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Implementation committee on recommendations on Rakhine State holds 4/2018 coordination meeting

Naypyitaw, April 20

The work coordination meeting 4/2018 of the Implementation Committee on Recommendations on Rakhine State was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 April 2018.

In his opening speech, the Committee Chairman Union Minister Dr. Win MyatAye,said the first report of the Implementation Committee on Recommendations on Rakhine State was published and the second report has been compiling. Work committees to receive and resettle displaced persons have been formed to conduct the works effectively. The resettling of returnees at homes, removal of fears, building physical and mental trust and confidence should be conducted according to the law and explained clearly.To raise awareness of the national verification process, the eight benefits of holding an NVC prepared in the Myanmar-English languages need to be published in state-owned media.Of the 88 recommendations made on Rakhine State, 57 are being conducted effectively, while all are urged to suggest and discuss about following up on the remaining 31 recommendations. Preparations are being made to close down the internally displaced person (IDP) camps in Rakhine State that came into existence in 2012.

U NyiPu, joint chairman, said progress has been made by the committee to close down the IDP camps. More than 300 ethnic nationals from the other country are being settled in seven places. Their livelihoods and naturalisation also need to be addressed.Media should show the true situation in the work of resettling displaced persons.

Maj-Gen ThanHtut, committee secretary, discussed the prioritisation of selection of ethnic national youths from the Rakhine State to attend the youth colleges for national races, under the ministry, and assigning the graduates to the ministries, according to the proposed numbers.



U SoeAung, committee joint secretary, explained that under the Memorandum of Understanding for Rakhine State's development, signed between the Myanmar and Indian governments, proposals for education, health, agriculture, natural environment and culture, raising the capacity of women and the childcare sectors need to be made by the respective ministries, and only then can works be implemented quickly.

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Second coordination meeting of displaced persons accepting and resettlement committee

Naypyitaw, April 20

A second coordination meeting of Displaced Persons Accepting and Resettlement Committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 20 April.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye addressed that as per the bilateral agreement on the return of displaced persons from Rakhine State, signed by the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh, Myanmar has been ready to accept the returnees since 23 January, but no official repatriations were conducted. A press conference was held to explain the reasons for the delay after a trip was made to Bangladesh to investigate the matter.

While conducting the work to receive returnees, specified forms need to be filled systematically. The returnees have to enter the country through the reception centres, according to the bilateral agreement, and will have to stay temporarily at the reception centres, holding the NVC.

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Deputy Minister inspects repatriation in Rakhine Maungtaw, April 22

Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U KhinMaung Tin his delegation arrived in Maungtawon 22 April 2018 and met with representatives of construction companies at the meeting hall of the District General Administration Department.

Then, a delegation led by the deputy minister inspected Pyuema Creek and NgaKhuYa- KyeinChaung-TaungpyoLetwe – KyeinChaung - Bandoola Roadon the highway connecting Maungtaw - TaungpyoLetwe Townshipandthe NgaKhuYa Reception Centre.

The deputy minister and his delegation arrived at Hla Pho Khaung Transit Centre and instructed the officials responsible to construct safe and stronger buildings, to repair the box culvert and to maintain a systematic water system. He also inspected the local dam and related constructions and instructed on the requirements of the construction companies.

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Low-cost buildings have been built in Sittway Sittway, April 22

The Urban and Housing Development Department said the government has built 30 buildings, comprising 422 apartments, during its two years in office, to provide low-cost homes for the people of Rakhine State. The low-cost housing plan has already reached 14 of the 17 townships in Rakhine State. The plan will be implemented in the remaining three townships – Ponnagyun, Gwa and An – next year.

Underthe project of houses for rent, a four-unit six-storey building and an eight-unit six-storey building are being constructed inShwepyitha Ward in Sittway. The project has been completed 95 per cent. In-service personnel, pensioners and those who cannot buy an apartment can avail of houses on rent.

Under the low-cost housing plan, four buildings of six-unit three-storeyhas been constructed.The price of a ground floor apartment is Ks. 22 million, while a top floor oneis Ks. 16 million.State service personnel, pensioners and the public are entitled to apply for the apartments.Cash payments can be made in lump sum or in instalments at the relevant banks.

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