

Implementation committee on recommendations on Rakhine State holds coordination meeting

THE coordination meeting 4/2018 of the Implementation Committee on Recommendations on Rakhine State was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Present at the meeting were Committee Chairman Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Joint Chairman Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Secretary Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut, Joint Secretary Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, committee members and departmental officials. In his opening speech at the meeting, the committee chairman said its first report was published and news and conduct of the respective ministries would be compiled for the period from January to the end of April 2018. "The report will be a good one if facts and figures are provided systematically. Work committees to receive and resettle displaced persons have been formed and arrangements are being made to conduct the works effectively. It is important for us to show readiness to receive the returnees. Transit and reception centres are ready. The resettling of returnees at homes, removal of fears, building physical and mental trust and confidence should be conducted according to the law and explained clearly," he said.

The union minister also spoke about the worries of the displaced persons regarding the freedom of movement, period of stay in transit centre, resettling in their former places and the right to apply for citizenship during his trip to Bangladesh.

The displaced persons were told of the true aims and work conducted by the government. "Only if there is an understand-



The work coordination meeting 4/2018 of the Implementation Committee on Recommendations on Rakhine State being held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

ing, will they return and our works will be accomplished," said the union minister. These works are connected to the suggestions made by Kofi Annan. To raise awareness of the national verification process, the eight benefits of holding an NVC prepared in the Myanmar-English languages need to be published in media. By holding an NVC, the application for citizenship can be made within five months, according to the law, and on acquiring the national status, basic rights, including health, education and freedom of movement, can be obtained, he noted.

"When the displaced persons return, they will be able to resume their life. The most important thing is the wrong knowledge of NVC. Only few realise that they will get their rights once they acquire the NVC. They must be informed about this. Of the 88 recommendations made on Rakhine State, 57 are being conducted effectively, while all are urged to suggest and discuss about following up on the

remaining 31 recommendations. Preparations are being made to close down the internally displaced person (IDP) camps in Rakhine State that came into existence in 2012. These need to be closed down quickly and completed accordingly. Difficulties must be overcome through cooperation, and closing of these camps will be done according to the set priorities. Progress has been made in closing down the Myebon IDP camp. Discussions with camp representatives are progressing to close down the Kyauktaw Nidin camp, Sittway That Ke Pyin camp and the Khaung Dukka camp. The work on closing down the remaining camps will continue," the union minister said.

Next, U Nyi Pu, joint chairman, called for effective and timely implementation of the suggestions. The preparations for future works must be based on experience. The implementation of the suggestions, accepting of returnees and resettlement works must be done

together, and at the moment, progress has been made by the committee to close down the IDP camps. Regional stability must be achieved. Plans for accepting the returnees and achieving regional stability should be prepared together.

Some Muslims fled to other country, but many Muslims stayed back. More than 300 ethnic nationals from other country are being settled in seven places. Their livelihoods and citizenship also need to be addressed.

At the moment, accommodation has been provided and agriculture, livestock breeding and small enterprises will be developed next. Such works should not be conducted only for the Maungdaw region, but for the entire Rakhine State. Travel, agriculture, livestock breeding and fishery works can be done in Rakhine State.

The ministry is constructing the Mrauk U airport, while the state will build more infrastructure. Media plays an important role in the work of resettling dis-

placed persons, and it should show the true situation, the chief minister said.

Later, Maj-Gen Than Htut, committee secretary, discussed the prioritisation of selection of ethnic national youths from the Rakhine State to attend the youth colleges for national races, under the ministry, and assigning the graduates to the ministries, according to the proposed numbers.

The deputy minister further explained that the ethnic national villages that were constructed had been transferred to the Rakhine State government, and the ethnic nationals were being settled there. As part of the work to close down the Myebon IDP camp, the construction of 50 houses have been completed, the deputy minister said.

Following this, U Soe Aung, committee joint secretary, explained that under the Memorandum of Understanding for Rakhine State's development, signed between the Myanmar and Indian governments, US\$5 million per year for five years, totalling \$25 million, would be provided and proposals for education, health, agriculture, natural environment and culture, raising the capacity of women and the childcare sectors need to be made by the respective ministries, and only then can works be implemented quickly. Discussions and negotiations were held with the both communities in Rakhine State to close down the IDP camps during the trip with the deputy minister for State Counsellor's office, said the deputy minister.

Officials from the ministries then discussed about the works conducted ministry wise in Rakhine State, the future works and requirements. Committee chairman and those in attendance also joined in the discussion. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Automatic weather observation system installed in six states, regions

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications has completed the installation of automatic weather observation systems (AWOS) and water-level sensors in six states and regions affected by floods, according to a report in

City News Daily yesterday.

The ministry has been installing 80 sets of AWOS and 10 sets of water-level sensors under the disaster management plan of the World Bank.

"We have already installed

20 sets of weather observation equipment to modernise the natural disaster forecasting and warning system in Myanmar, funded by South Korea," said an official from the ministry.

