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Repatriation process to commence next Tuesday

Naypyitaw, January 16

A repatriation plan was signed on 16 January that will allow the return of displaced Myanmar residents who fled to Bangladesh to escape conflict in Myanmar last year, following a meeting of the neighbouring countries in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar would receive the returnees who fled Rakhine State five days per week, according to the statement released by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The first meeting of the Joint Working Group on the Repatriation of Displaced Myanmar Residents from Bangladesh was held on Monday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and continued on 16 January.

According to the Physical Arrangement agreement, Myanmar will receive verified returnees at TaungPyoLetwe reception centre for those who will be dispatched by land routes, and Nga KhuYa reception centre for those who will be sent back by river routes.

Myanmar side will also use Hla Pho Kaung as transit camp for the returnees. Bangladesh will establish five transit camps. Both sides agreed that the repatriation process will commence on 23 January.

During the JWG meeting, Myanmar handed over the list to the Bangladesh delegation and requested that they be extradited in compliance with the Agreement on Border Arrangement and Cooperation (Border Ground Rules) signed in 1980. Myanmar also spoke of preventive measures to be taken in anticipation of possible attacks by ARSA terrorists during the course of the repatriation process. The crisis in Rakhine State erupted after Islamic terrorist attacks on security posts on 25 August.

—The Global New Light of Myanmar



Names of more than 1,300 ARSA terrorists sent to Bangladesh

Naypyitaw, January 16

A list containing names of more than 1,300 ArakanRohingya Salvation Army (ARSA)terrorists members had been sent to Bangladesh.

It was done at the 4th Myanmar-Bangladesh Central-Level Meeting on Border Security and Law Enforcement Cooperation held in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 November 2017, it is learnt.

In addition, it is learnt that Bangladesh was also informed to extradite the ARSA extremist terrorists according to the 1980 Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Agreement so that action can be taken against them according to the law.

Photos and information of ARSA Terrorists who involved in Maung Taw counter attacks on 25-8-2017 can be seen in supplementary of today's Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper.

—MNA, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Union Minister separately receives Ambassadors from New Zealand and Netherlands

Naypyitaw, January 16

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr. Win Myat Aye separately receivedthe Ambassador of New Zealand to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Steve-marshall, andAmbassador of Netherlandsto Myanmar H.E. Mr. WouterJurgens on 16 January.

At meeting with Ambassador of New Zealand, they discussed reconciliation, peace and stability in Rakhine people society, misunderstanding aspects of International organization upon Rakhine Affairs, development of economic in region, construction of basic infrastructure, exchanged views on experiences of New Zealand, assistant to farmers to plantwinter crops in southern Rakhine and cooperation with UEHRD for economic development of Rakhine.

At meeting with Ambassador of Netherlands, they discussed the priorities work to ensure the socio-economic development in Rakhine, preparing of Ngakhuyareception



centre and TaungPyoLetwe reception centre and construction of buildings for 30,000 peoples at Hla Pho Kaung transit camp.

—MNA, The Mirror

Trade volume at Maungtaw Trade Zone exceeds target

Maungtaw, January 16

Border trade in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, exceeded the target of the 2017-2018 FY, reaching more than US\$9 million up to 14 January, according to an official of the trade zone.

The trade zone set the target of US\$6 million, with US\$5 million from exports and US\$1 million from imports in this current fiscal year, which started on 1 April and ended on 31 March.

Myanmar's main exports to Bangladesh are rice, ginger, silk, cotton, onions, fish, prawns, dried fish, bamboo, sugar cane and industrial goods.

The trade zones between Myanmar and Bangladesh mostly rely on the swell and ebb of the river, and the KanyinChaung trade zone is being developed to pave the way for larger cargo vessels, according to officials.

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