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Ulterior motives Behind the Failure of YBS, said the Yangon Government

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During the parliament session on 27th April, Yangon Region Minister of Electricity, Industry and Transportation Daw Nilar Kyaw said that there are ulterior motives that are holding YBS back. She stated so upon a heated debate by 26 MPs on 24th April.

She responded, "In implementing YBS, we had faced interference and attacks by some people who did not want YBS to succeed. People who benefited from the old Ma.Hta.Thu system, which lacked accountability, and by those who gained commission from drivers and assistants, want to sabotage the newly

launched YBS."

In addition, she defended criticisms against YBS and the government could not accept the saying "YBS for public disappointment," because it has negative implications.

"YBS is in service for only three months, but it is a one-year project. Since we are still in the implementing stage, those kind of terminology is not acceptable. Other than that, MPs can discuss anything."

On 24th April, U Kyaw Zeya stated that the slogan "YBS for the Public" has become "YBS for public disappointment."

Daw Nilar Kyaw later presented plans for expansion of YBS buses, draft-

ing laws and handling violations.

U Wai Phyo Han, an MP who submitted the motion on 5th April, suggested that effective rules and regulations needs to be submitted transparently to the public and to the parliament for YBS to become a better public transport system,

"The parliament has the right to guide the government in the right direction if it is heading the wrong way, and that arguments should not be regarded as going against one's own government," he added.

(Ref: Extracted from <http://thevoicemyanmar.com>)



Bago Region Hluttaw Resumes the Sixth Regular Session

27th April 2017

The Bago Region Hluttaw, which has been in recess, resumes the sixth regular session on 25th April.

On 25th April, the Minister of Planning and Finance U Nyun Shwe submitted the 2017-2018 Bago Region Local Planning Draft Law and the 2017-2018 Budget to the parliament. On the following day, 6 MPs discussed the submitted draft law and budget.

On the 7th day of the session, respective cabinet members responded to what MPs had discussed. In addition, the Bago Hluttaw MPs Scrutinizing and Public Budget Review Committee submitted a review report on the 2017 Local Planning Draft Law and 2017-2018 Budget. The Local Planning Law and Budget were approved on 28th April.

(Ref: Extracted from Bago Region Hluttaw Facebook Page)

Short News

■ The Second Kayah State Hluttaw will hold an emergency session (1/2017) on 3rd May.

(Ref: Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

■ Mon State Hluttaw Complaint and Plea Letters, and General Issues Review Committee received a complaint, "Min Ywar Village Administrator (Mawlamyine) U Sein Pu had destroyed documents of cooperative loans." The Hluttaw Committee called him for a hearing session on 21st April.

The Hluttaw Committee explained that those documents should be returned to the government department whether the department ask for submission or not. U Sein Pu said he had all the documents with him and promised that he would return those documents to the government on that same day.

(Ref: Mon State Hluttaw Complaint and Plea Letters, and General Issues Review Committee)

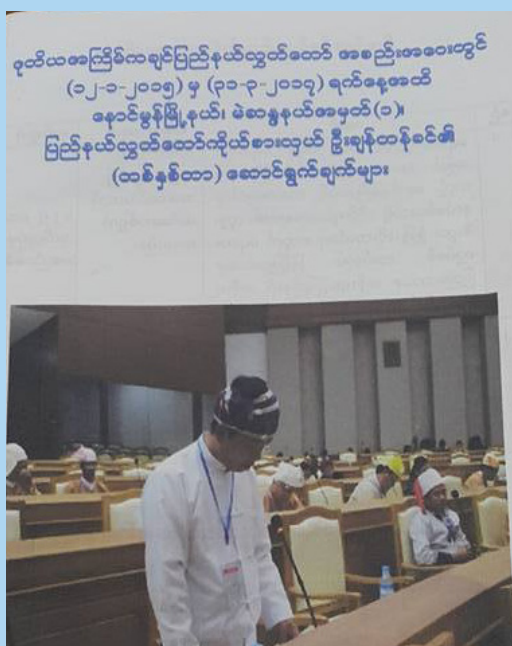


Photo News

U Chang Dang Hken, a representative (Nogmung Constituency 1: USDP), prepared a pamphlet (See the photo) to present his one-year activities in terms of motions, questions and activities outside of the parliament. U Chang Dang Hken submitted 2 motions and 12 questions.

(Ref: Chang Dang Hken's Facebook Page)

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Mon Hluttaw Held a Workshop with Myanmar National Association of the Blind

27th April 2017

A workshop was held between the Mon State Hluttaw and the Myanmar National Association of the Blind (MNAB) at the parliamentary meeting hall on 27th April. The Speaker, MPs, committee members and office staff attended the workshop.

During the workshop, delegations from MNAB presented their previous, current and on-going activities with authorities, partners organizations and CSOs: implementing projects for promoting the quality of life of visually impaired persons, conducting census of people with visual impairment, holding seminar

with parents of visual impaired children, providing training to visual impaired people, collecting data and information of disabled people and holding awareness raising seminars. They also discussed Myanmar Disable Person Law with the MPs.

(Extracted from <http://www.monhluttaw.com>)

SNLD's elected MPs will submit needs for education, health to parliament

19th April 2017

The elected MPs from Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) will be submitting the education and health sector requirements to the parliament as key priorities.

Moreover, the elected MPs will strive to improve the socio-economic status of residents of Monghsu and Kyethe Townships, Shan State.

The elected MP Sai San Mai (Kyethe Constituency 1) said that he would submit sug-

gestions and voices of voters to the parliament, working together with the alliance parties and, to the government's departments for local development.

"Our constituency is the least developed in terms of healthcare, education and economy as well as transportation. So, we are going to strive for creating job opportunities for the locals. The SNLD will be stronger at the parliament. I think, if we will submit important motions for the public to the parliament, we can use our party strength for

approving the motions," said Nan Kaung Kham (Monghsu Constituency 2).

The ruling National League for Democracy won nine seats from 19 vacant constituencies across the country in the 2017 by-election held on April 1, followed by SNLD with all six seats, the Arakan National Party with a seat, the Union Solidarity and Development Party with two and All Nationalities Democratic Party (Kayah) with one.

(Ref: Extracted from <http://www.news-eleven.com/>)