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## Photo News



Kayin State HLuttaw holds the one-year-anniversary meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Ref: Kayin State HLuttaw Facebook Page)

## Short News

■ The Second Sagaing Region HLuttaw will hold the sixth regular session from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

(Ref: Sagaing Region HLuttaw Facebook Page)



■ Under the guidelines of the President Office, the Mon State HLuttaw Legislative Committee held a review meeting to implement Mon State Land Revenue Law (Law No: 19), which was prescribed since 2012, in order to promulgate land revenue law at nationwide level and to collect land revenues. At the moment, the Mon State Land Revenue Law is being reviewed and will be ratified in November.

(Ref: Mon State HLuttaw, Legislative Committee)

## Workshop on Rakhine State Municipal Draft Law Held for Two Days

17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

A consultation workshop with Civil Society Organizations on Rakhine State Municipal Draft Law was held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rakhine State Government Office.

In the past, municipal committees were formed with authorities and

activities of these committee were not trustworthy. The workshop brought up that municipal committee members are to be elected by voting and eligibility of candidates will be set up, said Win Naing, a representative from Buthid-aung CSO.

“The new law will be better since it takes CSO’s insights into account. But

once a law is promulgated, it has to be acted upon. No matter how many laws are passed, without rule of law, they are of no use,” Win Naing added.

A report from this workshop will be submitted to Rakhine State HLuttaw on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

(Ref: Extracted from Rakhine Gazette)

# Tenders Called for Magway Region New Parliamentary Building

9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Private companies are invited for tenders for the Magway Region new parliamentary building, according to the Magway Region Hluttaw Office.

The new building will be constructed in Magway Golf Course this year and the regional government has arranged 7.4 acre of land, said the Deputy Speaker of Magway Hluttaw. Based on the calculation of the Ministry of Construction, 1.1 billion kyats will be allocated to the new parliamentary building in 2016-2017 while additional 3.5 billion kyats in the following budget year.

Four committees, which include the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, MPs, Ministers and experts, will be formed for project review. The construction is expected to begin from the coming March. (Ref: Extracted from [www.7daydaily.com](http://www.7daydaily.com))



Media press for the Magway Region new parliamentary building is held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. (Photo: Magway Region Hluttaw Facebook Page)



Colonel Kyaw Zeya

## Photo News

At the Tanintharyi Region Parliament session on 17<sup>th</sup> February, Colonel Zaw Lwin was substituted with Colonel Kyaw Zeya for the Minister of Security and Boarder Affairs. (Ref: *The Voice Daily*)

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# Opinions on One-year-old Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw

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*Performance of the Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw, which marked its one year anniversary on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, is summarized in Table 1 and Table 2. Some MPs, politicians and CSOs also spoke out their impressions on the regional parliament.*

**Table 1**

No: of starred questions	No: of non-starred questions	No: of motions	Total no: of questions and motions	No: of pledges	Under the process
88	11	6	105	52	29

**Table 2**

No	Parliament sessions	Number
1.	Regular session	3
2.	Special Session	1

## **Dr. Htoo Nay Aung (Kyunsu-2)**

Dr. Htoo Nay Aung admitted that he did not find the Hluttaw performance in the first year satisfactory. Although the parliament is the legislative branch, it is a shame that the Hluttaw was not able to promulgate any laws. Plus, performances of the committees were quite weak.

"I feel ashamed to go among public," Dr. Htoo Nay Aung added.

## **U Aye Min (Chairperson of Dawei Nationality Party)**

U Aye Min pointed out how much one motion or one question is worth based on the annual budget.

"I do not want to give any comments on the regional parliament. It is just too tiring," he said.

## **U Kyaw Min (Palaw - 1)**

U Kyaw Min, the lawmaker who submitted questions and motions most during the first year of the Hluttaw stated that although it is very difficult to make everyone happy, the parliament is trying its best to meet public's expectations.

"It is not perfect...but I am satisfied with the performance to some extent".

## **Daw Yee Yee Cho (Meik- 2) (Chairperson of Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Review Committee)**

Although MPs would like to work on some issues collaboratively, they cannot due to long recess between parliament sessions and tight schedules once they are in their constituencies, meeting with public.

"We will work harder..."

## **Sithu Naing (Technology University Alumnus)**

"We, youths, have high expectations and we look forward to when actions will be taken," Sithu Naing said. We witness transparency in the current term parliament and we would be happy if the parliament could distribute newsletters to a wider audience.

## **U Htun Lwin (Former Chairperson of National Unity Party)**

Everything concerning the Hluttaw, including how parliamentary sessions are held, is very conventional, criticized U Htun Lwin.

"MPs attend parliament sessions because the parliament asks them to. Then they submit questions merely because they are supposed to do so. Answers by Ministers are evasive. So some MPs, after they submit their questions, end up without being answered comprehensively," said U Htun Lwin.

*(Ref: Extracted from The Tanintharyi Weekly, Interviews by Dawei Watch Foundation)*