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Sagaing Region Hluttaw's Government committee for the Appraisal of Guarantees, Assurances and Accountability made a field trip to inspect the activities carried out by respective departments per the given commitments based on the questions raised from the second Region Hluttaw 8th regular session.

Reference: Sagaing Region Hluttaw



Impeachment of Rakhine Minister of Planning /Finance dismissed

June 29, 2018

The proposal to impeach Rakhine State Government Planning, Finance, Tax and Economy Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein was voted down at the Hluttaw meeting on June 29, and then, the decisions ruled out that accusations were not right.

On June 29, secret voting was conducted at the Rakhine State Hluttaw Session. Among 44 voters out of 46 eligible voters, 25 MPs voted for the proposal and nine voted against it, while ten votes were invalid.

MP U Naing Kywe Aye told the press [reporters] that those invalid votes were from the military representatives.

In order for the accused to be successful, 1/3 supporting votes or 31 votes must be received but did not reach 31 votes. Then, the accusation fails, according to the Hluttaw Deputy Speaker.

Rakhine State Hluttaw comprises of 23 MPs from the Arakan National Party (ANP), 8 MPs from the National League for Democracy (NLD), 3 MPs from the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and 12 representatives from the military.



Photo: Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein, seen at Rakhine State Hluttaw meeting on June 29. (Photo: RIA)

The state's allocated budget every fiscal year spent by Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein was not in accordance with the fiscal rules and regulations. 12 MPs then signed petition against the expense to the Hluttaw. Then, he was accused of that.

Before this Minister, former minister U Min Aung (of the State Municipal Minister) did not carry out the responsibility dutifully. Thus, the minister was dismissed from the post with the approval from the [union] President.

Reference: www.mizzima.com , www.7daydaily.com

MP Questions for Yangon Gov't's Land Seizure after Giving Title of "Land Waiving and Offering"

June 22, 2018

Yangon Region MP Daw Sandar Min said that Hluttaw does not accept any land seized by the government from the farmers on the ground that the lands were donated and abandoned. MP Daw Sandar Min, of Seikgyi Kanaungto Township, stated at the Yangon Region Hluttaw meeting on June 21, that it's necessary to know whether it follows the rules and regulations or the farmers were forced to sign the land as donated and abandoned.

The MP said that the government seized 243.62 acres of [farm]land from Ah-lae Village, Hlaing Tharyar Township, for the construction of inland port. But the farmers were forced to ink documents stating that they donate the land.

"Is it possible that with today's [situation] and as in this major city of Yangon, the land owners donate their land where the project is being implemented?" questioned Daw Sandar Min.

"It's necessary to confiscate the land but it must be pursuant to the law. But now, confiscating land by giving the title of ones waiving and offering the land is not acceptable to the Hluttaw. If they really donate the land, it's not necessary to pro-



Photo: Yangon Region Government

vide any compensation. By offering land, the offering people will be then awarded with honoring papers," said Daw Sandar Min.

In response, U Han Tun, the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Energy said that the government applied the system that of 80% of land taken over from the farmers stated for state project, while 20% is given back to the farmers

as city land. The farmers understood that they are entitled to own 20% of their land as city land and they offered the land. With their wishes, they admitted and signed for the land offering.

U Han Tun said that the government confiscated the land in accordance with the law for the project.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

Gathering Advice for Tanintharyi Micro-finance Draft Completed and Submitted to Hluttaw Office and DDA

June 28, 2018

Feedbacks on the Tanintharyi Region's Micro-finance draft (law), filled out as in recognized forms, were submitted to the Region Hluttaw office and Dawei Development Association (DDA), according to U Bo Htwe, the Chairperson of Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw's Legislative Committee.

U Bo Htwe said that an explanation of an event on micro-finance will be conducted in major towns and before the end of the event. All feedbacks to be changed with respect to the draft can be sent to the Legislative Committee.

"This is not like out of the blue, but we create the

opportunity for everyone to be aware of and get involved [in the draft]," said U Bo Htwe.

