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State Counsellor sends condolences for victims of Rakhine State riot

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed condolences on 17 January to the victims of the riot that occurred in Mrauk-U, Rakhine State on Tuesday, and pledged to probe the incident, take action against those who violated the law, and restore community peace and the rule of law.

The State Counsellor expressed her condolences to the Rakhine ethnic people who were killed or injured, as well as the police who were injured in that incident, officials said.

—MNA, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Seven killed, 12 injured in Mrauk-U riot

January 17, 2018

Seven civilians were killed and 12 injured by police during a protest that turned into a riot on 16 January night in Mrauk-U, Rakhine State over the banning of a literature talk marking the anniversary of the end of the ancient Rakhine Kingdom.

A ceremony to mark the 233rd anniversary of the fall of Rakhine Kingdom was held at Nandawyaron 16 January morning. But the Rakhine State Government prohibited the talk related to the ceremony from being held at the same place later in the evening.

Just before the talk was originally scheduled to begin, the Mrauk-U District General Administration Department cut the power supply to the event, resulting in raised voices from the people gathered there, officials said.



By 8:30 pm, about 5,000 people had gathered and marched on Yangon-Sittway Road towards the Mrauk-U District General Administration Office. By 9 pm, the number of people gathered outside the office had reached about 10,000, authorities said.

As authorities repeatedly asked the gathering through hand-held speakers to disperse, demonstrators launched stones with slingshots and threw bricks at security forces, and later allegedly tried to seize the weapons of two policemen. Soon after, protesters broke open the fence surrounding the General Administration Office in Mrauk-U and entered the offices.

It was reported that some of the protesters hoisted the flag of Rakhine State atop the flagpole at the General Administration Office.

Authorities said security forces tried to disperse the rioting crowd using their police batons and shields, with little success.

With permission from district management authorities, police fired about 20 warning shots with assault rifles and about 40 warning shots with bolt-action rifles.

At this point, authorities said some rioters tried to seize guns from the security forces, who warned protesters several times that they would open fire with real bullets to control the riot. It was reported that rubber bullets had been fired earlier to try and disperse the crowd.

With the rioting escalating, authorities said security forces fired 10 shots into the crowd with assault rifles and bolt-action rifles, killing seven people, and injuring 12. Twenty policemen were injured in the incident.

According to a police source, at the point when the crowd in the compound of Mrauk-U District General Administration Office reached 4,000, there were only 30 police officers on site.

Police said a case has been opened and an investigation will be launched during which it will be determined whether the procedures used to try and control the protesters were in compliance with the law.

Authorities said they will investigate the incident and action will be taken against those who instigated the rioting.

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Charges filed against MP, writer following their talk in Yathedaung, Rakhine State

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Police have filed charges under the Section 17 (1) of the Unlawful Association Law against Dr. Aye Maung and writer Wai Hin Aung, who gave a talk to mark the 233rd anniversary of the fall of the Rakhine Kingdom in Yathedaung Monday.

The talk was organised by the May Yu Yin Thwe social service society at the Cedi Yingana Monastery in Taungyintan Ward in Yathedaung Township from 1 pm to 3:15 pm.

The talk by Dr. Aye Maung and author Wai Hin Aung, also known as Aung Kyaw Win, was discussed at the Rakhine State Government's cabinet meeting held on 16 January, at which they decided to open a file in accordance with the law against the men and others who were involved in organising the talk, authorities said.

The charges were filed on Tuesday evening at the Yathedaung Police Station against Dr. Aye Maung and Wai Hin Aung under Section 17 (1) of the Unlawful Association Law.

Wai Hin Aung has been detained at the Sittway Township Police Station, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

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Implementation committee on recommendations on Rakhine State prepares to compile its 4-month report

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The committee on implementing recommendations on Rakhine State held its 7th coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 January.

Union Minister urged the committee to take the hopes of the people in Rakhine State into consideration when it is implementing the recommendations.

When implementing the recommendations for development of Rakhine State, the committee is obliged to seek harmony and security to the two communities which



are living in fear and mistrust each other. In the discussion at the meeting, the Chief Minister of Rakhine State, said he hoped that all departments concerned would do their best to submit the fourmonth report of the committee, stressed the importance of close coordination between the Union Government and Rakhine State Government in making the works of the committee a success.

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Norwegian Ambassador, UNDP Country Director call on Union Minister

Naypyitaw January 17

Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, received Norwegian Ambassador Ms Tone Tinnes and Peter Batchelor, Country Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), separately on 17 January.

The meeting between the Union Minister and the Norwegian Ambassador focused on several issues, such as boosting assistance and cooperation, assisting in repatriation and resettlement, providing security, healthcare and arrangement for vocational opportunity to returnees from Bangladesh, issuing National Verification Cards and closing the remaining internally displaced person camps that were constructed in 2012.

At the meeting with the Country Director of UNDP, the Union Minister discussed matters related to holding a coordination meeting with donors for implementing the Myanmar Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction, carrying out state-level preparedness programmes for earthquakes with the assistance of the European Union, adopting measures for the development of Rakhine State with the assistance of the Japanese government and preparing for the repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh.

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Maung Taw District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut meets repatriates in border areas

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Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner U Ye Htut and officials met repatriates who stay at the temporary camps near Taungpyoletwe village of Myanmar-Bangladesh border areas, on 17 January.

During the meeting, U Ye Htut explained the process of citizenship scrutiny and agreements which was being made between Myanmar and Bangladesh governments, and also clarified matters relating to bilateral agreements between Myanmar and Bangladesh, Humanitarian assistance and border affairs, it was learnt.

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Photos and information of ARSA Terrorist Group continue

The continuation of supplementary columns on photos and information of ARSA Terrorists who involved in Maung Taw counter attacks on 25 August 2017 can also be seen on today The Global New Light of Myanmar's Newspaper.
