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Photo shows low-cost housing project being implemented by the government in office for the ethnic races of Rakhine State. **PHOTO: NAING LIN**

Government has built 30 low-cost buildings, comprising 422 apartments for Rakhine people

DURING its two years in office, the government has built 30 buildings, comprising 422 apartments, to provide low-cost homes for the people of Rakhine State, said an official of the Urban and Housing Development Department.

"The low-cost housing plan has already reached 14 of the 17 townships in Rakhine State. The plan will be implemented in the remaining three townships

— Ponnagyun, Gwa and An — next year," said the official.

"Those who cannot buy an apartment can avail of homes on rent.

In state capital Sittway alone, we are building a four-unit six-storey building and an eight-unit six-storey building comprising 72 rooms.

The project has been completed 95 per cent. We are going to rent out the rooms to in-service personnel and pensioners,"

he said.

The government will bear the cost of buying the land, and building and installing all the necessary facilities, including roads, bridges, power and water supply. Buyers have to bear only the construction cost. So the price is low," he said.

The price of a ground-floor apartment is Ks22 million, while a top-floor apartment will cost Ks16 million.

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pensioners and the public are entitled to apply for the apartments.

Cash payments can be made in lump sum or in instalments at the relevant banks, he added.

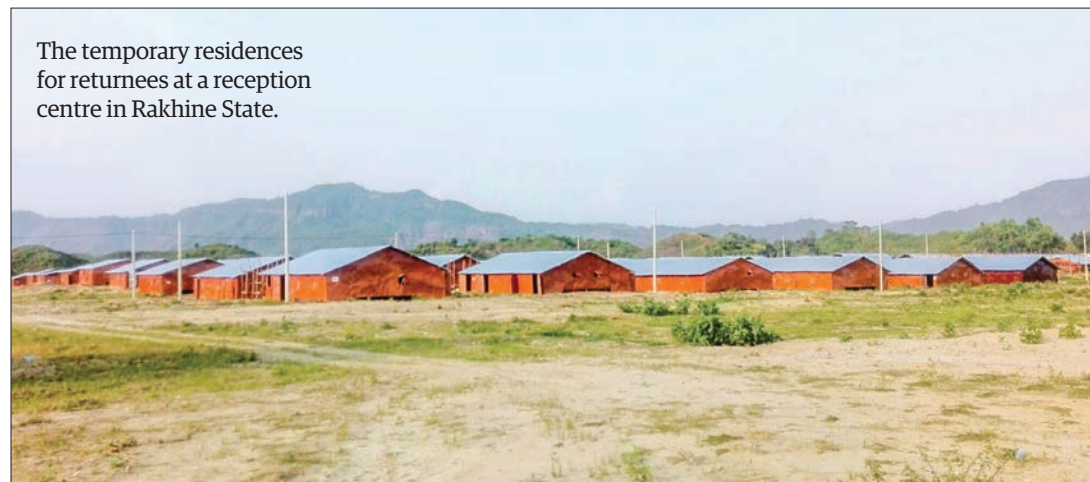
The department, operating under the supervision of the Rakhine State government, is implementing housing projects to improve the social standards in the state.— Myo Myint, Han Lin Naing ■

“ Our country is still in poverty with necessities in every sector; which is why we need to carry on our struggle and work hard in all sectors. In the international arena, we are facing pressure, criticisms and misunderstandings. The challenges and difficulties our country and our people are facing today are many. Although every issue cannot be solved easily, we will have to make utmost efforts to solve these issues according to each priority sector.

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

“ I would like the people to assist and support the peace efforts of our Union Government. I would especially want the youth to look to the future and join in this effort. I have observed that youth have been participating in these efforts.

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



The temporary residences for returnees at a reception centre in Rakhine State.

Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor inspects repatriation in Rakhine



Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin at a coordination meeting to assess the repatriation process in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Khin Maung Tin, Rakhine State Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Mining U Kyaw Lwin, and Rakhine State Minister for Electric Power and Transport U Aung Kyaw Zan

arrived in Maungdaw yesterday morning.

He met with representatives of construction companies at the meeting hall of the District General Administration Department.

Later, a delegation led by

the deputy minister inspected Pyuema Creek on the highway connecting Maungdaw-Taung Pyo Letwe Town and Nga Khu Ya- KyeinChaung-Taung Pyo-Letwe-KyeinChaung- Bandoola Road.

Next, the deputy minister and his delegation arrived at the Nga Khu Ya Reception Centre and surveyed the situation.

The deputy minister and his delegation then arrived at Hla Pho Khaung Transit Centre and instructed the officials responsible to construct safe and stronger buildings, repair the box culvert and maintain a systematic water system. He also inspected the local dam and related constructions and instructed on the requirements of the construction companies. —District IPRD ■

Four tollgates to be built along Shwebo-Myitkyina Road

FOUR tollgates equipped with modern technologies will be built in Mohnyin, Hopin, Mogaung and Myitkyina Townships on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Kachin State within two years.

With the arrangement of Kachin State government, Shwebo-Myitkyina Road will be extended to 24 ft from 18 ft

and will be upgraded to tarred road from concrete one. “The road will be six lanes where tollgates equipped with CCTV cameras and X-ray machines will be built,” an official from the Department of Road said.

Kachin State’s Development Affairs Department instructed all operators who run wheel tax revenue to abide by

Kachin State government’s decision to halt “wheel tax” collected at entrances to townships starting from 19 April.

Licenses to collect “wheel tax” across Kachin State for six months from April to September were auctioned by respective township Development Affairs Department through a tender system. —Ni Toe ■

Pyithu Hluttaw to hold eighth regular meeting on 14 May

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Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw has sent the invitation letters to the Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives to attend the regular meeting.

Whether they receive the invitation or not, MPs must inform at the Pyithu Hluttaw building I-12 not earlier than 12 May, not later than 13 May bringing together with them the MP identity cards.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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Whether they receive the invitation or not, MPs must inform at the Amyotha Hluttaw building I-19 not earlier than 12 May, not later than 13 May bringing together with them the MP identity cards.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Number of Primary School Teachers in Myanmar

