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Seventeen NLD MPs Object to Two Ministers Proposed by Magway Chief Minister

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17 MPs of the National League for Democracy (NLD) objected to the proposal of 2 new ministers' appointment submitted by the Magway Region Chief Minister at the emergency meeting at the Hluttaw on February 16.

The posts of the minister of Labor, Immigration and Population Minister and Livestock and Irrigation Minister were vacant following their resignations. Then, the Chief Minister submitted U Aung Kyaw Moe, (retired) Joint State-level education officer and U Aye Ngwe, (retired) director of irrigation department, to fill up the vacant positions on February 14. However, it was rejected and Hluttaw Speaker U Tar announced at the Hluttaw the necessity of the inspection to know whether the process followed the constitution or not.

U Aung Kyaw Moe, who was proposed to the Hluttaw, was criticized for the fact that he, working as an assistant regional education officer, accused a middle school teacher of getting involved in politics and performed as a tribunal inspector.

Reference: 7daydaily



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Market Construction Project in Rakhine Cancelled Following Hluttaw's Objection

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Rakhine State's Government has terminated the project of five market constructions following the objections by the Hluttaw after it was disclosed that there was no transparency regarding the tender practice.

The Rakhine State Government stated, as above, and added that the budget was then respectively contributed to 17 townships in the state.

The five market projects would supposedly be launched in Sittwe, Kyauktaw, Yangbye, Toungup and

Gwa towns. However, the Hluttaw and Civil Society Organizations opposed the projects after it was found out that there was no transparency in terms of choosing the townships for market projects and utilizing the tenders. Also, the marketers did not agree on the plans to construct the markets at original locations.

"The thing that Hluttaw disagrees should not be implemented. So, the project is now dismissed" said U Kyaw Lwin, Minister of Agricultural, Livestock and Mining and Temporary Minister of Municipality.

The Minister continued that if there were any plans to construct market, the government must meet with Hluttaw representatives, members of Civil Society Organizations and locals first and then the projects should be only proceeded only after the agreement was reached.

Former Municipal Minister U Min Aung stepped down from the post, after the State Hluttaw accused him of the fact, among others, that there was no transparency regarding the tender practice.

Reference: 7daydaily

Decisions from Constitutional Tribunal to Be Taken for Disputes over Tanintharyi Projects Proposed by Hluttaw

February 5, 2018

The disputes over whether the proposals regarding the projects should be submitted to Hluttaw or not will be handled by the decisions from the country's constitutional tribunal after the cases are submitted to the tribunal within this month, according to U Khin Maung Aye, the Speaker of Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw.

At the citizen budget report launching event on January 22, the Finance Minister, a member of the

government team, said that it's only necessary to report Hluttaw about the budget projects but not about the private investment projects. And, it's only required to go through as in [Myanmar] investment commissions (MIC)'s procedures.

In response to Finance Minister, the Hluttaw Speaker said that according to the [Constitution's] Article 251, every project, allegedly to be implemented in the region, must be reported to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw Speaker said that a

discussion with Hluttaw representatives would be conducted and decisions would be taken from there in order to submit the disputes to constitutional tribunal.

The Hluttaw Speaker used to notify at the 8th and 9th regular Hluttaw meetings that due to the fact that the government didn't report about its implementing projects, it now must have reporting approval in accordance with the constitution's article 251.

Reference: 7daydaily



Yangon Region MPs Prepared to Object to the Drafted Law of Transforming YCDC as Business Enterprise

February 12, 2018

Yangon Region MPs have prepared to oppose the points of the drafted municipal law that would transform the Yangon City Development Committee as a business firm.

At Chapter 6 of drafted law of Yangon City Development, that the government team proposed, there included the points that for the project responsibilities to be implemented, the authority organizations and department and business project organizations must be set up.

The business project organizations would implement construction projects, service projects, recreation projects and other business-related projects.

