot of problems between different communities and with the aim of promoting the interest of the

terrorists.

She also expressed that Turkey which has faced the challenges of terrorism and has to cope with the PKK will understand the challenge that Myanmar has to face. She also said that for the country, terrorism is new but the Government will do its best to make sure that this does not expand and spread all over Rakhine.

She expressed her intention to cooperate with friends from all over the world to make sure that terrorism does not take root on Myanmar soil and said that

everybody in the country is entitled to and get all the security that they need.

She also informed President Erdogan that the Government is in the process of setting up an implementation committee to carrying out the recommendations of Dr. Kofi Annan’s Commission as soon as possible in line with the reality on the ground.

The President of Turkey expresses understanding of the challenges faced by Myanmar and the willingness to maintain the good relations with Myanmar.

—Myanmar News Agency

## Humanitarian aid provided to displaced people without segregation

The Information Committee of the government issued a news release on fatalities, the injured and destructions due to ARSA extremist terrorists’ attacks in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in northern Rakhine State yesterday evening.

In the release, it was described that—

In the morning of August 25, ARSA extremist terrorists made violent surprise attacks on 30 border guard police outposts, simultaneously, claiming security forces, government service personnel and innocent people with many injured.

Due to violent attacks and killings in sparsely populated villages, planting land mines on the entrance and exit ways to villages and consecutive arson attacks, innocent people are hiding and being placed to safer places.

Accordingly, the State Counsellor is holding negotiations with members of the Union Government and high-ranking officials of Tatmadaw, lifting up measures on security and rescue for innocent populace, by designating Maungtaw region as operation zone and imposing curfew—section 144.

Moreover, so as to resist with sufficient amounts of forces and to make displaced people secure, miniature police outposts were combined. Security forces are performing the tasks of searching for terrorists and fighting against them, evacuating local nationals to safer places, providing provisions and other commodities, giving medical care and treatment, releasing warning and organizing for combined living with a view to bringing about peace and stability in the region. And, due to violent attacks of extremist terrorists from August 25 to September 5, there occurred 97 armed conflicts, in all, between security forces and ARSA extremist terrorists, claiming 15 altogether—13 security forces and 2 government service men, and 28 civilians in all—14 local

nationals, 7 Hindu local residents and 7 Bengalis, with 22 injured—15 security forces, 3 government staff and 4 nationals. Similarly, 59 villages, 6842 houses were burnt down, with 8 bridges destroyed by planted mines. ARSA extremist terrorists amounting to 371 were killed in fighting.

Due to terrorist attacks, there are 26747 displaced people until now.

Under the current situations, the State Government will continue to perform the task of providing aids and subsidies to displaced people by laying down effective measures, on the assumption that it is incumbent upon the government to give humanitarian aids, together with the campaign, “Red Cross Movement.” Displaced people will be delivered subsidies without segregation, in accord with the fundamental principles on giving humanitarian aids for donors from home and abroad to take part in contributing the donation.—

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### Donation from foreign countries to IDPs in Maungtaw

| No | Date      | Cash (Kyat) | Rice (Bag) | Oil (Lt) | Tuna (Tin) | T-Shirt | Remark |
|----|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|---------|--------|
| 1  | 31-8-2017 | 54846000    | -          | -        | -          | -       | -      |
| 2  | 1-9-2017  | -           | 146        | 144      | 600        | -       | -      |
| 3  | 2-9-2017  | -           | 85         | 108      | 400        | -       | -      |
| 4  | 3-9-2017  | -           | 100        | 335      | 700        | 1       | -      |
|    | Total     | 54846000    | 331        | 587      | 1700       | 1       |        |

### Houses set fire by ARSA extremist terrorists in Maungtaw

| No    | People  | Villages | Houses destroyed in the fire |           |       |         |
|-------|---------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
|       |         |          | Houses                       | Losses    | Shops | Vehicle |
| 1     | Ethnic  | 4        | 116                          | 11600000  | 13    |         |
| 2     | Kathae  | 1        | 49                           | 4900000   |       |         |
| 3     | Hindu   | 1        | 36                           | 3600000   |       |         |
| 4     | Bengali | 53       | 6641                         | 664100000 | 311   | 174     |
| Total |         | 59       | 6842                         | 684200000 | 324   | 174     |

