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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the first coordination meeting of e-Government Steering Committee. PHOTO: MNA

Maungtaw residents to begin farming with gov't help

AUTHORITIES pledged to assist in improving the livelihoods of people in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships, Rakhine State, who have not left for a neighbouring country.

The remark came at the meeting among locals from Maungtaw and Buthidaung and the Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Khin Maung Tin, the Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, and Rakhine State Transport and Electricity Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan at the Maungtaw District General Administration Department yesterday.

At the meeting, the deputy ministers said the government would provide assistance to the local people in the form of job creation in fields such as agriculture and fish and prawn farming.

The authorities requested all communities of Muslims, Hindus and Rakhine to cooperate with the government for the development, security and peace of the Maungtaw District.

The deputy ministers also requested religious leaders in the area to advise their followers not to leave for the neighbouring country, as there are provocations occurring that may be resulting in people leaving their homes. The religious leaders from Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships also urged authorities to create opportunities for them for their education, health, and economic welfare.

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For e-Government, rules needed from the start: State Counsellor

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended and addressed the First Coordination Meeting of e-Government Steering Committee held in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi

Taw yesterday morning.

In her address to the meeting Steering Committee Patron State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said "right from the beginning, e-Government has been included as one of

the policy items in the 12-point Economic policy statement. It was written there that we would strive to implement it. Although it was supposed to be implemented successfully, I have noted that this year, there

has been a slowing down. For e-Government to be implemented speedily and to achieve progress, there are three requirements: skills, investment and cooperation.

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Rakhine State Government receives UN's Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

THE Rakhine State Government received Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Ursula Mueller and party at the State Government assembly hall yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, matters relating to providing humanitarian assistance, implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, the Rakhine State socio-economic development programme being drawn up with international organisations, international organisations freely providing assistance in the state, freedom of travel and health care services provided, preparations made to receive and resettle returnees according to the bilateral agree-



Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator Ursula Mueller and party visit relief camps in Sittway, Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ment were some of the topics discussed.

The party, led by Ursula Mueller, then went to That-kepyin relief camp, Dahpine relief camp and Aung Mingalar

Ward in Sittway Township and met with Muslims. Later, Ursula Mueller and party met with ethnic Rakhine nationals in Mangan Ward, Sittway Town. — Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

Fighter plane pilot posthumously honoured for preventing crash into village

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing called the fallen pilot, who died on Tuesday when his fighter plane crashed, as a hero for his efforts to prevent a crash into a village.

“Without consideration for his own safety, Pilot Maj Arkar Win controlled his fighter up un-

til the last moments so as not to crash into Kyungon Village,” said a news report from the Myawady Daily. A delegation led by General Mya Tun Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) comforted the family of the pilot at the airbase yesterday. They also visited the site of the F-7 fighter crash and expressed

thanks to villagers who tried to save the pilot, who was found amid scattered debris.

A military investigation team announced that the cause of the crash was “technical failure”. The F-7 is a Cold War-era fighter jet, a Chinese-made variant of the Soviet Union's MiG-21.—MNA ■

One killed in terrorist attack on Mro ethnic villagers

ONE woman was killed and another woman injured yesterday when eight Mro ethnic villagers from Khamaungseik Village, Maungtau Township, were attacked while on their way to catch fish by three armed men, authorities said.

Three men armed with machetes and iron rods at-

tacked the villagers near the Shwezun Creek around 12pm yesterday, police said. Six villagers, including three men and three women, ran away and managed to escape from the attack, but Daw Saung Shwe, 40, was found dead later with deep cuts on her head.

Another woman, Daw

Hmwe Shwe, who was missing after the attack, was found alive at around 5pm.

Authorities said action will be taken against the attackers, whom they described as terrorists. Police said prosecution will occur to the fullest extent of the law for the murder of the ethnic female villager.—Kyaw Thu Htet ■

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While implementing in this manner, we must not lose sight of the country's work on regional development work processes jointly implemented within ASEAN countries.

The first requirement for a successful implementation of e-Government works is to establish a strategic vision. In implementing Government to Government (G2G), Government to Business (G2B) and Government to Citizen (G2C) works, services required by the people need to be reviewed first. Only then can the services be effective and beneficial to the people and create a good environment that provides good public services.

Implementing some of the work processes would require much coordination between departments, central offices, Union government and states/regions governments. By that time, it is important to aim toward benefiting the people. Some works will not show visible results in the short term but will have to be conducted to achieve long term results. Relevant government organizations need to specifically designate and assign duties and responsibilities to e-Government (or) IT sub section. Only then can the e-Government works be implemented and run smoothly.

Instead of setting up ICT basic infrastructures individually and separately, setting it up together and sharing it will be more effective and speed up the works. It can be seen that this was how it was done internationally.

