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News Bulletin

President Appoints U Win Myint as Rakhine Municipal Affairs Minister

March 16, 2018

President U Htin Kyaw appointed U Win Myint as the Municipal Affairs Minister of the Rakhine State on March 15, according to the statement by the Union Government.

Newly appointed Municipal Affairs Minister U Win Myint is the Hluttaw Representative of Rakhine State's Taunggup Township Constituency - 1

and a representative of the National League for Democracy (NLD) party.

Following the submission of Municipal Affairs Minister appointment by the State's Chief Minister U Nyi Pu to the State Hluttaw on March 7, U Win Myint was then approved as the Municipal Affairs Minister on March 12 at the Hluttaw Conference without any objections.

The newly appointed Municipal

Affairs Minister stated that due to the fact that there are a lot of needs for the development of the villages and the towns, he would find the individual needs and implement for them and with the taxes collected from the public by the Municipal committee, respective development projects will be then transparently implemented.

Reference: the voicemyanmar.com and Development Media Group

Two Years After Kayah State Hluttaw

March 1, 2018

Kayah State Hluttaw has a total of 20 representatives elected during the 2015 election.

During this 2-year Hluttaw period, MP U Aung Naing Oo of the National League for Democracy (NLD) representative from Mae-se Constituency(1) has submitted proposals and questions the most -with 5 proposals, 38 starred questions, 6 un-starred questions, 1 promising-un-starred question and 16 promising-starred questions.

However, 1/3 of the Hluttaw representatives has not submitted any proposals and questions or asked questions at the Hluttaw. Those representatives are the Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, Bamar Ethnic Affair Minister U Hla Myo Swe and MP U Win Myint from Hpa-saung constituency as well as 5 Tatmadaw representatives.

Although the MPs have not submitted any proposals or raised any questions, they have respectively implemented development and business projects in cooperation with the local organizations and other ministers, according to U Win Myint, MP from Hpa-Saung Constituency (1) and representative of Union Solidarity and Development Party



State Hluttaw Representative U Aung Naing Oo inspecting regional development projects during field trip. (Photo: Kantarawaddy Times)

(USDP).

U Win Myint said, "At the moment, it's like the water matter in Khema-phyu, which I just solved with my own method without asking

questions at the Hluttaw. Now, the government group has planned for the purified water matter in Khe-ma-phyu."

Reference: Kantarawaddy Times

Yangon Chief Minister Urges for Approval of Yangon Municipal Draft Soon

March 15, 2018

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein urged at the meeting with other MPs on March 14 that the region's municipal drafted law, which faces several objections, must be implemented as soon as possible, according to the Region's MPs.

The majority of the MPs didn't want to see the Yangon Region Development Committee (Municipal sector) transformed into the business sector, although they have yet had the chance to discuss the draft.

At the meeting between the Chief Minister and Hluttaw representatives, they discussed that to amend the necessary points as



Photo: Aung Naing

fast as possible, while the government group explained about the municipal structures formation, according to MP U Than Naing Oo, who presented at the meeting.

MP U Than Naing Oo continued that the YCDC would implement the projects that generate profits and the profits would be then applied

for the region's development.

The sixth regular meeting of Hluttaw conference would finish in March but the draft has not been approved as fast as it should be yet, according to U Kyaw Zeya, Dagon Township Constituency.

Reference: thevoicemyanmar.com

Freshwater Fishery Draft Law Submitted by Legislative Committee to Be Discussed at Ayeyarwady Hluttaw

March 15, 2018

The Ayeyarwady's 2017 fishery drafted law and its surrounding matters found by the legislative committee will be discussed at the upcoming Hluttaw Conference on March 28.

The draft was submitted to Hluttaw in 2017 and the Hluttaw committee and other respective groups had amended the draft, including making removals and putting additional points. Following the amendment, the draft was then submitted to Hluttaw on March 14, and it was widely discussed for the approval of the draft, according to U Khin Win, chairperson of the legislative committee.

