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The fifth regular session of the Second Kachin State (the fourth day) in process on 1st December. (Ref: Kachin State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

Short News

■ The fourth regular session of the Second Mon State Hluttaw will commence on 7th December, according to the hluttaw office. Four motions and 30 questions will be presented, as well as a draft amendment to the salt industry law.

(Ref: <http://burmese.bnionline.net/> M.N.A)

■ Hearing session on land grabbing complaints was held at Kayah State Hluttaw on 25th November.

(Ref: Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

State-level Committee Removed in Mon State Municipal Law Drafting

29th November 2016

Mon State Hluttaw has proposed to remove the state-level committee in a draft amendment to the Mon State Municipal Law since people consider that Mon State Municipal Committee's has weakness in being money-driven, lack of accountability and transparency, claimed Dr. Aung Naing Oo, the Deputy Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw.

He went on giving examples on Mawlamyine Strand Road improvement and Thit Pon Sait Housing projects. None of these projects met people's will, and were seen as only

beneficial for the government. The current state level municipal committee can carry out work for Mawlamyine-capital and not in other towns. The draft amendment will be submitted to the Mon State Hluttaw fourth regular session in December.

The decision to abolish the state-level committee which public considered unnecessary was proper, and by doing so the township level committee would be able to implement regional development activities more effectively, said U Nay Win, Mon State Municipal Committee member.

Dr. Aung Naing Oo added that the draft

amendment was planned upon public's opinion to remove state level committee and to keep township level only.

"Now we can see that the state-level municipal committee is cancelled, which public can get involved in and cooperate in terms of democracy," commented U Maung Maung Zaw Htun, a resident of Mawlamyine.

Mon State Municipal Law or Mon State Development Law was first passed in 2012 by the previous State Hluttaw, but the law was then amended in 2013 and 2015 respectively.

(Ref: Extracted from <http://burmese.bnionline.net/> M.N.A)



Investigation Team to Handle Fresh Water Fisheries Law Offenders

27th November 2016

An investigation team has been formed in Ayeyarwady to inspect Ayeyarwady Fresh Water Fisheries Law (2012/No.2) offenders and officials who do not penalize offenders, said U Ba Hein, the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Natural Resources and Environment.

The minister said so in response to Daw Khin Moe Wah (Thabaung 1) urging the cabinet to handle the fisheries issues effectively during the third regular session of the second Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw.

Offences such as electric fishing, chemical usage after water removal from lakes, setting up fishingnets and stockpiling fish without license, permitting to catch fish before auctions are not being penalized by government officials, DawKhin Moe Wah stated.

It was decided through a cabinet meeting to form an investigation team to handle law offences. The team would be led by a township administrator while it would also include officials from Fishery Departments, township police director, experts, 5 people from CSO and an MP, according to the cabinet office.

(Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily)



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"Consultation on national implementation of a women's peace agenda in Myanmar" is held by Kayin State Government, Kayin State Parliament and UN Women at Taw Win Yadana Hotel, Hpa-an on 28th and 29th November

(Ref: Mingalaba Hin Si Facebook Page)

Mandalay Region Hluttaw Held a Workshop on Federalism

30th November 2016

Forum of Federations, Forum of Federations Myanmar Country Office and Mandalay Region Hluttaw organized a workshop on Federalism at Shwe Nan Htike Hotel, PyinOoLwin on 22nd and 23rd November. The Speaker U Aung



Kyaw Oo, the Deputy Speaker, Dr. Khin Maung Htay, MPs and hluttaw office staff attended the workshop.

"It is linked to peace process and our country is moving towards federalism. At today's workshop, we are able to learn about federalism thoroughly though we have heard of and talked about it before. The things that we have learned from this workshop would be very beneficial," the Speaker commented.

The workshop covered topics such as characteristics of federalism, theories, power sharing in federalism, management of diversities, minority protection under federalism, budget management under federalism, local governance and federalism in India. In addition, future workshops will be held at Kayin State Hluttaw Office on 8th and 9th December, and at Taunggyi Hotel, Shan Sate from 9th to 11th December.

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Two Commissions Formed at Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw



5th December 2016

At the third regular session of the Second Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw which started on 28th November, budget review and advisory commission and legislation commission were formed.

“We have been trying to form these commissions,” the Speaker U Khin Maung Aye said.

He added that the main difficulty was in reviewing external experts and encouraging them to get involved.

There are 9 members including advocates, high grade pleaders, a Professor from Law Department, Dawei University and legal officials while U Hla Htwe, a representative of Yebyu Constituency, will be the chairperson of the newly formed legislation commission.

“We will review 11 laws approved by the previous parliament,” said U Hla Htwe.

Budget review and advisory commission led by U Kyaw Min (aka U Phoe Min) has 12 members in total, including an MP and government officials.

(Ref: Extracted from Tanintharyi Journal)

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Legislative Committee and Economic, Development Affairs and Trade Committee discuss the Bago Region Municipal Law (Draft) on 2nd December. *(Ref: Bago Region Hluttaw Facebook Page)*

Short News

■ On 29th November, 30 CSOs announced that the Yangon Region Municipal Law, which is being amended by the Yangon Region Hluttaw and the Municipal Rules by the Regional Cabinet should be presented to public and public opinion should be taken into account as well.

(Ref: Charity-Oriented Myanmar)