However, according to MP U Kyaw Zeya, what would be opposed are that the chapters concerned with the business project organizations must be taken away and MP U Kyaw Zeya had plan to oppose not only as an MP but also as a member of Hluttaw's project and finance committee.

It's analyzed that the Yangon Region Drafted Law Committee did not have a clear constitution on the organizations after the authority organization, departments and business project organizations in chapter 6.

Reference: thevoicemyanmar.com



■ Deputy Speaker U Kyi Zin's proposal submitted at ninth regular meeting of Bago Region Hluttaw was voted down, although only two MPs voted in favor. In the proposal, Deputy Speaker U Kyi Zin urged the region government team to provide budget per ratio of respective ethnic groups for the safeguard of ethnic groups' language, literature and culture and to provide equal rights [to all ethnic groups]. However, MP U Htay Lwin objected to the proposal arguing that providing budget per ratio of respective ethnic groups might not have equal rights to all ethnic groups. Therefore, the Hluttaw took voting result on the proposal.

Reference: KIC





Urgent Proposal Submitted at Kachin Hluttaw to Construct Bridge Destroyed by KIA

February 7, 2018

An emergency proposal was submitted by MP U Deng Hken Pong (aka Kan Lin) of Putao Constituency-2 to the Kachin State Hluttaw that it's urgently needed to re-construct the two destroyed bridges on Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao road, by Kachin Independent Organization/ Kachin Independent Army.

The proposal also urged the Union Government and State Government to provide security at the bridges and have constructions and to re-permit the usages of the road as fast as possible, since the locals and government staff residing along the road are facing price rise including gas price and hardship of rice.

In response to the proposal, Colonel Thura Myo Tin, the Minister of Kachin State Security and Border Affairs, stated that the government would not damage its existing government mechanism and would implement the projects as fast as possible in achievable ways.

Seven MPs supported the proposal and had discussions over it, and with the proposer's wish, it was then decided to put as record.

Reference: thevoicemyanmar.com

Rakhine State Gov't Stops Banning on Cooperating with Mrauk-U Riot investigation team

February 15, 2018

Rakhine State Government imposed an instruction letter on February 5 to the respective departments that the Mrauk-U riot investigation team set up by the State Hluttaw was not formed in accordance with the constitution, and the task was in fact supposed to be handled by the government. Hence, when the Mrauk-U riot investigation team came to do inquiry, there should be no need to provide the answers as instructed the departments.

Although the instruction letter was also sent [by the government team] to the Hluttaw's investigation team, the letter was suspended.

Although the government team did not yet announced that it was repealed, the State Chief Minister reported to the Hluttaw Speaker that the investigation team could carry out the task, having inquiry with the departments, according to U Tun Thar Sein, the investigation team's secretary and Hluttaw representative.

Reference: 7daydaily.com/ rfa.org

Yangon Mayor also Faces to Provide Unofficial Vehicle Parking Fee

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At the Yangon Region Parliament meeting on February 15, Yangon City Mayor U Maung Maung Soe stated that he also had to provide the unofficial vehicle parking fee.

Following the question by Yangon Region Hluttaw MP Daw Kyi Pyar from Kyaukdata Township that of "when will the system of parking-lot fee at parking lots in Yangon City be launched and implemented?", the city mayor U Maung Maung Soe responded as above.

Although the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) has not permitted to collect car parking fee, 500 kyat per car as parking fee has been charged at Pansodan Road and Bo Aung Kyaw Road, in Kyaukdata Township, according to MP Daw Kyi Pyar.

U Maung Maung Soe, who is also the YCDC's Chairperson, said that in collaboration with respective ward administrators and municipal departments, such matter must be solved, and locations for parking lots and parking fee would be, as long term project, implemented.

However, the Yangon City Mayor failed to give details of how the current matter should be solved and when it would be solved.

Reference: [7daydaily](http://7daydaily.com/)



Hluttaw representative Daw Kyi Pyar and Yangon City Mayor U Maung Maung Soe (Photo: Yangon Hluttaw)