

## **OIC Secretary-General and party visits relief camps in Rakhine State**

Nay Pyi Taw , 15 Nov— Together with Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee for implementation of Peace and Stability and Development of Rakhine State Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Khin Yi, a delegation led by Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Mr Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu left here for Sittway of Rakhine State by air this morning.

On their arrival at Sittway, State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin explained resettlement and rehabilitation works to the Union ministers, the OIC Secretary-General and party at the airport lounge.

Then, they flew to Maungtaw where they met townsenders of the two communities at the office of the Maungtaw district deputy commissioner. The OIC Secretary-General gave an account of OIC, saying that the two communities will be provided with assistance in accord with the policy of Myanmar government and assistance will be given to the 2014 census taking process. OIC's humanitarian aids will be presented through the government, neither other organizations nor OIC directly, he added.

Next, the Turkish Foreign Affairs Minister stressed the need not to base on religious differences. Then, the OIC Secretary-General and party presented supplies to responsible persons. After visiting Thetkelypin relief camp, they held separate talks with townsenders of the two communities at Sittway airport lounge.

They arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

In an interview with Abul Harsat, a local from Ywathit Village in Maungtaw Township, he expressed his view on OIC's visit to Rakhine State, saying that the two communities have been living together peacefully since many years ago. Co-existence is not a problem for the majority of local people, but for a small number of them. We are willing to continue to live together peacefully. I would like OIC to give a helping hand in regional development tasks. He also stressed the importance of peace and stability in the region.—MNA

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