

NDMC Vice Chairman attends Mon State natural disaster management committee coord meeting

NATIONAL Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) Vice Chairman Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye addressed the Mon State natural disaster management committee coordination meeting held in the Mon State government office meeting hall yesterday.

He said Myanmar is a country where natural disasters occur every year, and it was conducting preventive works to withstand them. Myanmar is also among the countries that are not ready to face and overcome natural disasters, said the Union Minister.

As advance preventive works, nine motorboats were deployed in Bilin and Kyaukto townships of Mon State, where there were natural disasters every year. At the moment, floods were occurring in Mawlamyine town and three motor-

boats were brought along during this trip. The Union Government and state government will split and conduct long-term and short-term rehabilitation works. On the matter of a landslide incident in Kyaukthanlan Pagoda, NDMC will form a reconstruction committee with experts to provide the necessary advice and the departments attending the meeting are to discuss and suggest department-wise damages, losses and requirements.

Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan, state ministers and officials presented the damages and losses in Mon State owing to heavy rains, and discussed the status of opening of temporary camps for the affected people and the requirements in detail, as well as the follow-up arrangements.

Next, the union minister handed over to the chief minister and officials three motorboats



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye meets with people affected by the floods at the temporary camps in Mon State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

for rescue, relief and preventive works, 40,000 water purification tablet packages, and over Ks15.5 million as food allowances for 7,407 people affected by the floods.

The union minister and the delegation then went to No. 11 Basic Education High School, Shwezedi monastery, Basic Education Primary School (Hline) and Thaddhamma cetana monastery, where temporary camps

for affected persons were opened to encourage people, and provide cash support for one week of food and soaps. The elderly were provided additional cash support.

From there, the union minister and the delegation went to the Department of Social Welfare's vocational training school and met volunteer organizations, local elders and departmental staff. At the meeting, civil

society organizations discussed their works, their participation in preventive, responsive and rehabilitation works, and the union minister, directors-general and officials explained and discussed them. Owing to heavy rains in Mon State that began on 16 June, there was flooding, resulting in damages and losses in Mawlamyine, Chaungzon, Kyaukmaraw, Mudon and Ye towns.— Myanmar News Agency ■

UN Special Envoy visits Maungtaw District

MS. Christine Schraner Burgener, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Myanmar, led a delegation to Maungtaw District on 17 June accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin and Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Phone Tint.

The UN Special Envoy first met with officials from INGOs and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) at the OCHA office.

Next, the UN Special Envoy and delegation met with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu and state ministers at the State Hluttaw building and discussed the current affairs and ongoing processes in Rakhine State.

Next, the UN Special Envoy along with the Deputy Minister for Construction and State Minister Col. Phone Tint traveled first to the IDP camp in Myebon Town and then to the IDP camp in Thakkepyin Village in Sittway and met with the families temporarily living there.

Yesterday, The UN Special Envoy, deputy minister, and state



UNSG's Special Envoy Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener visits IDP camp in Thakkepyin Village in Maungtaw. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN**

minister travelled to Taung Pyo Letwe Village and viewed the bridge joining the borders of Myanmar and Bangladesh, then visited the reception centre. They then visited and interviewed the people residing on the boundary line. Afterwards, at Kyein Chaung village hall, the deputy minister explained about the progress of rebuilding houses destroyed during the 2016-2017 terrorist attacks and the UN Special Envoy then visited the completed houses. They then visited Hla Phoe Kaung transit centre from the sky with helicopters.

Next, at the Maungtaw Dis-

trict General Administration Office, the UN Special Envoy met with the remaining family members of Muslims, Hindus, and Mro ethnic people who had been killed and gave words of encouragement. The UN Special Envoy then traveled to Pan Taw Pyin Village and met with families who remained behind during the terrorist attacks who are now residing in houses built by the Yangon Region Government. The UN Special Envoy and entourage then returned to Sittway in the evening and flew back to Yangon.— Aung Thu, Nay Win Tun ■

Kayah State Government organizes budget literacy and planning workshop

THE workshop demonstrates the Kayah State government's commitment to strengthen democratic governance and equip local civil society organizations with technical knowledge on budget planning.

Loikaw, 18 June 2018 – The Kayah State Government, with the support of The Asia Foundation, organized its first ever Budget Literacy and Planning Workshop for civil society organizations on 14th and 15th of June at Kayah Resort in Loikaw.

The workshop, organized with the objective of increasing budget transparency and equipping civil society organizations with technical knowledge on the budget planning process, was attended by 50 participants including government officials, local social aid groups and charity association, women organizations, members of parliament from the Kayah State Democratic Party and civil society organizations from across the Kayah State.

The workshop focussed on the state and region budget



Kayah State Chief Minister, U L Phaung Sho, speaking at the workshop. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

planning process and cycle, tax revenue and expenditure, good practices on public finance management, and the role of civil society organizations is increasing in budget transparency and accountability. The government announced that the second Budget Literacy and Planning Workshop will take place in July 2018, while a state-level Budget Transparency Forum for officials from the Kayah State Hluttaw, technical experts and civil society organizations will be held later this year.—GNLM ■