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Plans made for systematic repatriation of refugees

Sittwe, January 12

According to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Myanmar and Bangladesh, preparations are being made for the return of refugees to Rakhine State, said Deputy Chairman of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Rakhine State Dr. Win Myat Aye.

He also said, "Plans are being made for the returnees to make systematic repatriation, which will begin from January 23, 2018", at the coordination meeting in at the Rakhine State Government Office in Sittway on 12 January.

According to the MoU, arrangements are being made to resettle the returnees in their former hometowns or in the nearest locations available after they return to the region.

—MNA, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Repatriation, resettlement clarified to people in Sittway, Rakhine State

Sittwe, January 13

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement met with Sayadaws and local people in Sittway, Rakhine State, on 12 January, clarifying efforts of the Union Government for peace, repatriation of refugees and resettlement.

At the meeting, local residents discussed the current challenges of the Rakhine people and presented the points that the government should implement to better livelihoods of the ethnic people with peace in the future.

Union Minister elaborated on measures being taken by the UEHRD to develop Rakhine State without conflicts. Following the discussion by the local people, Union



Minister clarified the current efforts of UEHRD for socio-economic development, assisting in small and medium-sized enterprises and creating job opportunities in Rakhine State.

—MNA, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Repatriation camps will be ready on time, say officials

Sittwe, January 14

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement accompanied by the Chief Minister of Rakhine State, addressed the coordination meeting to publicize the cash-aid program of expectant mothers and their under-two-year old babies in Sittway, on 13 January morning.

The Union minister and party met Islamic people temporarily living at a relief camp near Kyeeganbyin village in Maungtaw Township. The Union minister told them that he and his party had come there to coordinate the rebuilding of homes for them since, despite their homes having been destroyed by fire during terrorist attacks, they had not fled to the other country.

Resettlement will be carried out within the legal framework. Village-type homes will be rebuilt in the areas nearest to the places where they earn their livings. The project is to be carried out soon.

The Union minister and party also inspected Hla Po Khaung camp, which will be a temporary medium camp for people who are to be accepted systematically by repatriation camps.

The 124-acre Hla Po Khaung will accommodate about 30,000 people in its 625 buildings. Forty buildings will be completed by 25 January and 100 by 31 January. Each building can accommodate 80 persons.

At the Ngakhuya repatriation camp they inspected the systematic repatriation plans. They assisted in the work of erecting buildings in time to house the staff working at the camp, and installing generators and power lines for two repatriation camps and a medium camp.

On arrival at Ohhtain village, where Hindu returnees will be housed, they observed construction and progress in building homes.



Myanmar has already made preparations to start the repatriation of persons who fled to the other country by 23 January, under the bilateral agreement reached with Bangladesh.

—MNA, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Japanese Foreign Minister observes reconstruction works in Maungtaw

Maungtaw, January 13

A delegation led by Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono, accompanied by the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, UEHRD Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet and Departmental officials visited Maungtaw region, Rakhine State to observe reconstruction works on 13 January.

The party arrived in Pan Taw Pyin Village tract, where Dr. Win Myat Aye explained the resettlement lands and buildings that are being constructed on it.

The Japanese Foreign Minister met with the villagers, then toured the schools and accommodations in the village. The party then arrived at the repatriation camp and viewed preparation works.

—Aung Ye Thwin, Ko Min, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Sitagu Asia Royal eye specialist team to visit Maungtaw District, Rakhine State

Maungtaw, January 12

The Sitagu Asia Royal eye specialist team will visit the Maungtaw Town People's Hospital from January 23 to 26 to treat eye patients in Maungtaw District.

The eye tests and operations will start on January 24. Eye patients living in the vicinity of Maungtaw Township can also come for treatment. This is the first time for an eye specialist team to be visiting Maungtaw Township, and patients seeking treatment have to register in Maungtaw Town People's Hospital.

—Aung YeThwin, Ko Min, The Global New Light of Myanmar



NVC issued to residents in Sittway Aung Mingalar Ward

Sittwe, January 13

State Immigration and Population Department officials traveled to Sittway Aung Mingalar Ward on 12 January morning to issue the National Verification Card (NVC) to 24 residents.

Among those receiving the cards were 9 men and 15 women, as a first step in the process of being reviewed for citizenship.

In an earlier issuing of NVC to residents of Sittway Aung Mingalar Ward on 7 January 2018, 66 residents, including 25 men and 38 women, were issued with NVC, as 90 residents have been issued NVC cards.

—Win Min Soe (IPRD), The Global New Light of Myanmar

Volunteers undergo training for humanitarian services

Naypyitaw, January 14

The fourth group of volunteers began training on 13 January morning to provide humanitarian services in Rakhine State in Yangon.

The three-day course, from January 14 to 16, will provide instructions on basic legal procedures, in connection with the humanitarian services, preparations for the field tour, social harmony, conflict management, peace building and reconciliation.

Volunteers will also learn about data compilation, documentation, reporting and conflict management in the areas where they are providing humanitarian services and aid.

The first course was held from November 5 to 24, 2017, the second from November 24 to December 13, 2017, and the third from December 16, 2017, to January 4, 2018 respectively.

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