

UN agencies, INGOs getting back to work in Rakhine State

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 April — Operations of UN agencies and INGOs in Rakhine State are returning to normalcy and the Myanmar Police Force is providing staff of those organizations with close protection, the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

According to the ministry, coordination is being made to facilitate trips of all local and foreign staff, who have to submit the trip schedules to the Rakhine State Emergency Coordination Centre.

Since early April 2014, organizations based in the Sittway Hotel and respective offices in Maungtau have resumed their work. Up to date, 10 groups comprising 11 male and 11 female personnel are operating in Sittway while four comprising six male and five female personnel in Maungtau.

Of 23 UN agencies and INGOs, 11 organizations comprising 33 foreign staff are getting back to work at present.

ICRC is operating fuel supplies to relief camps in three villages in Pauktaw Township and other aid groups are coordinating with the Rakhine State Government to resume regional development. Those aid organizations that signed MoUs with respective ministries are working on development undertakings related to the sectors of education, health, vocational training, emergency patient transport, social affairs, transportation and drinking water supply in Rakhine State.—MNA
