



Weekly Report

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Politicization of aid in Arakan State

- Protests against the INGOs working in Rakhine State have escalated to the point where the groups had to temporarily suspend their operations.
- Locals are accusing them of having a bias in their distribution of aid.
- <http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/8768-ingos-pull-out-of-rakhine-state-township-after-protest.html>
- <http://www.dvb.no/news/msf-slams-politicisation-of-aid-in-arakan-state-myanmar-burma/34158>

Prisoners

- 68 Muslim Rohingyas have been sentenced to prison terms of up to five years for their involvement in the inter-communal violence between Buddhists and Muslims.
- The release of political prisoners is being discussed in Rangoon. All prisoners are now being released with “conditions”, if they violate their parole they could be sent back to prison. Thein Sein insists that only “genuine” political prisoners be eligible which makes it difficult for ethnic minority rebels who were prosecuted for their involvement in violent or “terrorist” activities.
- <http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/arakan-court-sentences-68-rohingyas-lengthy-prison-terms.html>
- <http://www.dvb.no/news/release-of-political-prisoners-discussed-in-rangoon-burma-myanmar/34313>

Bomb suspect appears in Indonesian court

- Burma embassy bomb plot suspect could face the death penalty over his planned attack in Jakarta.
- Serpariano, 29, was radicalized over the years while attending sermons by an extremist preacher in Jakarta. He also attended sermons by the “firebrand” cleric, Abu Bakar Bashir.
- The attack was meant to be an act of retaliation for the killing of Muslims in Burma.
- <http://www.dvb.no/news/burma-embassy-bomb-plot-suspect-appears-in-indonesian-court/34202>

“A suspected Indonesian extremist plotted with other Islamic militants on Facebook to bomb the Burmese embassy to avenge the killing of Rohingya Muslims in that country”
- Democratic Voice of Burma