### Ethnic IDPS who fled homes due to terrorists attacks

| No | Township   | House-holds | Population |        |       | Re-mark             |
|----|------------|-------------|------------|--------|-------|---------------------|
|    |            |             | Male       | Female | Total |                     |
| 1  | Buthidaung | 1957        | 3363       | 4443   | 7806  |                     |
| 2  | Maungtaw   | 2824        | 6403       | 7850   | 14253 |                     |
| 3  | Yathedaung | 226         | 278        | 586    | 864   |                     |
| 4  | Punnagyun  | 26          | 42         | 58     | 100   |                     |
| 5  | Sittway    | 926         | 1282       | 1716   | 2998  |                     |
| 6  | Kyauktaw   | 147         | 208        | 350    | 558   | fled from Maung-taw |
| 7  | Minbya     | 37          | 46         | 72     | 118   |                     |
| 8  | MrakU      | 15          | 19         | 31     | 50    |                     |
|    | Total      | 6158        | 11641      | 15106  | 26747 |                     |

### Civilians killed, missing, injured due to terrorist attacks

| No |          |          | Ethnic | Hindu | Bangali | Total | Remark  |
|----|----------|----------|--------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| 1  | villages |          | 4      | 2     | 4       | 10    |         |
| 2  | death    |          | 16     | 7     | 7       | 30    | 2 staff |
|    | a        | male     | 8      | 3     | 7       | 18    |         |
|    | b        | female   | 8      | 1     | -       | 9     |         |
|    | c        | children | -      | 3     | -       | 3     |         |
| 3  | missed   |          | 6      | -     | 1       | 7     |         |
|    | a        | male     | 6      | -     | -       | 6     |         |
|    | b        | female   | -      | -     | 1       | 1     |         |
|    | c        | children | -      | -     | -       | -     |         |
| 4  | injured  |          | 6      | 1     | -       | 7     | 3 staff |
|    | a        | male     | 3      | -     | -       | 3     |         |
|    | b        | female   | 3      | 1     | -       | 4     |         |
| 5  | detained |          | -      | -     | 38      | 38    |         |
|    | a        | male     | -      | -     | 38      | 38    |         |
|    | b        | female   | -      | -     | -       | -     |         |
|    | c        | children | -      | -     | -       | -     |         |

## Peace process to be implemented following NCA path: Senior General

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public servants, Tatmadaw personnel and local ethnic nationals were attacked viciously with swords, spears, hand grenades and arms, 8 bridges were destroyed with mines while villages were burnt indicating a strong proof of a terrorist attack. The attack with sticks, knives, spears, jingli (arrows shot by catapult) hand-made guns were done by young or youthful males of different ages but when the security personnel pursued the attackers, in some places, women and children were found to be used as human shields. Drug usage is suspected as the attackers use manpower to assault armed personnel with swords, spears and jingli. Security forces are using the least manpower and fire power to control the situation, said the Senior General.

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acts that have occurred in Rakhine State, conveying Chinese government's condolence to the members of the Tatmadaw, police and public servants who were killed in the terrorist attacks.

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## Myanmar pulses market examined

By Ko Moe

The permanent secretary of the Ministry of Commerce said that several strategies are being explored to restore the stability of Myanmar's pulses market.

The Myanmar pulses market was sent into disarray last month when India, the largest buyer, put severe restrictions on imported pulses in an attempt to protect the price of their own supply market.

At a special co-ordination meeting held at the UMFCCI yesterday, U Toe Aung Myint said his ministry is examining ways to expand and re-classify Myanmar's pulses destined for export.

"So as to solve the present problems, many ways will be sought. Markets for mung bean and toor whole are presently narrow. Previously, mung beans were exported to India and the Middle East as FAQ, without classifying as special quality. Now that classification has been made, bilateral negotiations were held and the other side had to make concessions.

In the future, by classifying as special quality, pulses will be exported so that foreign markets can be sought more than ever."

In addition, acquisition of investment and technical aid will be sought out so as to be able to diversify and export products to foreign markets, after producing agricultural produce as high-value products.

"Since last year, changes of the pulse's prices were warning us as if tolling a bell to amend the narrow markets for Myanmar's pulses. Necessary arrangements will be made in consultation with authorities concerned to grow other pulses and crops, in substitution, which can gain market shares in the global market, instead of mung beans and toor whole," the permanent secretary said.

In spite of the recent restriction of pulses by the government of India, the amount of pulses to be exported to India was re-granted as agreed upon in the contract signed after giving advance payment, under the bilateral negotiation. The statement informing the re-granting of the

imports as previously agreed was issued via the Embassy of India in Myanmar on 30 August, it was learnt. But the damage to the Myanmar market was done, and exposed the weaknesses of the pulses market.

