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Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends the coordination Meeting of Repatriation and Resettlement of Returnees

Sittway November 10

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attended the Coordination Meeting of Repatriation and Resettlement of Returnees held at Rakhine State government office in Sittway.

At the meeting, Union Minister said arrangements have been made to accept returnees from Bangladesh. He also stressed the need to evaluate those displaced people in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures, as well as bilateral agreements, which were ready to be accepted within two months of signing the bilateral agreement.

“Transparency and trust is required in this, and an agreement has been signed with UNHRC/UNDP for UNHCR/ UNDP to assist in the accepting and resettlement process,” he said. He noted that this work must be carried out successfully and all need to be coordinated in order to get the great achievement.

At the meeting, state ministers and officials discussed the requirements, including repatriation and resettlement matters.

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Government affirms readiness to repatriate displaced people from Rakhine State

Yangon November 11

The press conference on Repatriation and Resettlement of Displaced People from Rakhine State was held in Yangon on 11 November 2018. The Committee on Repatriation and Resettlement of Displaced People from Rakhine State has expressed its readiness to allow the return of people displaced from Rakhine, at a rate of 150 people per day.



At the press conference, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye said "We are ready to receive displaced people back at the rate of 150 people per day. As we have made arrangements to accept people coming by road or water ways, we can accept up to 300 persons every day. We are working to repatriate displaced people now, in accordance with that agreement. We held the press conference today to tell you that Bangladesh will be sending people back through waterways to the NgaKhuYa Reception Centre. Divided into five groups, the officials are ready to carry out the scrutinizing process, and the processes for the application of citizenship will also be facilitated in accordance with existing laws. Returnees are free to move everywhere in Maungatw Township, if they hold a National Verification Card. Returnees can receive an ID, called the National Verification Card, that will allow them to travel anywhere in the Maungatw area of Rakhine State. They can then begin to apply for citizenship."

Afterwards, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Myint Thu, explained bilateral negotiations between the two countries for the reception of returnees from Bangladesh, and meetings with returnees staying in Bangladesh. He also said "The third working group meeting on repatriation was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 30 October. Views on reception programs were exchanged at the meeting. The joint working group visited camps at Cox Bazar where returnees were staying and met with about 100 representatives. They also met with representatives of the Hindu community. The group explained to them the arrangements made by Myanmar with documentary aids, and UEHRD's health, education, social, security and socio-economic programs. They also explained the salient features of the NVC."

Later, officials answered queries raised by the media on the reception program. More than 70 media persons from 32 local and foreign news agencies attended the press conference.

The press conference in detail can be observed in newspapers on 12 November 2018.

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