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Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner meets IDPs in Rakhine State

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On 7 March, Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut and other officials visited IDPs from Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships who fled their homes after the 25 August 2017 terrorist attacks and are temporarily settled near the mouth of Mho Win creek to cross into Bangladesh.

The officials inquired the reasons for fleeing their homes, why they want to cross over to Bangladesh, the difficulties they are currently facing and their needs and their requirements. Officials discovered that initially a total of 666 residents from 15 villages in Buthidaung and 2 villages in Yathedaung had taken up temporary shelter in the area but 210 of them had already left for Bangladesh leaving 456 people behind. The IDPs claim that scarcity of jobs, food, and threats from ARSA terrorists are the reasons for crossing over to Bangladesh.

U Ye Htut assured the IDPs that authorities responsible will do all they can to provide security and they are collaborating with NGOs to provide weekly and monthly humanitarian aid to villages in afflicted areas. He said District and Township Administration Committees have issued special documents to allow workers to travel within workplaces in Buthidaung and Maungtaw.

The IDPs replied that Hluttaw representatives and Muslim leaders have discussed matters with them to relocate back to their hometowns but they are voluntarily leaving for Bangladesh where their relatives are already settled.

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