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### **Independent Commission of Enquiry issues press release**

The office of the Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE) issued a press release on 10 January 2019 following their fifth meeting from 8 to 10 January 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon.

The press release stated that the ICOE met with Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Chairman of the Implementation Committee on the Recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State. ICOE was briefed on the work undertaken by the Implementation Committee to address some of the critical issues affecting Rakhine State: development; human rights; security; initiatives for returnees and social cohesion.

The ICOE also met with Lt. General Aye Win, Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and Team Leader of Military Investigation Team (2016) and (2017). During the meeting, information was shared related to the military investigations of the incidents in Rakhine in 2016 and in 2017.

The dialogue between the Commission and U ZawMyintPe, Secretary of Maungdaw Investigation Commission (2016) was most informative and useful for enhancing ICOE's work.

Dr. Kyaw Yin Hlaing, Advisor to the former President of Myanmar and Director of the Center for Diversity and National Harmony, briefed the Commission on his work in Rakhine. The lessons learned from his experiences were useful for ICOE's work, said the commission.

ICOE also met with Mr. Stephan Sakalian, Resident Representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) who shared the work and modalities of the ICRC in Rakhine. ICOE held extensive discussions on the progress of the work of its Evidence Collection and Verification Team (ECVT). It discussed



recruitment of personnel necessary for its effective work. It also discussed visit to Cox's Bazar and second visit to Rakhine State.

The deadline of the "Call for Submissions" had been extended from 31 January 2019 to 28 February 2019.

The Independent Commission of Enquiry was established as part of Myanmar's national initiative to address reconciliation, peace, stability and development in Rakhine.

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