It is important to put special emphasis on cyber security and information security in distributing e-Government services. Only when the personal data of the users are safe and secure can the people trust, accept and use e-Government services. Laws and work processes required for cyber, information and data

security need to be drawn up and implemented said the Vice President.

If the e-Government process is successful, sectors like education, health, social and economy will develop. This can be seen clearly if the public services provided in developed countries are studied. The Vice President added to specially concentrate and strive toward successful implementation of e-Government system as per the remark of the Patron of the Steering Committee. All are urged to openly discuss and coordinate based on the Master Plan drawn up in alignment with the economic policy set by the government, said the Vice President.

Afterwards, e-Government Steering Committee Vice Chairman (1) Union Minister U Thaung Tun and Vice Chairman (2) Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung discussed and explained extensively about e-Government work processes.

Following this, Union Ministers, states/regions Chief Ministers, technicians and experts provided their suggestions and discussed about requirements on implementing the e-Government work processes. Steering Committee Chairman the Vice President and officials explained and discussed about the suggestions and discussions made.

The meeting came to a conclusion after e-Government Steering Committee Chairman Vice President U Myint Swe delivered a concluding speech.

Present at the meeting were members of the e-Government Steering Committee, Union Ministers, Union Attorney General, Union Auditor General, Union Civil Service Board Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, States/Regions Chief Ministers, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor, Deputy Ministers, Myanmar Computer Federation patron U Thaung Tin and officials.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Maungtau residents to begin farming with government help

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Following the meeting, the delegation led by the two deputy ministers visited Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre, which can accommodate about

30,000 people.

The centre is comprised of 525 buildings, and work on construction of the buildings started on 13 January.

Afterwards, the delegation

met with Rakhine and Mro ethnic people from Kaigy, Mawrawady, Udaung, Tharaykonbaung, Shwebaho and pledged to provide seeds, inputs and machinery to them in time for the coming rain-

fed farming season. Authorities are also planning to assist in livestock farming for the villagers.

Following the meeting, they toured the buildings constructed for the Mro ethnic people.

The Yangon Region Government constructed 56 houses and Bago Region Government 64 houses for local Mro ethnic people.—Kyaw Thu Win and Aye Min Thu ■

We have been ready for repatriation since 23 January 2018: UEHRD Chief Coordinator

By Thi Thi Min,
Min Thit (MNA)

THE Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) is setting up and implementing a work process to reconstruct and develop Rakhine State.

Following is the interview with UEHRD Chief Coordinator Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet on the present status of reconstruction and development works and works conducted to receive the returnees who left for another country.

Q. Explain about the reconstruction and development works conducted by UEHRD in Maungdaw region, Rakhine State.

A. The work was started since 17 October 2017. There are three basic works. First is humanitarian. Next is resettlement and the third is development. That is why we call it HRD. The first thing to know is the three works of HRD was in a way that was never done in our country before. The private sector is cooperating in it. It is a joint response by the government and private sector on events that occurred in Rakhine State. In the past, the usual response after such events is by the government only. This time, it is a national response. The government led, but the private sector, civil society organisations, media and youth all participated. We are doing emergency works as well as important works.

The emergency work is to be ready to receive the returnees. The first challenge was agreeing to start receiving the returnees according to the agreement on 23 January 2018. We took lessons from past experiences and readied Nga Khu Ya and Taung Pyo Letwe reception centres.

As we prepare the reception centres, we have to prepare to resettle them. We are striving toward resettling them nearest to where they stay in the past. Our understanding is to reconstruct Rakhine State into a better situation than it was in the past.

Rakhine State actually has a lot of potential. Outsiders



UEHRD Chief Coordinator Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet talks during an interview with MNA. PHOTO: YE HTUT

ers saw Rakhine State as only Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung. Actually, there are 17 townships in Rakhine State. People don't see Ngapali when they hear the word Rakhine State. They don't see Myo Haung and Mrauk-U. They don't see Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone. Rakhine State shouldn't be seen narrowly. Don't look at it selectively. Our duty is to complete the three tasks assigned by the State Counsellor up to standards. Resettlement is important and so is humanitarian.

Here, relevant ministry is assessing the people who left our country in order for them to return. If the people really lived in our country, relevant ministries are preparing to receive them according to international norm. On our part, we cooperate with private businesses and private sector organisations to construct buildings, build roads and provide health care. Not only doctors but business owners also provide health care. It is very encouraging to see businesses engaging deeply

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in these matters.

On the other hand, a special economic zone is being established in Maungdaw. Maungdaw merchant's association is leading this with the support of the Myanmar chamber of commerce. Now the port is ready and goods can be sent through the port.