U Khin Win continued that it is necessary for the MPs

from respective constituencies to participate in the discussion regarding the 2017 fishery draft since there are many inns, ponds and lakes, as well as having land on saltwater rivers in [Ayeyarwady] Region.

According to the government group, the freshwater fishery law was enacted in 2012. But due to the weakness of the law and incompetent points, the problems have happened between the sea fishermen and fisheries business owners – known as inn thar gyi and between fisheries business owners and farmers. Furthermore, there have protests frequently staged concerned with the freshwater fishery project.

The new draft (2017) has a total of 15 chapters and 97 articles.

Reference: thevoicemyanmar.com

Candidates Favoring Mountainous Farming Sector Expected to Be Appointed as Agricultural and Irrigation Minister

March 6, 2018

Chin Ethnic Affairs Minister U Hla Htun hoped the new minister to fill a vacant ministerial position of the Magway Region's Agricultural and Irrigation would be the candidate who must consider improving [have consideration on agricultural sector promotion] the agricultural sector for Chin ethnic people dwelling in mountainous areas.

"The places where Chin ethnic people live in the Magway region are mountainous, hilly, and mound. At some places, there are no even motorbike routes. I wish to have the minister who can build the roads for those places and improve the farming sector for them," said U Hla Htun.

At the mountainous areas where the Chin people live, there are several farming products, including coffee, banana, lemon and lychee. However, farming techniques applied



Nat Yay Kan hilly region in Nga Hpe township where Chin people are living. (Photo-Moe Kyaw)

there are not advanced. It is necessary to be able to create the spaces for the improvement of product quality in accordance with international standard and potential markets.

There are two vacant ministerial positions at Magway Region Government, and they are Immigration

and Population Minister post and Agriculture and Irrigation Minister post, which have been un-filled about two months already. But, according to Chief Minister Dr. Aung Moe Nyo, the election for vacant minister's appointment would be held during this month.

Reference: <http://www.7daydaily.com>

Forestry Land Rental Rates Are Very Low, Says Bago MP

March 2, 2018

The rates of forestry land rental are considerably low and not matching current price-rate, according to U Zaw Naing Oo, MP of Bago Region's Thae-Gon Constituency-1.

MP U Zaw Naing Oo, stated as above, in support of the proposal by MP U Kyaw Zeya of Pyay Township Constituency 2 on February 27, which is to re-inspect at forestry land allowed for private projects.

"When we look at the rental rates of forestry land to private firms, we can see that rent rates are very low and not matching the current prices. It is funny. If we do not fix this, it will be a big loss for the country's finance," said U Zaw Naing Oo.

U Zaw Naing Oo continued that the land rental rates of Shar-pyin reserved forest, located near the townships of Pyay, The-Kone, Pauk Khaung and Paung-Te, to the Myanmar Economics Private Limited are a hundred Kyat rate per acre per year from 2006 to 2009, five hundred Kyat rate per acre from 2010 to 2013, 1000 Kyat rate per acre from 2014 to 2017, respectively.

"The land rental prices are collected in accordance with the law enacted by the Union Government. But for the regional government, it could not change the law immediately by crossing the line of the law supported by the Union Government. Yet, it is necessary to change the rental rates that are not standard as in present time," said Dr. Saw Nyo Win, the minister of Forestry and Natural Resource.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

Short News

■ Rakhine State Hluttaw decided to continue discussing the proposal urged to State Hluttaw to keep eyes on the construction projects in Rakhine State and have the projects improved in terms of the quality. The proposal was submitted to the Rakhine State Hluttaw Conference on March 8, by U Khin Maung Htay, Hluttaw representative of Rakhine State's Ann Township Constituency-2. Then, the State Hluttaw confirmed that the discussions over it would be later continued.

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

■ Mandalay Region Hluttaw Conference will start on Marh 23 to have discussions over the 6 month budget expense by the Region Government Group, according to Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Oo. Due to the fact that the dates have been changed to October 1-September 30 instead of April 1-March 30, the Hluttaw has to approve for in-between budget expense.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com