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Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with the delegation composed of Permanent Representatives to UN and representatives from immediate neighbours of Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives UN officials

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi underscores Myanmar's readiness to receive the verified returnees at meeting with UN delegation

A DELEGATION composed of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations/representatives from immediate neighbours of Myanmar including current ASEAN Chair, and Member States of the United Nations Security Council arrived Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon of 30 April 2018.

During their stay in Nay Pyi

Taw, the delegation paid a courtesy call on State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at 1530 hrs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the call, the State Counsellor underscored Myanmar's readiness to receive the verified returnees and necessary cooperation of Bangladesh to expedite the repatriation process quickly. It is important

for Bangladesh side to use prescribed forms agreed by both countries as early as possible for verification.

Furthermore, the State Counsellor also explained to the delegation on the matters pertaining to providing humanitarian assistance to affected communities, rebuilding trust and confidence among communities, citizenship issue, on-go-

ing closure of IDP camps, issuance of national verification cards (NVCs), restoring rule of law, issue of resettlement on the international boundary line between the two countries, possible recurrence of terrorist attacks at any time, necessity to find the root cause of the conflict, prevention of hate speech, and encouragement for school education.

Afterwards, the delegation met with Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services at the office of the Commander-in-Chief in the afternoon.

Then, the delegation held a comprehensive discussion with U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, U Thaung Tun,

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Message of Greetings sent by President U Win Myint

On the occasion of Workers' Day which falls on 1st May 2018

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We are now working to supervise, manage and establish skills standards according to priority areas; to register and provide accreditation to training departments, assessment and inspection departments including the private sector according to sectors; and to produce systems for inspection and accreditation in accordance with national level skills standard frameworks.

Furthermore, to create job opportunities at home and abroad, we have established policies for labor and migration matters. We have established all over the country a total of 83 labor offices to assist in job searches. For those in remote areas we are operating mobile teams for labor registration for providing service at the ground level; in addition we have organized job fairs for job seekers within the country.

For workers to work in foreign countries and to ensure that they get rights and benefits in accordance with the law, we have signed MOUs relating to migrant workers with the host countries. We are working with them in close consultation. We are working in close cooperation with the IOM – International Organization for Migration, concerned Ministries, NGOs, to ensure that our migrant workers can travel and work free from danger. We are doing this in countries which have a high population of our migrant workers such as Thailand, Malaysia and Republic of Korea. We have appointed Labor Attaches and they are making sure that our workers are getting the full rights and benefits. We have also opened free training courses for providing assistance and guidance to prospective migrant workers in Yangon and Mandalay.

We have opened Migrant Resource Centres in all big cities all over the country. These centres are working in collaboration with relevant organizations to ensure that migrant workers get the information they need.

Dear esteemed workers,

Labor inspection officers are working to make sure that workers who are working in factories, shops and offices are getting benefits and rights in accordance with the law with respect to pay, work days and holidays, work hours, workplace safety, and health. In addition we are conducting educative seminars to promote the awareness of labor laws. We are also working to enact a new law for safety and health of workers at the work site.

Furthermore, we are working to review the minimum wage every two years the minimum wage that was fixed in 2015 according to the 2013 Minimum Wage Law. Soon, we will be able to announce a new minimum wage that has been fixed according to the findings of the tripartite committees for fixing minimum wage that have been established in all regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw.

The Arbitration committee composed of representatives of employers and employees has been formed to solve the labour disputes. A tripartite group comprising representatives of the government, employers and employees, township arbitration groups, region and state juries and jury council sit down at the negotiation table to solve the labour disputes which cannot be settled by the arbitration committee.

Workers are being provided with social security rights in accordance with the Social Security Law-2012 and efforts are being made to expand coverage of the social security system. As Myanmar became a member of the ASEAN Social Security Association-ASSA and International Social Security Association-ISSA, the Union Government will carry out the good practices of the international social security systems. The Union Government is committed to improvement of the livelihood of workers by managing the social security funds effectively.

Dear esteemed workers,

Due to the increase in awareness about elimination

of forced labour, the people and authorities has been getting more understanding about it and the country has seen spirally downward of the rate of forced labour issues which happened due to the condition of our country's economy. I wish to let all of you know that the elimination of forced labour is in sight. The project for elimination of forced labour-2018 will be implemented in cooperation with the International Labour Organization-ILO. Besides, the Union Government formed the national-level committee on elimination of child labour cases and the committee has been cooperating with the government, employers and civil society organizations.

Today, workers have rights to form of labour organizations, which have not existed in Myanmar for decades. The workers have been allowed to form labour organizations so that the employers can become responsible businessmen, can acknowledge and respect the basic rights of workers, the workers and labour organizations can become a responsible partner for the government and employers and can build mutual trust and respect to be able to cooperate with each other with the supervision of the government in boosting the production and in development of the country. According to the 2011- Labour Organization Law, there are 2,772 employer and labour organizations representing employers and employees.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely urge employers and employees nationwide to actively and constructively cooperate with the government and participate in the works undertaken by the State joining hands with the government to overcome the challenges and obstacles as the government has adopted policies and implemented them to promote full labour rights, to create job opportunities, socio-economic development, to promote safety and health care and to expand social security of workers who are the major driving force for the development of the State.

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Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Chairman of the Implementation Committee on Recommendations on Rakhine State, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Chief Coordinator of Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement, and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), U Win Mra, U Tun Myat, U Khin Maung Lay, U Hla Myint and Dr. Daw Khin Nyo, who are national members of Advisory Board on Rakhine State, Dr. Thet Thet Zin, Chairperson of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Dr. Tha Nyan, U Myo Nyunt, U Maung Maung, U Aung Soe Lwin, Dr. Tin Hla, U Aung Naing, Dr. Hla Tun, U Than Lwin, and U Tin Myint from Interfaith Dialogue at Shwe San Eain Hotel in the evening.

In the evening, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, hosted a working dinner for the delegation at Shwe San Eain Hotel. —Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

Senior General receives Permanent Representatives of UNSC permanent member countries

TATMADAW Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a group of Permanent Representatives of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) member countries led by Mr. Gustavo Meza Cuadra Velasquez of Peru in Bayintnaung Guest House, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting members of the group of Permanent Representatives of United Nations Security Council member countries led by Mr. Gustavo Meza Cuadra Velasquez of Peru asked about security matters at Buthidaung and Maungdaw region in northern Rakhine State, status of receiving returnees from the other country, cooperation with United Nations organisations, returning and living in harmony and matters conducted by Tatmadaw in accordance with the law.

In reply to the questions, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing told of the Tatmadaw following rules and laws as it is the sole defence organisation representing the country, conducting its work according to international laws and procedures, taking effective actions according to the law for those who

breaks those laws and procedures, present situations in northern Rakhine States being caused by the actions of the extremist terrorists, readiness of Myanmar to receive returnees from the other country according to the bilateral agreement, Tatmadaw ready to cooperate according to the instruction of the State Government, sexual violence considered as despicable acts according to the tradition, culture and religion of the country and actions being taken against any offenders, Tatmadaw taking harsh and stronger actions against such offenders, requirement of humanitarian aids from international organisations to be provided equally to local ethnic nationals, studying and reviewing the documentary and photographic evidences provided to understand the true events, raise questions openly during the trip to Rakhine State on 1 May and to draw conclusion fairly.

Afterwards, books containing documents and photographs of Rakhine State event were presented to the group of Permanent Representatives of UNSC member countries led by Mr. Gustavo Meza Cuadra Velasquez it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■