Another is the agriculture sector. After the event of 25 August 2017, rice fields became ripe. There was no one to reap it. The owners were nowhere nearby. Our UEHRD agriculture group provided machineries to harvest the rice. We are not confiscating the rice

as accused. We kept a record. Some were sold and this was also recorded. If owners can show that they are the rightful owners, they'll be provided with cash for what is sold or in kind in rice.

As assigned by the country, we are creating a situation to enable those who want to return. In the three townships, there are people who lived peacefully and we are creating job opportunity for them. Looking at the situation from an economic point of views, the root of the problems in Rakhine State is lack of economic development. Job creation was

low. Because there is no job, other problems happen. That is why we are discussing with businesses to create job opportunity and increase income. If we can do these and establish an economic zone, there can be changes in the situation.

The view from inside the country is important and so is the view from outside the country. We can ignore international views and concentrate only on the local views. On the other side, it is not possible to take the international views and neglect the local views. There is the matter of the sovereignty of our country. At this situation, the international side is not satisfied and so is the national side. So we have to be careful between the two.

Questions were raised for accepting the returnees and questions were raised for not accepting the returnees. But we will prove by our work.

Local media could not overwhelm the international media. News in the international media is in a different form. Due to that the view on our country is not clear. It is lopsided. We are now working on a strategy of proving with our work. This is the situation of our country. We will say it very simply. This is why the events happen. We are not being extreme as accused. But we could not counter it this way. We will counter it by our work.

For UEHRD's works, the role of the ministries and private sector are very important. As they are paying attention to the political situation, they have offered to throw their weight behind the activities of UEHRD. Some thought that the businessmen would participate in the activities of UEHRD first and take their own opportunities. There is no situation here to get such kinds of opportunities for them. We just seek help from them. No big developers from Yangon and Mandalay are involved in these activities. But they help to control the quality of the buildings. Developers for the buildings are ethnic Rakhine businessmen, developers from Sittway and Maungdaw. We are satisfied with this. It is the strength of the private sector.

We want to prove that the

role of the government, the private sector and SCOs are important for the UEHRD's works. We must build trust. At this point, one thing is we need to consider the opinion of ethnic people, and about their worries and anxieties. We need to understand that Rakhine State is the border region and the security of the border region is the first priority.

From an economic point of view, Rakhine State has significant prospects for business. There are natural gas fields off the Rakhine coast. The fishing industry can be expanded in Rakhine State. When we accomplished the airport in MraukU, we attracted many tourists. We consider these points not for businessmen, but for creating job opportunities for local people.

On the other side, the government is negotiating with the UN agencies and NGOs to provide aid from international communities to Rakhine.

International businesses are invited to Rakhine as a place for good investment. Invitations are made to come

to this place where there are good opportunities. But there is one thing. The security must be good.

As mentioned in current news, it is important to come back. If they don't come back, they will have more challenges to meet. Some don't come back and went to Thailand by boat. There are mentions of people from here going to Malaysia. We assured them three things.

We will provide security in the best possible way. Returnees shouldn't be forced to return. They should return of their own free will. When they return, we'll provide them with opportunities to live a life of dignity. These are the three assurances we gave to them. The UEHRD is doing its part to create job opportunities. Schools, hospitals and clinics are being built.

Ethnic Rakhine nationals are the majority in Rakhine State, but in northern Rakhine State, ethnic Rakhine nationals are the minority. The majority are of a different religion. The concerns and worries of the ethnic Rakhine nationals also



need to be put into consideration. Other society's concerns should also be noted. We have to keep in mind these two things.

Q. What is the current situation of areas where terrorist acts occurred?

A. Security operations were no longer conducted in areas where the UEHRD is working. What can be seen are the reception centres being readied to receive the returnees. There are no security operations near the reception centres, resettlement areas and villages built for ethnic nationals. There are only some border forces who

Whether they return or not, we are discussing with international organisations on what to do and how to coordinate for them to return.

are taking up normal security works. The area is stable and peaceful.

Q. Explain a bit more about the readiness to receive the returnees.

A. We were ready since 23 January 2018 to receive the returnees. It is included in the newspapers. A bilateral agreement was already signed. Since then, forms were sent for returnees to fill in so that it can be done quickly. Those who want to return are to fill out the forms. Detailed instructions were provided on how to fill out the form. Forms could not be entered in any way they

want. Requirement of a family photo and thumb prints were explained repeatedly. But the forms were not filled out completely. I don't know whether they don't understand what we say or don't know how to fill the form.

To answer the question of whether we are ready, I will have to say we are ready. The buildings are ready. The hospital and clinics are ready. Whether they return or not, we are discussing with international organisations on what to do and how to coordinate for them to return. ■

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