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Coordination meeting on repatriation held

Sittway, May 24

A coordination meeting on the matters of repatriating and resettling returnees was held at the Rakhine State Government's building on 25 May.

At the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister U NyiPu said restoration of peace and stability had been carried out ever since the violent attacks on 25 August 2017. Consequently, the state government was not only performing repatriation and resettlement of returnees, but also planning for their long-term socio-economic development in collaboration with the union government.

Next, Vice Chairman (2) of the Repatriation and Resettlement of Returnees Committee and Deputy Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U KhinMaung Tin explained the process of implementing directions from the President's Office, preparing temporary lodging for returnees at the reception centres, distributing humanitarian aid, preparing transportation, providing security, and keeping records of all activities.

This was followed by departmental officials in attendance explaining their completed processes and collaboration between relevant ministries, to which the Deputy Minister and Chief Minister provided suggestions and discussions.

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



Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Guard Force Battalion commander-level meeting holds

Naypyitaw, May 24

Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Guard Force Battalion commander-level meeting was held on 23 May on the Bangladesh side near the Friendship Bridge.

At the meeting, the Myanmar border guard force asked Bangladesh to remove the installation of four CCTV cameras and 10 solar-powered security lamps near the borderline as soon as possible because they break the rules of the United Nations. Myanmar objected Bangladesh's ignorance of human habitation and a growing population near the borderline and said that this action constituted Bangladesh's support of illegal activity. Myanmar also reminded the Bangladeshi border guard of Myanmar's offer to hand over five Bangladeshi people found on a fishing boat but Bangladesh had not replied yet. The Myanmar side also proposed to promote exchange of information between the two countries.

Myanmar reiterated Bangladesh to stop construction of any structures in the non-construction zone near the borderline and objected to Bangladesh's rations delivery and giving escorts to those who deliver the rations.

Bangladesh urged Myanmar to reduce the announcements by loudspeakers near the border as the noise caused anxiety for their nationals living in Bangladesh, and to reduce the volume of the broadcasts as there are schools and trainings nearby on their side. The Bangladesh border guard said there are still difficulties in repatriation though high-level bilateral meetings are being held. They urged Myanmar's security forces to inform Bangladesh when security measures along the border are carried out. They also asked the Myanmar side to hold a proposed regional commanding officer-level meeting and to inform Bangladesh when infrastructures near the border are built.

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