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Huge Gaps Found in Development Fund Expenditure of Magway and Ayeyarwaddy

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After reviewing the use of development funds of the states and regions by the previous government, it shows that the fund expenditures by Magway and Ayeyarwaddy regions are the largest gaps, according to U Maw Than, the Auditor General of the Union.

The findings show that the fund expenditures by many regions and states[governments] were not following the financial rules.

The findings were submitted to the President Office in November.

After finding missing billion Kyat funds of the regional development by Magway Region, the President Office then directed to investigate in other regions and states, as well.

Reference - www.rfa.org



U Maw Than, the Auditor General of the Union.

Photo: Win Ko Ko Latt(RFA)

Architects, Urban Planners Slam Yangon City Development Draft Law

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Architects and urban planners condemned the Yangon City Development draft law as it not only lacks a long-term vision for the country's largest city but also does not safeguard against the conflicts interests of the members of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

Following a request by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in late 2016, the Yangon government appointed experts and the YCDC

drafted the new YCDC Law.

The draft was sent back to the Yangon Region Government in early December along with the remarks from a 31-member review committee, according to U Thein Myint, the secretary of the draft law review committee.

But, the draft law has not been made public yet.

According to Daw Nilar Kyaw, of Yangon Minister for Electricity, Industry, Roads and Communication, the draft law would be distributed to the Region Hluttaw representatives in

the Yangon Regional Parliament for the discussion at the end of this month.

However, the Association of Myanmar Architects (AMA) held a panel discussion on December 31, having experts and professionals had criticism on the contents of the draft law.

The draft has weak provisions for managing urban projects in the city as well as lack to prevent conflicts of interest of YCDC members, according to Daw Hla Su Myat, an architect professional.

Reference - burma.irrawaddy.com

State and Regional Gov't Groups Continue to Be Changed

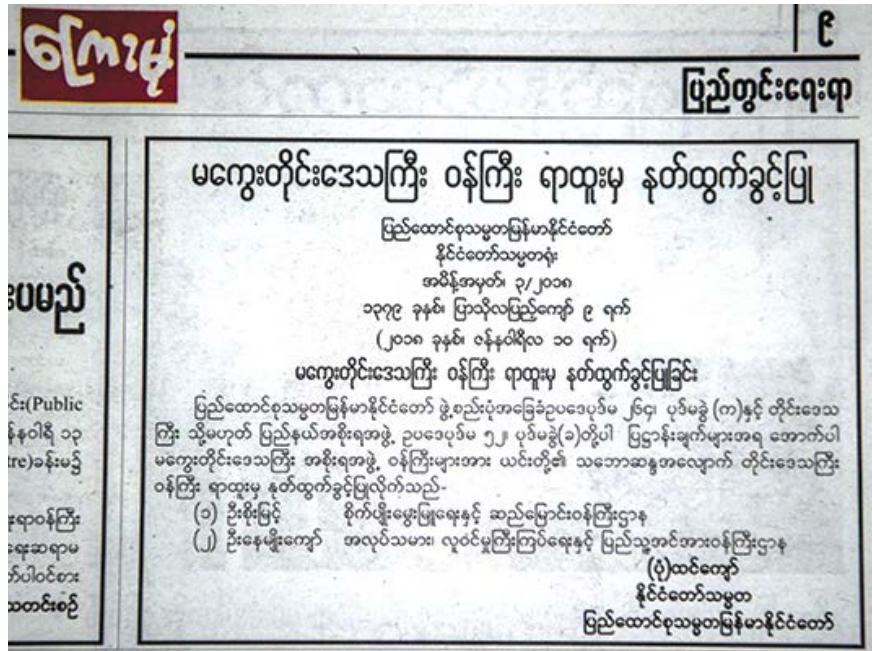
January 11, 2018

After the President Office announced official resignations of one Chief Minister and three Ministers within two days, two Ministers from the Bago Region Government also submitted their resignations. Hence, it's predicted that more changes in government groups will come, according to sources close to the NLD party.

U Monywa Aung Shin, secretary of the NLD's central information committee, said during the meeting with reporters in Nay Pyi Taw, that government groups' members must be changed as necessary, and they would be again changed.

He continued that such changes must be made due to [the lack of] capacity, and corruptions, social issues and health situations.

The President Office stated, as in its statement, that during this almost two-year period, Mahn Johnny, Chief Minister of, and Minister U Ba Hein of Ayerwaddy Region, and U Soe Myint and U Nay Myo Kyaw, Ministers of the Magway Region



Government Group submitted their resignations with their desires.

Bago Region Government Team's two ministers also submitted their resignations as directed by their party according to U Kyaw Min San, one of the resigning ministers.

National League for Democracy (NLD) Scrutinizing Committee for Complaints against People's Representatives In-Charge Dr. Myo Nyunt remarks that this is to enhance the capacity of the government.

