

Central Committee, commission on Rakhine State hold meeting

CENTRAL Committee on Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development of Rakhine State and Advisory Commission on Rakhine State held a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, focusing on current issues and measures being taken for peace and stability in the state.

Present at the meeting held at the State Counsellor Office were members of the central com-

mittee Union ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, Dr Pe Myint, Dr Than Myint and Dr Myint Htwe and Union Attorney-General U Htun Htun Oo and members of the advisory commission U Win Mra, Dr Tha Hla Shwe, Mr. Ghassan Salame, Ms Laetitia van den Assum, Dr Mya Thida, U Khin Maung Lay and Daw Khin Saw Tint. — Myanmar News Agency



Meeting between Committee on Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development of Rakhine State and Advisory Commission on Rakhine State being held in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

11 attackers involved in 10/9 attack in Maungdaw arrested



Map shows the location where two armed men attacked a soldier in Maungdaw.

ELEVEN men allegedly involved in the violent armed attacks of 9 October in Rakhine State were arrested Tuesday, according to the military-run Myawady News today.

“During an area clearance operation at 9 am on 18 October around Ngakhuya Village in Maungdaw Township, combined troops comprising soldiers from the Tatmadaw and Police managed to arrest Musta Ahmed, who was involved in the violent armed attacks on the Ngakhuya border outpost”, said the report.

Later that evening, troops also arrested Jina Kham, son of Tawlinu Ahlaung Sedi Ahmed, son of Aryu, Shar Arlaung, son of Mumed Arlaung, Anawa, son of Rusha, Anawa, son of Islam, Anawa, son of Hussein Ahmed, Anawa, son of

Phweyaw Ahmed, Disu Ali, son of Mahmoud Rawphi, Adu Zawkaw, son of Ahmoud Ali and Khin Maung Tun, son of Deda Ahmed, at the Ale Ywa Village in Ngakhuya Village-tract, according to the report.

Acting on information received during interrogation of the men, troops raided the house of Kphite Tullah from Ngakhuya Ahle Village, who escaped. Found at his home was one single firearm and 11 bullets. All the detainees remain under interrogation.

Two armed men ambushed a soldier yesterday in Maungdaw attacking him with knives.

The soldier fought them back, killing one, but another attacker managed to escape. — GNLM

Workshop on access to news and information held in Nay Pyi Taw

A WORKSHOP on challenges in accessing news and information was held in at Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Pe Myint, Union Minister for Information, underscored the responsibility of the governmental departments to deliver information to the public.

“Journalists are never satisfied with the news they already have,” said Dr Pe Myint. “In terms of governmental departments, they are responsible to deliver news and information to the public. As for newsmen, they are to find out our weaknesses while pointing out and criticising the

three Pillars of the State to the best of their calibre. It is a favorable advantage for the governmental departments to gather facts and figures and reproduce them when they interview them, he added.

“It is a success for a media man to publicise what no one knows, so they are to glean as much as they can, and simultaneously to make it known to the public without delay”, he added.

The meeting was also attended by dignitaries from the office of Union Government, spokespersons from the Supreme Court and Ministries and responsible officials.

The workshop released its

12-point outcome which highlighted the duties of the spokespersons, ethics for news editing, the importance of building trust between the government and media, restrictions on media personnel due to security, posting news releases on the websites of ministries so that media personnel can get information they want to know, assigning court reporters at the Supreme Court and lower courts, timely release of information to the public and seeking permission from the respective heads of the courts to interview the accused and plaintiffs in the compound of a court. — Myanmar News Agency

3rd regular meeting of the 2nd Yangon Region Hluttaw discusses rampant crime, traffic rules violation issue

AT the meeting, Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Aung Tun replied, “Criminal can effectively have action taken if and when there exist good practices of management among judicial bodies. The reason is that it is wholly concerned with the management of judicial bodies to sentence offenders to punishments they deserve,” in answer to a question raised by U Zaw Win Naing, Hluttaw member of Latha Township constituency 1 as to whether there are presently plans and arrangements to take action against rapists of minors, cases of tortur-

ing and armed groups’ murders which occurred in the country.

There were 139 murder cases committed alone or by a pair of perpetrators up to October 2016, 159 murder cases committed by two or alone in 2015, 17 group murder cases committed by three or above up to 17 October 2016 and 32 group murder cases committed by three or above, of which 29 had already been sued, it is learnt.

Colonel Tin Aung Tun added, “Offenders were arrested and the State confiscated their possessions seized from them after investigation by anti-Money Lau-

dering Unit.

Thingangyun Constituency MP Nay Phone Latt urged authorities to stop towing cars that break traffic rules in Yangon downtown, suggesting cars’ being locked on street instead of towing.

The MP pointed out that neither the government nor the company is held accountable when cars got damaged while towing.

According to official figures, authorities took action against 450 illegally parked cars last month. It was the highest kind of violation of traffic rules in Yangon.—Ko Moe

Arrangements for displaced persons in Maungdaw discussed

UNION ministers and authorities discussed arrangements for departmental staff and displaced locals to be provided with assistance and security when they resume their duties in Maungdaw.

The meeting held in Rakhine State Regional Government in Sittwe yesterday was attended by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Union Minister for Social

Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Cabinet ministers and departmental officials.

They discussed matters related to staff who abandoned their homes out of fear as violent attacks on border police outposts occurred in the small hours of October 9. Existing personnel are serving in their places of duty under heavy security by the Tat-

mataw-Police-Combined Forces. In other business, building roads connecting villages, implementation of projects small-scale hydro power plants and opening vocational training schools for locals to acquire technical knowledge were also discussed. The Myanmar Police Force is cooperating with the Tatmadaw in order to achieve regional stability in Maungdaw, Rakhine State.—Myanmar News Agency