



News Release

- Order has been restored in the Union of Myanmar after witnessing an unrest started by a local incident by about 140 monks in a town called Sittway in Rakhine State and spread to other cities and towns.
- The monks had staged a demonstration over the rising commodity prices. This action in fact was incompatible with the code of conduct of Buddhist monks who are required to refrain from secular affairs in life.
- However, the situation deteriorated when it was exploited by political opportunists, who were bent to create confrontation with the authorities.
- Curfew that had been imposed since 27 September 2007 in Yangon and Mandalay has been shortened from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. as the conditions have improved in the country.
- The Government of Myanmar rendered full cooperation to Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy, who was dispatched to Myanmar in the wake of recent disturbances. The Special Envoy had the opportunity to meet Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council as well as Acting Prime Minister Lt. Gen. Thein Sein. He was also briefed by the

Spokespersons of the Government led by Minister for Information Brig. Gen. Kyaw Hsan. He also met and discussed with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for two times.

- Myanmar is also witnessing mass rallies by some segment of the society in support of the emerging Constitution and the National Convention. These rallies also denounced the bogus monks and destructive elements that had instigated the ugly confrontation.
- The Union of Myanmar, in the face of adversity, is all the more determined to proceed resolutely towards democracy along the chosen path.

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