Reference - www.7daydaily.com

Insufficient Time in Examining Budget Expenditure by Mandalay MPs Leads to an Unsystematic Result

January 20, 2018

MPs of Mandalay Region Parliament were provided with only three days for inspection of one-year budget of regional projects. The outcome, then, reveals the unsystematic results, according to U Aung Kyi, chairman of Mandalay Region Parliament's Regional Planning Income and Expenditure and Financial Account Committee.

The MPs are supposed to have sufficient time and examine the regional projects and budget expenditures in order to prevent

the unsystematic result.

"They said it's late when the budget was examined. Yes, the cabinet meeting was held in the morning but it was done in the afternoon. It's also difficult [to do]. After the Hluttaw Affair mentioned about it over and over again at the meeting at budget head office on January 9, the Director General then gave a promise that more time would be given in near future projects," said U Aung Swe, the Director of Mandalay Region Budget Department.

Reference - www.7daydaily.com

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■ Public hearing is being conducted with the fishermen and other related people collecting information from them in order to include in the newly changed Mon State's fishery bill, according to Daw Khaing Khaing Leh, the chairperson of Mon State Parliament Legislative Committee. Two out of four public hearing events were already held in Belin Town, of Thaton District, and Thaton Township, on January 13 and 14 respectively. Other two events will take place in Mawlamyine City and Chaungzone Township, stated by Daw Khaing Khaing Leh.

Reference - www.7daydaily.com

What Have You Implemented for the Tanintharyi Hluttaw Committee?

1) U Tin Tun, Chairman of Hluttaw Representatives Inspecting Committee – Bokpyin Constituency

“I have issued [Hluttaw] representatives inspecting cards for the changes of Tatmadaw representatives, and I also issued a new inspecting card for the MP whose card was wet and damaged.”

2) Daw Yi Yi Cho, Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Scrutiny Committee - (Myeik Constituency)

“Through conducting field works, I have provided solutions to some farmland issues and the muddy water issue due to gold mining at Kyein Chaung. I have also transferred the issues to respective departments as they must be done by the departments. Since it's mostly submitting the copies, they are just put in records. For some land issues, the township level and district level land vetting groups are still implementing. [We] do not have many difficulties but pretty satisfying.”

3) U Man Swe Myint, Chairman of Ethnic Affair Committee (Bokpyin Constituency)

“What I have implemented is not many. Since it requires me to travel, the budget is my main challenge. But I have worked hard as much as possible. I have studied about the community of Salon ethnic living in Kawthaung District. Through ethnic affair minister, supports are provided to Salon people. I have submitted reports for two times and joined committee meetings for five times. As it seems to be there are not much of supports from the Hluttaw for the ethnic peoples, we could not implement as much as possible. It is not much satisfying.”

4) U Kyi Soe, -Chairman of Legislative Committee and Deputy Speaker - Yephyu Constituency

During this 1 year and 8 month period, I have implemented four public related bills. These are municipal law, law of honorary award certifications and awarding honorary award medals, law of museum and library, and excise tax law.

I have also implemented on having fishery bill, which will be submitted and expected to be passed at the upcoming Hluttaw session.

We have four bills to be implemented in this 2018, which were given drawn with priority and agreed upon the meeting results. These are 1 domestic industry law, 2) recreation centers, zoological garden and botanical garden law, 3) hotel and guest-house Business law and 4) tourism law.

Throughout this so-far committee term, I have not fully satisfied with full percentage in implementing. The problems include not having regular committee meeting and not having adequate law related skills. But with collaboration with law review commission, we have successfully implemented those of drafted law reviewing and gathering comments.

It is necessary to have the public from different sectors participated in and discussed thoroughly over events of draft law explanation and gathering public opinions. *Reference - Tanintharyi Weekly*



Four CSOs Representatives Resign from Kayah Hluttaw Committee

January 10, 2018

Four representatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) resigned from the Kayah State Parliament's Complaint Letter and Petition Scrutinizing Committee on January 10. The four resigned after the protesters who urged to disclose actual cases, of killings three members of Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) and one civilian on December 19, are filed with charge.

The officials neglected the killing of the civilian but filing the protestors with lawsuits. This shows that the Kayah State's government, legislative and judiciary sectors are not protecting the people but oppressing them, according to the resignation letter of U Anjello. It continued that thus there is no such trust of that the Hluttaw represents the public.

Although the Complaints Letters and Petition Scrutinizing Committee of the Kayah State Parliament has been found already one year (in 2016), the responsibilities are not effectively carried out while the leading persons of the committee are also not taking the responsibilities. Thus, they resigned from their posts.

The committee was founded with 24 members including 4 CSOs representatives, and the committee is currently having two hearing of complaints from the public and 4 complaints of land confiscation by the Tatmadaw.

*Reference -www.burmese.dvb.no/
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