"(The industry) needs to produce high-price products concerning pulses and to grow substitute crops. Moreover, it is necessary for farmers to be resilient as well as to grow other crops which can gain market shares instead of pulses," said Dr. Ye Tin Tun, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. As regards the future export of pulses, arrangements will be made with a view to signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Myanmar, it has been learnt. And, for the stability of the local market over the pulses left to be exported, the government, private sector and farmers will cooperate and determine appropriate ways and means of effectively dealing with surplus pulses.

U Tun Lwin, chairman of Myanmar pulses and sesame

merchants' federation said that they are making efforts for the market stability. For farmers not to suffer losses for toor whole that will be harvested very soon, preparations are being made under the law on protection of farmers' rights and upgrading their benefits.

In Myanmar, there are 2.6 million acres of mung beans. The price for one ton was Ks1 million in April, but the current price is Ks0.59 million.

Myanmar is mostly exporting its mung bean and green gram to India and China, with lesser amounts being exported to the EU and the Middle East.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar exported 1,398.905 metric tons of pulses to foreign countries — 672.289 metric tons of mung beans, 349.802 metric tons of green gram and 159.788 metric tons of toor whole in the FY 2016-2017. Until 11 August of the present fiscal year, 517.752 metric tons of pulses — 215.188 metric tons of mung bean, 147.598 metric tons of green gram and 75 metric tons of toor whole — were exported. ■

## Independent journalists to visit Maungtaw

A group of independent journalists from local and foreign media will visit Maungtaw, northern Rakhine State, where ARSA extremist terrorists attacked police outposts last month, resulting in over 70 deaths.

The 21-member group is comprised of journalists from the Associated Press, NHK, BBC, TBS, RFA, EPA, Swiss TV, Al Jazeera, CNA, Mizzima, the Myanmar Times, CNB, Seven Day and MDN.

The trip is the second to northern Rakhine State for independent journalists following the 25 August terrorist attacks and the fifth visit since the 16 October 2016 terrorist attacks in northern Rakhine. Extremist terrorists staged a coordinated series of attacks dozens of police outposts in northern Rakhine State, leaving 77 extremist terrorists, two arrested and 12 members of the security forces dead. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## 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](mailto: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

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In the future, by classifying as special quality, pulses will be exported so that foreign markets can be sought more than ever."

In addition, acquisition of investment and technical aid will be sought out so as to be able to diversify and export products to foreign markets, after producing agricultural produce as high-value products.

"Since last year, changes of the pulse's prices were warning us as if tolling a bell to amend the narrow markets for Myanmar's pulses. Necessary arrangements will be made in consultation with authorities concerned to grow other pulses and crops, in substitution, which can gain market shares in the global market, instead of mung beans and toor whole," the permanent secretary said.

In spite of the recent restriction of pulses by the government of India, the amount of pulses to be exported to India was re-granted as agreed upon in the contract signed after giving advance payment, under the bilateral negotiation. The statement informing the re-granting of the

imports as previously agreed was issued via the Embassy of India in Myanmar on 30 August, it was learnt. But the damage to the Myanmar market was done, and exposed the weaknesses of the pulses market.

"(The industry) needs to produce high-price products concerning pulses and to grow substitute crops. Moreover, it is necessary for farmers to be resilient as well as to grow other crops which can gain market shares instead of pulses," said Dr. Ye Tin Tun, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. As regards the future export of pulses, arrangements will be made with a view to signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Myanmar, it has been learnt. And, for the stability of the local market over the pulses left to be exported, the government, private sector and farmers will cooperate and determine appropriate ways and means of effectively dealing with surplus pulses.

U Tun Lwin, chairman of Myanmar pulses and sesame

merchants' federation said that they are making efforts for the market stability. For farmers not to suffer losses for toor whole that will be harvested very soon, preparations are being made under the law on protection of farmers' rights and upgrading their benefits.

In Myanmar, there are 2.6 million acres of mung beans. The price for one ton was Ks1 million in April, but the current price is Ks0.59 million.

Myanmar is mostly exporting its mung bean and green gram to India and China, with lesser amounts being exported to the EU and the Middle East.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar exported 1,398.905 metric tons of pulses to foreign countries — 672.289 metric tons of mung beans, 349.802 metric tons of green gram and 159.788 metric tons of toor whole in the FY 2016-2017. Until 11 August of the present fiscal year, 517.752 metric tons of pulses — 215.188 metric tons of mung bean, 147.598 metric tons of green gram and 75 metric tons of toor whole — were exported. ■

## Independent journalists to visit Maungtaw

A group of independent journalists from local and foreign media will visit Maungtaw, northern Rakhine State, where ARSA extremist terrorists attacked police outposts last month, resulting in over 70 deaths.