The explanation of the event on the micro-finance draft was already conducted in Dawei City on June 21, but the dates to hold in Myeik and Kawtaung towns are not set yet.

The draft will be approved at the 7th Regular Session of the Tarnintharyi Region Hluttaw, and once the law becomes into effect, it can reduce the conflicts surrounding the loan project, according to U Bo Htwe.

According to the Tarnintharyi Region Hluttaw, 12 laws including excise tax law, municipal law and museum and library law have been passed during two years of the current administration.

Reference: *Dawei Watch*



Yangon Region Chief Minister is signing municipal law of Yangon Region.
(Photo-Nikki)

Yangon Hluttaw Passes the City's Municipal Law

June 28, 2018

The Yangon Region Municipal Law composed of 33 chapters and 398 articles was passed by the Yangon Region Hluttaw on June 27 and approved by Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein on June 28.

"This is the law that will steer Myanmar's future commercial city," said the Chief Minister.

There are 11 members of the committee of the newly passed municipal law and 5 members of the committee are appointed by the government and 6 members of the committee are appointed by the public.

One of the committee members appointed by the public will be selected for a deputy major through secret voting.

The law prohibits the committee members to be involved in any business activities.

The law grants [the committee] to form security and rule keeping freely. The law also has the fact, in terms of punishment, that the municipal staff members who fail to do his/her responsibilities will face actions in accordance with the [nation level] government staff law and existing law.

Previously, only one person from a household can vote for municipal election. But now the new law permits everyone who is over 18 years can cast the votes.

The regulations for holding election have already been implemented and the election will be soon held, according to the Chief Minister.

The candidates who compete in the election must be over 25 years old and settle in the elected area for at least 3 years after being elected. Their parents must be the citizens of Myanmar. And, provided that the candidates meet the requirements and qualifications, they can then compete.

According to Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, the law was passed after the Yangon Region Hluttaw Bill Committee had worked with foreign experts, preparing the draft for over 90 days.

Initially, the draft that the government team submitted included the facts that the Yangon municipal committee or Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) was able to invest in business projects. But the current approved law excludes that chapter, according to MP U Hla Htay, of Mingalar Taungnyut Township.

The law was prepared and drafted by the Yangon Region Government and YCDC, collaboratively based on 1922 and 2013 municipal laws.

Reference: www.mizzima.com, www.7daydaily.com

Kayah State MPs Criticize State Gov't Team for Irresponsibly Spent Budget

June 14, 2018

Kayah State Hluttaw Representatives have strongly criticized the state's government for its unsystematic [irresponsible] budget expenditure and the cost inflation on material purchase and project expense.

While presenting the report at the Hluttaw meeting, U Thein Aung Sey Reh, the Chair of Kayah State Hluttaw Public Budget Monitoring Committee, warned the government [team] not to commit that again, when the public budget is used.

The report stated that there are huge gaps found on the expense records of respective 23 departments when the committee inspected.

The Nan-tha-bae stream project proposed by the Kayah State Rural Department is a large size project and should be handled by the Union. The committee objected because it violated 251 article of the constitution and 33 article of State/Region Government Law. The project will spend 4300 million Kyat and it does not follow the fiscal rules and regulations for using state level budget. The committee will also take down the matter of the high-way multiple bus-terminal construction project, which will cost 1000 million Kyat.

The mechanics matter presented by Planning and Finance Minister U Maw Maw was not found in the Form 12 of government's budget books of expenditure and purchase in 2015-2016 fiscal year. Not seeing the budget expense for 10 of car-mechanics is not an honest fact, and it's now with the corruption law since the fact was eliminated from the department's record, according to MP U Khin Maung Tun (aka Naw Ei) of Hpruso Township Constituency -2. MP U Khin Maung Tun urged the State Auditor must inspect and disclosed the facts.

U Naw Ei advised the government must follow, precisely, in accordance with the anti-corruption law.

Reference: www.kantarawaddytimes.org