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### **UEHRD makes inspection tours of Rakhine State to make plans for repatriates**

Sittway, January 2

Dr. Win Myat Aye, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, together with Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) Chief Coordinator Dr.AungTunThet, and Deputy Minister U SoeAung, conducted a field inspection on 2 January to review the planned repatriation and resettlement sites in villages for those who fled to Bangladesh after the terrorist attacks of August 2017.

They coordinated on resettling the repatriates to their original villages, or places nearby, to enable them to work in the same field as before, if they desired, or to take up better jobs.

The Union Minister and his party arrived in Mrauk U District, Myebon Town, Taungpaw IDP camp, and met with displaced persons living in the camp. Furthermore, the Union Minister coordinated with several departments to fulfil their education and health requirements, close down the current camp and conduct systematic resettlements.

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## **Arrangements are being made to allow repatriates to earn their living without any difficulty**

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The following are the extracts from the interviews with Dr. Win Myat Aye and Dr. Aung Tun Thet who inspected the relocation and resettlement projects conducted in villages at Maungtau region.

Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement said that the visit to Rakhine State is mainly to implement the recommendations of the report of the Advisory Commission led by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and to make the resettlement of the UEHRD issue.

Regarding the implementation committee, two parts have been arranged to carry out: discussing matters relating to the closing of the refugee camps which were opened in 2012; and relocating and resettling the refugee camps.

Arrangements are being made to (allow repatriates to) earn their living without any difficulty, and to build the construction projects in Taung Pyo Letwe camp, Nga Khu Ya camp and Hla Pho Khaung camp. The objective is to effectively provide humanitarian aid, as there are many difficulties and problems on ways of living, food and shelter in Rakhine State.

Dr. Aung Tun Thet said that the purpose of this visit is to look into the construction sites and to supervise the resettlement projects. All private sector organizations and businessmen are invited to take part in the projects where they have expertise. This project is led by the government and private sectors have contributed enormously to it, as a whole.

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## **Meeting on IDP camps, freedom of movement matters held in Rakhine State**

Naypyitaw, January 2

The committee responsible for implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State held a meeting on IDP camps and freedom of movement matters on 2 January at the Rakhine State Government meeting hall in Sittway.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement said there is a need to provide rights of movement for those staying in the IDP camps, as well as for them to conduct matters for their livelihoods. It is more beneficial for them if they have opportunities for work, education and health instead of relying on humanitarian assistance. To implement this, those living in the IDP camps are urged to cooperate and work together according to the law.

The Union Minister, State Chief Minister, state ministers, state-level departmental officials and people staying in the IDP camp discussed, coordinated and agreed on closing the present camp, resettling in an appropriate place and to continue discussion on details of their resettlement.

Explanations were provided on the benefit of holding an NV Card and to verify nationality according to the law for acquiring freedom of movement.

Rakhine State Chief Minister, Rakhine state ministers and responsible persons then met with management committee members of the Thetkeyin IDP camp and discussed the current status of the camp, requirements to resettle Thetkeyin IDP camp inhabitants and matters relating to freedom of movement.

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