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ARSA's massacres of Hindu villagers make headlines in int'l media

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Amnesty International released a report on 22 May stating that new evidence had revealed ARSA terrorists massacred scores in Rakhine State, with the report hitting the headlines in international media on 23 May.

Voice of America (VOA) aired the news titled "New evidence reveals ARSA terrorists massacred scores of Hindus in Rakhine State, says Amnesty International" in its 6 a.m. broadcast on 23 May.

The VOA broadcast quoting the Amnesty International said that the ARSA armed group, brandishing guns and swords, was responsible for the massacre of up to 99 Hindu women, men, and children, as well as the additional unlawful killings and abductions of Hindu villagers in August 2017.

The BBC also broadcast its interview with Laura Haigh, member of the Amnesty International. In the interview, Laura Haigh said Amnesty International found that 99 Hindu women, men, and children were killed in KhaMaungSeik Village by ARSA terrorists, and another six Hindus were also killed by ARSA terrorists in a separate massacre. The ARSA terrorist group is responsible for the killings, said Laura Haigh.

The revelation by the Amnesty International made headlines in foreign media, including in Al Jazeera, CNN, AFP, CNA, FOX News Channel, Sky News, The Straits Times, The Guardian, Daily Mail, The Daily Star, The Independent, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Times of India, TIME and Bangkok Post.

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Union Minister U Thaung Tun objects Bangladesh's activities near the borderline

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Union Minister for the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government and National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun called in the Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Myanmar Mr. Manjurul Karim Khan Chowdhury on 23 May 2018 and handed him an aide memoire regarding the security situation on the border between Boundary Pillar 34 and 35.

The Union Minister reiterated the objection lodged earlier by Myanmar concerning the building of bunkers by Bangladesh near the border line in the No-construction Zone. The Union Minister said that bricks and other construction materials from the Bangladesh side are now being brought into the border area, and pointed out that it can adversely affect the security situation.

The Union Minister called on Bangladesh to remove the bunkers and to prevent the construction. The Union Minister also called upon the Bangladesh side to comply with the provisions contained in the bilateral agreement and prevent activities that may create misunderstanding between the two sides.

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Media group in Maungtau departs from Sittway

Sittway, May 23

An independent media group departed for Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre on 23 May where the center's Deputy Director provided information about the camp and explained the repatriation processes to them.

Next, the media group went to the Myanmar-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge and questioned immigration officers about issuing national verification cards, gathering biometric data, and the repatriation processes. Later, the media group arrived near the border between the two countries to gather news and interviewed people living in the border area. In the afternoon, the media group departed for Yangon.

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