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Hearing Session to Be Held on Failure to Implement the Motions Which Had Been Passed

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Bago Region Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Committee of region hluttaw said that the hluttaw will hold a hearing session on the matters of motions which had been passed but lacked implementation.

At the sixth regular hluttaw session last March, the motion to hold in check the members of the Police Force was approved but no implementation followed suit.

Moreover, the motions on an urgent need to effectively curb gambling and to control buying and selling of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products more tightly in accordance with excise duty were passed, but the implementations were nowhere to be seen.

There are three motions adopted but not yet implemented in the two years of National League for Democracy dominated hluttaw.

Reference: The Voice Daily

Magway Region Chief Minister Clarified the Complaint to Dismiss Municipal Minister from Office

July 24, 2018

At the ninth regular Magway region hluttaw session on July 24, Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo made clarifications with regard to the complaint against U Zaw Min, the Regional Minister of Planning, Finance and Municipality to resign. The letter was signed by 44 MPs, including Region Hluttaw Speaker U Ta, the Deputy Speaker and carbon-copied to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the State Counsellor of Myanmar.

The complaint letter, which was sent to the Chief Minister, concerned U Zaw Min's incompetence in managing the municipality of Magway comprising 25 townships, criticism by the people of Magway over not completing the construction of drainage in Magway, and the extremely late submission of the regional budget to an emergency hluttaw meeting in March 2018.

The carbon copy of the letter was also sent to State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the President of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar, and the Headquarter of National League for Democracy (NLD).



It is also reported that the Chief Minister and the accused Minister had to give the account of the complaint to the State Counsellor.

Dr Aung Moe Nyo said, "I demoted the assistant-engineer, the junior-engineer, and the senior clerk from the Department of Municipality for a year. I transferred 20 staff. It is [the accusation] true that the drainage system is not good. But that is not the only issue. The main issue is

how to maintain the road from damage. What do you want us to do about the drainage system? What to do about it? Would fund be provided? If yes, then we'll do it. For instance, in some encroaching wards, the houses are too close to the roads and the roads have literally become drainages. So, it is true that houses don't have drainages. Waste water is flowing on the roads. Nobody gives money. Only when money is given, we will be able to do something."

According to U Ta, the Speaker of Magway hluttaw, "Everyone knows about the drainage system. So let us' not talk about it. What we are complaining to the Chief Minister is that he [U Zaw Min] did not submit the budget proposal on time and to take action on him. 44 MPs, including me and the Deputy Speaker lodged the complaint. He did not fulfill his responsibilities. We are asking for his resignation. Either at the household level or at the national level budget is the most important matter."

Reference: http://news-eleven.com

Daw Sandar Min Questions the Claim that Industries Are Booming in Yangon



Photo: Mizzima

July 21, 2018

Daw Sandar Min, an MP [Seitg-yikhanaungto], showing the list of the fourteen factories that closed down in Hlaing Thar Yar, questioned the claim by the Yangon Region Government that industries were growing.

Daw Sandar Min, the Chairperson of Finance, Planning and Economic Committee brought the question up on her Facebook status on July 20.

“Looking at the list of factories that are going to close down, I was wondering which figure the Yangon Region Government used to claim that 600 government-owned factories were set up in Yangon”, Daw Sandar Min reflected.

In a BBC interview last week, the Yangon Chief Minister said that the

number of garment factories had grown from 200 to 600 during his administration.

In the list of the fourteen factories that closed down, there were four garment factories, commodity factories and food enterprises. Among the famous names, Wah Ha Ha Ice-scream, Beauty Palace, Myo Ma White Elephant Peanut Oil made the list.

According to the figure, there are 589 males and 3150 females, altogether 3739 people working in those factories that are going to close down.

The local media has reported that airlines, hotels, and factories are closing down lately in series during the administration led by the National League for Democracy.

Reference: <http://www.mizzimaburmese.com>

Yangon Region Hluttaw Demands Power Eleven Company's Profile

July 17, 2018

Yangon Region Hluttaw Committee for Transport, Communication, Construction, and Industry (CTCCI) demanded the company profile from Power Eleven Company which had been accused of failing to meet financial accountability, according to MP U Than Naing Oo (Pabedan Township Constituency- 1).

The chairman of the Committee specified 10 categories and set July 23 as the latest date for the submission. The ten categories include the monthly report on the license plate number of all the vehicles from October 2017 to June 2018, the names of vehicle owners, revenue, meeting minutes, money collected for setting up CCTV, the names of the people who opened the money boxes, the matter on 32 million Kyat donation, matters of services and management and monthly income. It's not exactly meant to investigate them but rather to present the facts found”, said U Than Naing Oo.

U Than Naing Oo continued, “Myanmar Times reported that the authority didn't find any evidence of money abuse when it interrogated



Ko Tayoke Lay from Power Eleven Company; the Regional Committee's inquiry also didn't yield any positive

result; however, the CTCCI has yet to probe into the case.

Reference: <http://news-eleven.com>

Ayeyarwaddy Region Government Urged to Collect Land and Building Tax Effectively



Daw Su Su Aung
MP from Myan Aung Township

July 26, 2018

An MP from Myan Aung Township put forward a motion at the region hluttaw to urge the regional government to collect land and building tax systematically in the region.

The motion was to push the government to make sure that there was no tax avoidance, tax

evasion, effective management of tax and to ensure there was no corruption in custom department.

Daw Su Su Aung said that the proposed motion aimed at creating a tax culture where accountability is enhanced, an effective tax system managed, and the government received due taxes. Since Myanmar is rebuilding herself anew in many fronts, working for regional development

more than before would facilitate progress.

U Kyaw Zay Ya, an MP from Kyaik Latt Township supported the motion. The minister for Finance also spoke in favour of the motion and the Region Hluttaw decide to have further discussion on the motions.

Reference: [http:// www.mizzimaburmese.com](http://www.mizzimaburmese.com)

5.2 Million Kyats Development Fund to Be Returned Next Month

July 27, 2018

The Ayeyarwaddy Region Government has made public that The Ayeyarwady Health and Education Multi-Developments Foundation shall return the 5.2 billion kyats it received in donation from the previous government on August 2, 2018.

The alleged fraud emerged when U Zayar Min Thein, a lawmaker from Pyapon Constituency (1), asked in the first regular hluttaw session. Former regional Chief Minister U Mahn Johnny led the investigation into the foundation in 2016. Then, the case was taken up by the

President's Office and the Auditor General Office was assigned to conduct the investigation.

It is reported that U Thein Aung, the then-chief Minister, who was also the chairman of Ayeyarwady Region Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) ran a foundation bearing the name Ayeyarwaddy Multi-Developments Foundation and raised funds by ways of soliciting contributions from local businessmen and staging music concerts.

When U Thein Aung had to leave office as the chief Minister after losing in the 2015 general election, he dissolved the foundation and

set up a new foundation, The Ayeyarwaddy Health and Education Multi-Developments Foundation and allegedly transferred the development fund from the old foundation to the reconstituted one.

The foundation stated that out of the "donated" 5.2 million Kyats, more than 400 million is lent for electrification of 20 townships in the region, 800 million is invested in joint ventures with trustworthy private businessmen, and the remaining four million is deposited in four banks in Patheingyi.

Reference: [https:// burma.irrawaddy.com](https://burma.irrawaddy.com)