

**Authorities, UN agencies successful in building new shelters for Muslim and Rakhine IDPs: Quintana**

Yangon, 21 Aug— Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Myanmar, left here by air this evening. Before his departure at 6.45 pm, he explained matters on his trip at the lounge of Yangon International Airport and replied to queries raised by local and foreign media.

In the press release, Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana said that in Rakhine State, the state and central government are working well with the international community to address urgent humanitarian needs of both Rakhine Buddhists and the Muslim communities. The authorities and UN agencies have been successful in building new shelters for Muslim and Rakhine IDPs to brave the rainy season in time to prevent a humanitarian crisis.

Throughout the mission, he said, he discussed with stakeholders the issue of constitutional reform. He welcomed the opening of space for discussions on the review of the Constitution and expressed his hope that this will bring concrete results in the near future.

He also said that Myanmar is moving forward in a significant number of areas, which has brought positive changes to the human rights situation, and has the potential to bring further improvements.

In conclusion, he reaffirmed his willingness to work constructively and cooperatively with Myanmar to improve the human rights situation.

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