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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Right) welcomes Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Mr. Wang Zhengwei (Left) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives CPPCC Vice Chairman

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) H.E. Mr. Wang Zhengwei and his delegation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to bilateral relations and cooperation, the peace process and the situation in Rakhine State. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Independent media group collects news in Maungtaw

By Min Min Zaw (MNA)

An independent media group including foreign journalists arrived at Angu Maw Port in Yathedaung Township, yesterday morning. The media group reached Inn Din village and met the local people to gather news.

Next, the group travelled to Kainggyi (Mro) village in Maungtaw Township, and interviewed Village Administrator U San Htun. They then continued to the Maungtaw District General Administration Department, where Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut explained the work for stability, the rule of law and resettlement and development in Rakhine State. He also briefed on terrorists attacks by ARSA in 2016 and 2017, and actions taken against the ARSA terrorists in accordance with the law, measures for food sufficiency, and readiness for repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh.

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

Civil aviation department to take action against UAE pilot flying in no-fly zone

THE Department of Civil Aviation has released an official notice to take suitable action against the pilot of a UAE Emirates flight for flying close to a prohibited airspace.

The department will also send an official notice to the civil aviation department on the UAE's side, so that the relevant airline and department can perform the necessary investigations and contact Myanmar's side.

Director U Soe Paing of the civil aviation department told reporters that his department had sent a notice to the Dubai-based airline via an operation manager in Yangon yesterday. "They will have their own procedures on how to deal with this. They will reply informing us about the course of action they will take," said U Soe Paing. He added that his department would soon send an official notice to the UAE side about the action they would take.

The civil aviation department has restricted any aircraft from flying below an altitude of 24,000 feet over the Yangon civil area, including the Shwedagon Pagoda. However, on 20 March at 6.55 p.m., a Boeing 777-31H(ER), en route from Yangon to Phnom Penh, flew at a low altitude over Yangon City.

Upon investigation, the pilot replied that he crossed the restricted airspace due to weather conditions.

"He said that soon after takeoff, the weather was not favourable for flying and to avoid potential danger to the passengers, he meant to turn the plane around and passed through the no-fly zone," said Director U Soe Paing. "However, international rules indicate that under no circumstances should an aircraft cross the no-fly zone. We will take action according to standard protocol."— Shin Min ■

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Chinese Special Envoy for Asain Affairs Mr. Sun Guoxiang in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives China's Special Envoy for Asian Affairs

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr. Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 11.15 a.m. in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to bilateral relations and cooperation, the peace process and the situation in Rakhine State.—MNA ■

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They proceeded to Hla Pho Khaung transit centre, which is a temporary camp for people who are to be accepted systematically by repatriation camps. U Tin Soe, person in charge of the camp, detailed out the readiness for the repatriation process and replied to questions raised by the media personnel.

The media group visited Pan Taw Pyin village, where U Annowar, the Village Administrator of Pan Taw Pyin, spoke about terrorist attacks, the process of repatriation, new village construction, matters of NV Cards, and development of work processes and the socio-economic status of the region. Later, they went to the Kanyintan market and collected news.

The media group included journalists and reporters from Tokyo Shinbum, TV Asahi, Nikkei Shinbum, Yunnan, Xinhua, Guangming Daily, CRI, Myanmar Time, Financial Time, ARD (German TV), RFI (Radio France International), and Belgial Newspaper.

The Union Government arranged media trips to Maungtaw, Rakhine State for local and foreign independent media to cover the peace and development in Maungtaw following the armed attacks on 9th October 2016. ■

Journalists interview Pan Taw Pyin Village's Administrator U Annawar in Pan Taw Pyin Village. **PHOTO: MNA**