

**Vice President addresses the coordination meeting (4/2013) of
Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Stability and Development of
Rakhine State, 17 July 2013**

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the coordination meeting (4/2013) of Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Stability and Development of Rakhine State held at the Ministry of the President Office, today.

It was also attended by Union ministers, the Rakhine State Chief Minister, deputy ministers, responsible persons of the Rakhine State Investigation Commission and departmental officials. In his address, the Vice-President recounted the activities of the central committee that members of the central committee and work committee made an inspection tour of relief camps in Rakhine State and looked into the conditions of the two communities together with diplomats and responsible persons of INGOs about 10 days ago. The committee members also organized a press meet where they met with local and foreign media in Yangon.

Moreover, the committee received a foreign mission that offered assistance to ongoing tasks of the government at a separate meeting and welcomed their assistance.

He continued to say that foreign diplomats welcomed the government's efforts and urged the government to formulate a long-term plan, to establish a Point of Contact and to release information regularly so that it would thereby contribute to international understanding and cooperation; and that they also pointed out Na- Sa-Ka, citizenship law and measures to bring back a harmony between the two communities, warning that internal dispute could be turned into a regional conflict due to matters related to freedom of worship and freedom of travel.

He added that Na-Sa-Ka was disbanded a few days earlier, and that the Secretary of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win would be made a Point of Contact.

He called for the regular release of information after forming an information team, quick resumption of citizenship scrutinizing process, submission of plans of work committees to the comprehensive strategic work committee to be able to formulate a Long-term Plan or a Road Map. He urged the comprehensive strategic work committee to draw a plan after compiling the plans of the committees.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Union minister discussed resettlement and rehabilitation, projects for settling refugees at shelters, job opportunities for their livelihood, tasks being carried out for improvement education, health and transport sectors in the state and measures for long-term plans.

Union ministers also reported on progress of works for peace and tranquility and improvement of health, education and socio economy sector and tasks being carried out.

In his concluding remarks, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the government is developing long-term plans for Rakhine issue which is a necessary task; that international community may also share the similar view. He said that only a harmonious society would be able to ensure the safe and security. Vice-President mentioned that, with regard to the long-term security, it is necessary to develop a comprehensive strategic plan.