Myanmar should be alert to

storms in April and May, which are the pre-monsoon months, said U Tun Lwin, a veteran meteorologist. Nimbus clouds are likely at noon and evening in Kachin, Shan, Chin, northern Rakhine and Southern Mon states and

the Sagaing, northern Mandalay and Tanintharyi regions, the likelihood being 35 to 45 per cent.

Nimbus clouds can lead to lightning, thunder, heavy rainfall, strong winds and hailstones, he added.—GNLM ■



Today at this time, we are witnessing the transformation of an era and a system in accordance with democratic principles. This is just the beginning of the democratic transition. To make this transition process smooth and successful, it is very important for our peoples, government employees and civil servants to change their dogmatic mindset and habits. Those government institutions which are lagging behind in the transformation process will need to be put under tight management controls. The country's weak judiciary system would need to be strengthened. More efforts need to be exerted to stamp out corruption. More efforts need to be exerted to prevent human rights violations. More efforts need to be exerted to crack down illegal drug trade. We need to manage public funds properly so that there is no wastage. Measures need to be taken to return confiscated farmland to farmers and to give compensation to farmers for losses they have suffered in accordance with the law. We also need to improve the socio-economic life of farmers, improve the lives of workers and ensure that students gain access to higher education.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)



We face various kinds of internal and external challenges while we endeavor for political, economic and social development of our country. As we are aware of the importance of our international responsibility, we have adopted a path consistent with the needs and situation of our country respecting at the same time the views and opinions of the international community.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

State Counsellor returns from Viet Nam

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where information and education department head Ms. Cu Thi Minh gave a guided tour.

Following this, the State Counsellor went to the Myanmar Embassy and met with staff, families of the embassy, the Military Attaché and Myanmar state scholar students.

After this, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi went to the office of the General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam and met with General Secretary H.E. Mr. Nguyen Phu Trong. At the meeting, matters relating to increasing Myanmar-Viet Nam bilateral relations and contacts between the governments, parliaments, parties and the peoples, especially exchange of youth representative groups and cooperation with international organizations in ASEAN and the region were discussed.

From there, the State Coun-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is welcomed back by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe (right) at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

sellor went to the office of the Chair of the National Assembly of Viet Nam and met with Chairwoman of the National Assem-

bly of Viet Nam H.E. Madame Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan.

During the meeting, views and thoughts were exchanged

and discussed on increasing bilateral friendship and cooperation, cooperation between the parliaments of Myanmar and

Viet Nam, exchanging study tours of parliament members and the people, legislative works of the parliament and experiences of the economic development of Viet Nam.

After the meeting, the State Counsellor and party were seen off at Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport by Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Dang Dinh Quy, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs. Luan Thuy Duong, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Kyaw Soe Win and wife, Military Attache Col. Aung Kyaw Oo and other officials.

The State Counsellor and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport later in the evening and were greeted by Union Minister for the State Counsellor's Office U Kyaw Tint Swe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung and wife, Viet Nam Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Le Gia Thinh and other officials.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Deputy Minister for Information receives BBC correspondent

DEPUTY MINISTER for Information U Aung Hla Tun received Nick Beake, the Myanmar correspondent for BBC News, at the Ministry of Information yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to building trust between the Ministry of Information and BBC News, long-term cooperation matters, broadcasting of

BBC English language lessons through state-owned radio and television programmes, conducting of skill training for staff, works implemented by the government in Rakhine State, long-term works in the region, the status of sending media groups to the region, and reporting from Myanmar without bias and with journalism ethics.—Myanmar News Agency



Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun (Centre Left) holds talks with Nick Beake, (Centre Right) the Myanmar correspondent for BBC News, at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Second coordination meeting of displaced persons accepting and resettlement committee

UNION Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attended and addressed a second coordination meeting of Displaced Persons Accepting and Resettlement Committee, held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday.

The union minister said the committee was formed to manage and conduct systematically, according to the procedures and law, the work of accepting and resettling displaced persons.

As per the bilateral agreement on the return of displaced persons from Rakhine State, signed by the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh, Myanmar has been ready to accept the returnees since 23 January, but no official repatriations were conducted. A press conference was held to explain the reasons for the delay after a trip was made to Bangladesh to investigate the matter.



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye addresses the second coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

While conducting the work to receive returnees, specified forms need to be filled systematically. The eight benefits of holding a national verification card (NVC), prepared in the

Myanmar-English languages by the National Registration Department, will be published in media. Additionally, two work committees were formed. The returnees have to enter the

country through the reception centres, according to the bilateral agreement, and will have to stay temporarily at the reception centres and produce the NVC. During the rainy season, work

on hard surfacing of the roads and installation of culverts will be conducted. Further, arrangements for fuel for the Tatmadaw vehicles, formation of management and other administrative groups at the transit and reception centres, matters of farm land and provision for food allowance will be made, besides providing systematic water supply and latrines for houses in the resettlement areas.

While implementing the works, plans will be drawn up and submitted for usage of funds. Discussions were conducted with the Rakhine State government to arrange for the construction of roads and dikes, said the union minister.

Next, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, committee members and other officials discussed in detail the sectors for which they were responsible.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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