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Union Minister separately receives Thai, EU Ambassadors

Naypyitaw, January 19

The Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and party received separately H.E. Mr. Jukr Boon-Long, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to Myanmar, and H.E. Mr. Kristian Schmidt, Ambassador of the European Union to Myanmar, at Nay Pyi Taw on 19 January.

During the meeting, Ambassador Jukr Boon-Long expressed Thailand's willingness to assist in construction projects, the rehabilitation sector, the repatriation process, and peace and stability in Rakhine state. UEHRD's chief coordinator, Dr. Aung TunThet, requested that the ambassador share Thailand's experience in using the Smart Farming Method as the Myanmar government wants to establish modern farming in Rakhine State. Union Minister received US\$250,000 donated by Thai government and presented a certificate of honour to the Ambassador.

During the meeting with the EU Ambassador, Union Minister said that he welcomed the suggestions made by the EU commission and discussed matter concerning freedom of travel and issuing of national scrutiny cards in the region.

—MNA, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Authorities in Maungtaw ensure camp completion for returnees

Maungtaw, January 19

Authorities toured Maungtaw, Rakhine State, on 18 January and inspected the construction of houses to be used for repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh slated to begin on 23 January.



The delegation headed by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu visited the HlaPhoeKhaung, Ngakhuya and TaungPyoLetwe camps and insisted on completion of the finishing touches on buildings, medical clinics and sanitation infrastructures.

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

Myanmar will receive returnees five days per week. Bangladesh will provide, in advance, the list of prospective returnees and duly filled verification forms to Myanmar side to ensure a smooth verification process, according to the agreement.

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

Healthcare services ready for returnees in Rakhine

Sittwe, January 21

The Ministry of Health and Sports will provide healthcare services at camps that will start scrutinising and accepting displaced persons from 23 January, under an agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The Director General of the Public Health Department said the ministry had already finalised its healthcare programme that will be provided at the repatriation camps. The repatriation programme involves officials of the department and its partners, such as the WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and UNOPS of the UN. These officials have arrived here to introduce management functions.

The immigration department is currently adopting repatriation procedures, while the health sector has already formed 11-member teams led by a doctor. The teams will conduct medical check-ups of the returnees to determine if they are suffering from any infectious diseases. If a returnee is found to be suffering from any severe illness, the ambulances on standby at the camps will take them to the hospital in Maungtaw.

The Hla Poe Khuang camp already has 12-member health teams led by a doctor. All the repatriation camps will have an adequate supply of medical equipment and medicines.



Each camp will accept 150 returnees daily, which makes it 300 returnees per day. The health teams are expected to handle this number. Arrangements have also been made to ensure there are no shortages in healthcare services provided to ethnic people of other regions and states.

—Tin Tun (IPRD), The Global New Light of Myanmar

Social workers deliver humanitarian aid to Maungtaw and Buthidaung

Maungtaw, January 21

The fourth wave of young social workers have arrived in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships on 20 January to aid the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Developments in Rakhine (UEHRD) efforts there.

The social workers went around the two towns to distribute rice, oil, salt, sardine cans, onions, potatoes and baby milk powders to families living in the area. They had divided into two groups to assist the townships respectively.

Social workers have delivered aid to Maungtaw and Buthidaung since November 2017 and provided humanitarian aid to around 35,408 people in 84 villages.

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

Rice listed as main export to Bangladesh through Maungtaw Trade Zone

Maungtaw, January 20

Rice exports to Bangladesh reached more than 13,400 tons through the Maungtaw Trade Zone, becoming the largest export to the neighbouring country in the ten months of the 2017-2018 FY. Up to 14 January 2017-2018 FY, 13420 tons of rice had been exported. The first largest export to Bangladesh is rice, while the second is aquatic products, and the third follows instant foods and other manufacturing products.

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 way for larger cargo vessels, according to officials.

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



Photos and information of ARSA Terrorist Group continue

Naypyitaw January 22

The continuation of supplementary columns on photos and information of ARSA Terrorists who involved in Maungtaw counter attacks on 25 August 2017 can also be seen on 20 and 21 of January's The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper.