The 21-member group is comprised of journalists from the Associated Press, NHK, BBC, TBS, RFA, EPA, Swiss TV, Al Jazeera, CNA, Mizzima, the Myanmar Times, CNB, Seven Day and MDN.

The trip is the second to northern Rakhine State for independent journalists following the 25 August terrorist attacks and the fifth visit since the 16 October 2016 terrorist attacks in northern Rakhine. Extremist terrorists staged a coordinated series of attacks dozens of police outposts in northern Rakhine State, leaving 77 extremist terrorists, two arrested and 12 members of the security forces dead. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## 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](mailto: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

Emergency aid provided by Rakhine State Government to IDPs fled from Maungtaw

| No | Date      | Township   | Village        | Vehicle  | Aids       |            |            |              |              |             |             |            |              |            |                   |                   |             |         |
|----|-----------|------------|----------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|
|    |           |            |                |          | Rice (bag) | Oil (viss) | Salt (bag) | Pulses (bag) | Potato (bag) | Onion (bag) | Chili (bag) | Fish paste | noodle (box) | Tuna (box) | dried fish (viss) | medical kit (box) | betel (box) | Cherrot |
| 1  | 30-8-2017 | Maungtaw   | Khamaung Seik  | aircraft | 30         | 50         | 2          | 10           | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | -                 | -           | -       |
| 2  | 30-8-2017 | Maungtaw   | Kyaingchaung   | aircraft | 30         | 50         | 2          | 10           | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | -                 | -           | -       |
| 3  | 31-8-2017 | Maungtaw   | Taungpyo       | aircraft | 30         | 50         | 2          | 10           | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | -                 | -           | -       |
| 4  | 31-8-2017 | Maungtaw   | Kyaukpandu     | aircraft | 30         | 50         | 2          | 10           | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | -                 | -           | -       |
| 5  | 1-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Aungzu         | aircraft | 30         | 48         | 2          | -            | -            | 2           | 2           | 2          | -            | 2          | 2                 | 2                 | -           | -       |
| 6  | 1-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Khamaug Seik   | aircraft | 5          | 50         | 1          | 2            | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | -                 | -           | -       |
| 7  | 2-9-2017  | Buthidaung | KaHtila        | aircraft | 30         | 48         | 2          | -            | -            | 1           | 1           | 1          | -            | 2          | -                 | 1                 | 1           | 1       |
| 8  | 2-9-2017  | Buthidaung | Pyinkhaung     | aircraft | 1          | -          | 2          | -            | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | -                 | -           | -       |
| 9  | 2-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Yanaungpyin    | aircraft | 25         | 50         | 2          | 8            | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | 1                 | 1           | 1       |
| 10 | 2-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Mingyi village | aircraft | 20         | 48         | 2          | 8            | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | -          | -                 | 1                 | 1           | 1       |
| 11 | 3-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Ywaknyotaung   | aircraft | 30         | 48         | 2          | -            | -            | -           | -           | -          | -            | 2          | -                 | 1                 | 1           | 1       |
| 12 | 3-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Hamantha       | aircraft | 20         | 50         | 2          | 5            | 2            | 1           | 1           | 1          | -            | -          | -                 | 1                 | 1           | 1       |
| 13 | 3-9-2017  | Maungtaw   | Kaungdon       | aircraft | 20         | 50         | 2          | 5            | 2            | 2           | 1           | 1          | -            | -          | -                 | 1                 | 1           | 1       |
|    |           |            | Total          |          | 301        | 592        | 25         | 68           | 4            | 6           | 5           | 5          | -            | 6          | 2                 | 8                 | 6           | 6       |

