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Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu (Right) and officials inspect construction of houses for local ethnic people in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

New homes for residents in Maungtaw, Rakhine State

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu inspected reconstruction of villages for ethnic people and returnees from Bangladesh in Maungtaw District.

Together with Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner

U Ye Htut and other departmental officials, he inspected the status of the reconstruction of ethnic villages first.

The officials explained about the progress in the construction in Owe Htane, Thit-

tonena Gwa Sone, Khon Daing, Myawady and Mingyi (new) villages.

The Chief Minister said that the villages must be completed on time and meet the required standards. He also

coordinated the requirements submitted by the local populace. The villages will resettle displaced ethnic nationals from Rakhine, Mro, Khami, Daing-net and Thet.

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MSMEs from Mandalay, Kachin exhibit products

A first-of-its-kind exhibition of the products produced by local micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the Mandalay Region and Kachin State kicked off at the Mandalay Thiri Sports Ground yesterday.

In his opening address at the exhibition, Vice President U Myint Swe pledged to support the innovation of entrepreneurs and MSMEs, so that they can produce products that can penetrate the new market.

The MSMEs exhibition in Mandalay was the first to be held after the government announced its plan to hold MSMEs exhibitions in regions and states, as part of the efforts to evaluate the quality of MSME products.

Nay Pyi Taw will host the national-level exhibition, while national-level award winners will be selected from the nationwide exhibitions.

Some 90 per cent of the country's economy is tied into the private sector, and 99 per cent of the private sector is made up of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), according to statistics.

To assist the MSMEs throughout the country, three bodies to assess, develop and manage funds were formed in January, in accordance with the SME law.

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1. On Wednesday 21 February at 4:40 p.m. an improvised explosive device (IED) setup by an organization, still under investigation, exploded between Yoma Bank and Ayeyarwady Bank at the junction of Lanmadaw Street and Shwebo street, Ward (2), Lashio Town, Shan State killing two innocent women bank staff members and wounding 9 men and 12 women. Innocent people have suffered loss of life and injury. For this I share my sympathies and deep sorrow with the bereaved families.
2. This act of terrorism resulting in the death and injury of innocent people greatly affects the national reconciliation and peace effort that the Union government is consistently striving for.
3. This terrorist act that targets public places and innocent civilians is strongly condemned and to protect the life and property of the people and for rule of law, the perpetrators of this act shall be exposed and effective action taken in accordance with the law.

Aung San Suu Kyi
Chairperson

National Reconciliation and Peace Centre

(Unofficial Translation)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds coord meeting

A joint bill committee coordination meeting to discuss the National Tax Bill was held yesterday morning in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, second floor meeting hall.

The meeting was attended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, Joint Bill Committee and Public Account Joint Committee chairman U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Bill Committee and Public Account Joint Committee deputy chairmen, secretaries, joint secretaries and committee members, Deputy Minis-

ter for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members, officials from the Ministry of Commerce the Union Attorney General Office, business persons from the Union of the Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, members of the NLD economic committee, officials from the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneur Association and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—Myanmar News Agency ■

MMK 500 million donated for UEHRD



THE Myanmar Gems and Jewelry Entrepreneurs Association have donated Ks 500 million for the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development (UEHRD) in Rakhine. The donation was handed over

in a ceremony yesterday at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and was accepted by the Union Minister and UEHRD Vice-Chairman Dr. Win Myat Aye who gave commemorative certificates in return.—MNA ■

President U Htin Kyaw accepts credentials of the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea



President U Htin Kyaw holds talks with Korean Ambassador Mr. Lee Sang-hwa in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

H.E. Mr. Lee Sang-hwa, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letter of Credence to

U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 2.30pm yesterday.

Present on the occasion

were Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Thaung Tun and Director-General U Thant Sin of the Protocol Department.—MNA ■

President accepts credentials of Spanish Ambassador

H.E. Mr. Emilio De Miguel Calabia, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letter of Credence to U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 3.05 pm yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Thaung Tun and Director-General U Thant Sin of the Protocol Department.—Myanmar News Agency ■



President U Htin Kyaw accepts the credentials from Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain Mr. Emilio De Miguel Calabia. **PHOTO: MNA**

Rakhine State Chief Minister inspects construction of homes for ethnic people, returnees

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Also, the Rakhine State Chief Minister and his delegation inspected the land preparation work conducted in Ward 4, Maungdaw Town, where Hindus will be resettled, and then inspected the construction of houses near Zawtikayone monastery, and the construction of a

school and houses in Kainggyi, Kyaukpandu and Inndin villages.

He again said that the construction must be completed on time and meet the required standards, and then coordinated the requirements submitted by the local populace.

Later, the Chief Minister and his delegation arrived at

Asia World Company in Angumaw and enquired about the building of the Maungdaw-Angumaw road, where officials from the Road Department and the company provided explanations. After commenting on their explanations, the Chief Minister left Angumaw by boat for Sitway.—Hein Htet Zaw ■