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Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP visit to Rakhine State

Sittway February 11

Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom and Dr. Win Myat Aye, the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, travelled to Sittway in a special plane and were welcomed by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu.

The Foreign Secretary and his entourage then travelled to Pantaw Pyin Village Tract in Northern Rakhine via military helicopter. The village tract is mostly populated by Muslims. Johnson spoke with the villagers there and asked them about the fire incidents and the help they had received from the Union government.

Later, they inspected the construction of houses for the villagers, which were being built with the help of the Yangon Region government. They then travelled to Taung Pyo Letwe Township and inspected and toured the temporary repatriation office there.

Mr. Johnson was briefed by officials on the repatriation process. Arrangements have been made at Taung Pyo Letwe Camp to accept returnees from Bangladesh returning by land, and at Nga Ku Ya's repatriation camp for those returning by sea. Returnees will also have access to a temporary shelter in Hla Pho Kaung Camp, a transit camp.

The Foreign Secretary later thanked the officials responsible for showing him around Rakhine State and said he supported the efforts being made by the Union Government in the repatriation process and for Rakhine State's development. He said Britain was interested in further discussions to support education and healthcare for women and children, as part of Britain's Department for International Development plans.



Johnson and his entourage then travelled back to Sittway from Taung Pyo Letwe and flew to Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

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Diplomats, UN officials urged to share true situation details

Sittway February 9

Diplomats and UN agencies toured Rakhine State on 9 February to observe the readiness for repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh. The delegation headed by U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, visited two repatriation camps and one transit camp in Maungtaw, Rakhine State.

This is the second trip for diplomats and UN Agencies to disseminate accurate information to international communities on the government's efforts for repatriation. At Sittway Airport, Union Minister briefed the delegation on the repatriation process and measures taken by the Union Government and the Rakhine State Government under the bilateral agreement with Bangladesh.

U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister of Rakhine State, also requested the diplomats and UN officials to cooperate with the government in sharing the true situation in Rakhine with international communities. He also urged the delegation to assist the Rakhine State government in its repatriation efforts and resettlement for returnees from Bangladesh and development in Rakhine State.

Following the briefing, they flew to Taung Pyo Letwe camp, where displaced people who will return by road will be accepted.

The delegation toured Taung Pyo Letwe camp before they flew to Nga Khu Ya camp by helicopter. Nga Khu Ya camp will be used for accepting those who return by waterway.

The delegation observed the steps for the scrutinisation process and the issuing of National Verification cards to the returnees.

In the evening, the delegation visited the Muslim community in Pantawpyin Village and viewed completion of houses by the Yangon Region Government.



In the visit to Pantawpyin Village, diplomats and UN officials asked the villagers about their security, education, health, economic and social situation.

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Ks78 million for mothers, children in Maungtaw Township

Maungtaw February 10

Under the Maternal and Child Cash Transfer (MCCT) programme to help expecting mothers and children under 2 years of age, over Ks78 million was given to qualified people between 5 and 9 February in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, it is learnt. The provision of cash assistance was jointly conducted by the Maungtaw Township Health Department and the General Administration Department, with a total of 2,180 expecting mothers from 67 wards and village tracts each provided with Ks45,000, for a total cash outlay of more than Ks78 million.

This is the first time the MCCT programme has been implemented in a ward or village in Maungtaw Township, and there are plans for another disbursement of cash at the end February, it is learnt.

— Hein Htet Zaw, The Global New Light of Myanmar

The Report to the People on the Progress of Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State

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“The current issues in Rakhine State are not only the concern of Rakhine State alone but also the concern of the country as a whole. The stability, peace and development of Rakhine State are absolutely critical for the whole country to become stable, peaceful and developed.

The Advisory Commission on Rakhine State submitted its interim report in March, 2017. The implementation of the recommendations of the interim report started from 1 April, 2017 and in order to increase the momentum, the Government established the Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine



State with 19 members on 9 October, 2017. The Committee has to release its Report to the People on the progress of its implementation every four months. This report covers the period from 1 April, 2017 when the implementation of the recommendations started before the formation of the Committee up to 31 December, 2017.”

The report can be seen on today The Global New Light of Myanmar’s Newspaper.

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