List (1) of Aid delivered to IDPs from 25th August to 4th September

| No    | Department                               | Aids  |      |       |     |      |       |     |        |     |     |        |         |        |     |       |     |            |        |        |     |      |         |
|-------|------------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|--------|-----|-----|--------|---------|--------|-----|-------|-----|------------|--------|--------|-----|------|---------|
|       |                                          | Rice  | Oil  |       |     |      | Salt  |     | Pulses |     |     | Pulses | Sausage | Potato |     | Onion |     | Fish paste | Chilli | Noddle |     | Soap | Clothes |
|       |                                          | Bag   | Viss | Litre | Bag | Cans | Viss  | Bag | Viss   | Bag | Box | Viss   | Viss    | Viss   | Bag | Viss  | Bag | Bag        | Bag    | Packs  | Box | Cake | Items   |
| 1     | Tatmadaw                                 | 671   | 416  | -     | -   | 675  | 1340  | -   | 1974   | -   | 640 | 1930   | 1463    | 684    | -   | 1035  | -   | -          | -      | 115830 | 35  | -    | -       |
| 2     | Social Welfare, Relief and Re-settlement | 111.5 | -    | 143   | 120 | -    | 35.75 | 5   | 70.50  | 17  | -   | -      | -       | -      | 10  | -     | 8   | -          | 7      | -      | 100 | 1000 | -       |
| 3     | Home Affairs                             | -     | -    | -     | 20  | -    | -     | 5   | -      | 25  | -   | -      | -       | -      | -   | -     | 10  | -          | -      | -      | 60  | -    | 510     |
| 4     | State Govern-ment                        | 2128  | 3639 | -     | -   | -    | -     | 80  | -      | 248 | -   | -      | -       | -      | 10  | -     | 9   | 7          | 8      | -      | 100 | -    | -       |
| Total |                                          | 2910  | 4055 | 143   | 140 | 675  | 1376  | 90  | 2046   | 290 | 640 | 1930   | 1463    | 684    | 20  | 1035  | 27  | 7          | 15     | 115830 | 295 | 1000 | 510     |

List (2) of Aid delivered to IDPs from 25th August to 4th September

| No | Department                               | Aids       |     |            |     |       |       |        |             |             |       |          |     |         |             |             |           |
|----|------------------------------------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------|----------|-----|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|    |                                          | Dried fish |     | Dired fish |     | Snack | Egg   | Coffee | Boiled rice | Medical kit | Bread | Fish can |     | Blanket | Tooth brush | Tooth paste | Tarpaulin |
|    |                                          | Viss       | Box | Viss       | Box |       | Egg   | Pack   |             | Box         | Pack  | Cans     | Box |         | Piece       | Tube        | Roll      |
| 1  | Tatmadaw                                 | 1866       | -   | -          | -   | -     | 89696 | 33350  | -           | -           | 195   | 750      | -   | 1350    | -           | -           | -         |
| 2  | Social Welfare, Relief and Re-settlement | -          | 9   | -          | 15  | 6     | 1300  | -      | 4           | 2           | -     | -        | -   | -       | 1847        | 1800        | 21        |
| 3  | State Govern-ment                        | 2          | -   | 150        | -   | -     | -     | -      | -           | 10          | -     | -        | 608 | -       | -           | -           | -         |
|    | Total                                    | 1868       | 9   | 150        | 15  | 6     | 90996 | 33350  | 4           | 12          | 195   | 750      | 608 | 1350    | 1847        | 1800        | 21        |

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Russia reserves right to further cut number of US diplomats — Putin

XIAMEN/China — Russia has the right of further cutting the number of US diplomats in the country, but won't do this now, Russian President Vladimir Putin told reporters after his visit to China.

Putin recalled that Moscow and Washington had agreed to have an equal number of diplomats in Russia and the US. Some 1,300 US diplomats worked in Russia, and 455 Russian diplomats were in the US. Among these 455 Russian diplomats

there are 155 people working for the UN, he said. These are not diplomats accredited by the US State Department, they are staff members of an international organization. According to the Russian president, the US had struggled to have the UN headquarters in New York and undertook commitments to ensure the work of this organization.

“Strictly speaking, if we talk about full parity, there should not be 455 US diplomats in Moscow but rather minus 155. So, we re-

serve the right to make a decision also on the number of US diplomats, but we won't do this now. We'll keep an eye on how the situation develops further,” the president stressed.

Putin said the Americans cut the number of Russian diplomatic missions, and this was their right, “but what's different here is that this was apparently done in an uncivilized manner, and this doesn't put our American partners in a good light.”

“It is difficult to hold dialogue

with those people who mix up Austria with Australia. There's nothing that can be done about this now, that's apparently the level of political culture of a certain part of the American establishment. The American people are really a great nation if they put up with such a large number of people who have such a low level of political culture,” Putin said.

Putin will issue instructions to the Russian Foreign Ministry to file a lawsuit with a US court over the seizure of the Russian

diplomatic property in the United States. “As for the buildings and facilities (of the Russian diplomatic mission in the US), this is really an unprecedented incident,” Putin said.

“The American side stripped Russia of the right to use our property. This is a clear violation of Russia's property rights. That's why, to begin with, I will instruct the Russian Foreign Ministry to take legal action. Let's see how the much-lauded American judicial system works.”—Reuters