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State Counsellor receives UN Permanent Representatives

Nay Pyi Taw, April 30

A delegation composed of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations/representatives from immediate neighbours of Myanmar including current ASEAN Chair, and Member States of the United Nations Security Council arrived Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon of 30 April 2018.

During their stay in Nay Pyi Taw, the delegation paid a courtesy call on State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at 1530 hrs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the call, the State Counsellor underscored Myanmar's readiness to receive the verified returnees and necessary cooperation of Bangladesh to expedite the repatriation process quickly. It is important for Bangladesh side to use prescribed forms agreed by both countries as early as possible for verification. Furthermore, the State Counsellor also explained to the delegation on the matters pertaining to providing humanitarian assistance to affected communities, rebuilding trust and confidence among communities, citizenship issue, on-going closure of IDP camps, issuance of national verification cards (NVCs), restoring rule of law, issue of resettlement on the international boundary line between the two countries, possible recurrence of terrorist attacks at any time, necessity to find the root cause of the conflict, prevention of hate speech, and encouragement for school education.

Afterwards, the delegation met with Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services at the office of the Commander-in-Chief in the afternoon.

Then, the delegation held a comprehensive discussion with U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for the



Office of the Union Government, Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Chairman of the Implementation Committee on Recommendations on Rakhine State, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Chief Coordinator of Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement, and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), U Win Mra, U Tun Myat, national members of Advisory Board on Rakhine State, Chairperson of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Interfaith Dialogue at Shwe San Eain Hotel in the evening.

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UN Permanent Representatives visits Rakhine

Sittway, May 1

A delegation of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations/representatives from neighbouring countries, including the current ASEAN chair and Member States of the United Nations Security Council arrived in Sittway, Rakhine State, yesterday morning to observe the situation in the Maungtaw region.

The delegation was accompanied by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and Union Enterprises for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet.

At the airport meeting hall, Union Minister and UEHRD Chief Coordinator explained the arrangements made for the trip, the history of UEHRD, works conducted by UEHRD and the plans for long-term stability, peace and development.

Next, Rakhine State Chief Minister explained the works conducted after the occurrence of conflict not only to restore the situation to normalcy but for sustained stability and development, the delicate situation of conflict resolution due to the long history of the issue, arrangements made under the leadership of the government to receive the returnees and receiving of the returnees according to the bilateral agreement.

Later, the delegation, accompanied by the Union Minister and the Chief Minister, left Sittway in helicopters and reached the Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre, Maungtaw Township. In the briefing hall of the reception centre, Maungtaw District Deputy Commissioner explained the construction of the reception centre and the process of receiving the returnees.



The delegation then inspected the Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre, the Myanmar-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge and the process of issuing the NVC to the returnees.

From there, the delegation proceeded to Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre and inspected the buildings in the transit centre, where the returnees will stay temporarily.

The delegation went to Shweza Village, Maungtaw Township, and met the Rakhines, Hindus and Muslims. At the meeting, the Rakhines, Hindus and Muslims said they had been living together in the past without problems and wanted to continue doing so.

The delegation then went to Maungtaw District General Administration Department office to view photographic records of persons who died during the conflict and met the family members of the deceased. At the meeting, the Rakhine families spoke of housing difficulties and their need for a livelihood, while the Hindu families spoke of being fearful for their lives as they were being threatened. The Hindu families also mentioned their bereavement in personally witnessing the murders of their family members, as well as the problems of livelihood.

Following this, the delegation went to Pantawpyin Village, Maungtaw Township, where they met and discussed freely with Muslim families and heard the villagers' first-hand the account of terrorist events and their requirements from the villagers. After this meeting, the delegation departed in helicopters and reached Sittway. At the airport meeting hall, they met social welfare groups and associations.

Later in the evening, the delegation left Sittway for Nay Pyi Taw by Myanmar National Airlines.

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