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AMERICAN HINDU COALITION HOLDS HISTORIC MEETING AT MYANMAR EMBASSY WITH AMBASSADOR U AUNG LYNN

WASHINGTON, DC – October 3, 2017 - The American Hindu Coalition (AHC) leadership met with the Ambassador of Myanmar U Aung Lynn at the Embassy of Myanmar. Also, joining this meeting were Myanmar Deputy Chief of Mission Myat Thida Aye and the Counsellor Ei Ei Mon. The AHC delegation comprised of Harsh Sethi, AHC President and joined by AHC Executive Committee Members Alok Srivastava, Buchanna Gajula, and Anju Preet. The AHC delegation was also joined by Pradip Kapur, former Indian Ambassador to US.



Ambassador U Aung Lynn agreed to join the AHC Ambassador Circle. He explained his country's primary goal is to expand economic and cultural ties with the United States and that his country can serve as a regional bridge-builder for South-East Asia.

The Ambassador expressed his concern about the media in the USA, particularly the poorly researched and sensationalized coverage in the Washington Post, with respect to the Islamist terrorist in Myanmar's

Rakhine State who are being referred to as the "Rohingyas" –but who are Islamists from Bangladesh. He worried that these misleading stories posed a threat of re-imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar, which is likely to worsen an already precarious situation. The Ambassador elaborated on the graveness of the Islamist threats, including the mass graves of the Hindus found in the Rakhine State, the efforts made by the Central and the Provincial governments to protect Buddhists and Hindus, and the government-to-government talks with India and Bangladesh that are underway to substantively address the situation. On the matter of AHC member choosing to provide economic or other assistance, the Ambassador requested that AHC can contact the International Red Cross and the US Embassy in Yangon.