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Reports Found Budget Surplus Not Returned in Time



Photo- Mizzima

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Regional Finance, Planning, and Economic Development Committee said at the 12th regular Ayeyarwaddy Region hluttaw meeting that the surplus from the financial year was not returned in time. The finding was taken from a report of the regional Auditor General.

Out of 23 organizations that use the region's fund only 10 returned the surplus. 13 organizations still haven't paid back 39.674 million kyats yet. Moreover, it was found that supplementary budget was returned and this practice goes against regulations.

The committee also found other unusual findings which include miscalculation, misunderstanding in the computation of salary and travel allowance of staff, weakness of check and balance among accounts and weakness in supervision at different levels of management.

The committee suggested that it was the matter of the fund to be returned to the Union and should be executed without mistake and the management should be more prudent.

Reference: Mizzima

The Motion to Build Embankments and Dikes Approved in Magway Region Hluttaw

August 2, 2018

The motion put forward by MP U Zaw Win of Kan Ma Township to manage the building of embankments and dikes was approved in Magway hluttaw on July 31.

Magway Region is located in an arid zone. And thus for the farmers to be freed from dependence on

the rainfall for their agriculture he proposed that motion U Zaw Win said.

"We'll have sufficient water. The dams and embankments built by the Union are costly and incur high maintenance cost. Furthermore, they aren't beneficial to small and scattered plantations in the villages."

"In contrast, embankments and dikes that require to dam up only one side

are not only cheap but also cost little to maintain. It will also greatly benefit small plots of farmland," he said.

The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Magway Region Government supported the motion and agreed that if successfully implemented it would make the lives of the farmers better.

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

University Hluttaw held First Time at Pathein University

August 3, 2018

Representatives of university students, together with university administrators, held the first student hluttaw in Convocation Hall at Pathein on August 2.

The hluttaw was led by Pathein University Student Union and held until August 3. At the hluttaw, the student representatives, with the recommendations of the hluttaw, presented the demands, proposals and questions of each department and the university authorities had to answer to the hluttaw.

“Although the Student Union proposes the needs of the school and of the students at the hluttaw since not only the Students’ Union alone but representatives of department also submit proposals, these proposals reflect the needs of all the students of the university,” said the vice-chairman Ko Super Maung.

On the first day of the hluttaw, the Speaker was sworn in and the



University Student hluttaw held at Pathien University.
(Photo: Soe Min Tun)

Executive Committee was voted in by the student representatives.

80 student-members of the Students’ Union from other universities attended the Pathein University hluttaw as observers.

The first university hluttaw was held at Than Lyin University in September 2017 and this is the second time university hluttaw was held.

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



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Yangon Region Hluttaw: Levels of Accomplishment of Promised Projects Ambiguous

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Until the end of the sixth regular session of Yangon Region hluttaw, whether the motions and questions that were passed by the hluttaw were implemented to successful completion were not known exactly, according to Kyauk Ta Dar Township MP Daw Kyi Pyar.

“When the Ministers answer to the hluttaw they don’t promise definitely. They beat around the bush and eventually nobody could make out whether their answers amount to promises,” said Daw Kyi Pyar, also a member of Hluttaw Committee of Pledges, Guarantee and Rights.

“Since the government ministers didn’t spell out exact statements on what they would do or would not do, it was difficult to follow up whether they acted on their words. Furthermore, when the government implemented the promises made at the hluttaw there were a lot of discrepancies,” she continued.

“With regards to questions, the government has been scrutinized all year round. With questions related to policy change we found serious weakness. Besides, in implementing matters promised at the hluttaw, we found many shortcomings,” said Daw Kyi Pyar.

Up until the third regular meeting during the first year of Yangon Region hluttaw out of the 18 motions that were put forward 11 has been passed and there were 316 starred questions and 88 un-starred questions.

Mizzima could not verify how many motions have been approved from the fourth to sixth regular meeting.

Reference: <http://mizzimaburmese.com>



Meeting with Aung Lan township local people and the Magway region agriculture minister, U Win Maw Htay. (Photo- Linn Thet Naing)

Magway Hluttaw Approved the Motion to Set Up Rural Electrification Committee according to the Law

July 31, 2018

The motion submitted by MP U Thet Naing to establish rural electrification committee and to add 11 KV cable to the grid according to existing laws in villages in Magway Region was approved by Magway hluttaw on July 30.

“The works of electrification committee in certain villages went against the law and by-laws and there was no accountability for the use of fund. Thus, it is necessary that the committee be set up according to the law.”

“Previous electrification committees were set up among close associates and people with connections. The majority of villagers weren’t included. The committee split into two-three factions. There was no accountability for the fund. Money was collected but nobody knew how the money was spent. That’s why I proposed this motion,” he said.

According to existing law, once electricity is distributed through a cable it should go under the management of Myanmar Electricity Distribution, but on the ground, some providers are doing on their own accounts and would not let other use it. These are the reasons why he proposed this motion.

“Since 11 kv cable is under the mandate of Regional Electricity and Energy Ministry this problem should be solved soon,” U Thet Naing said.

A number of MPs and Regional Electricity and Energy Ministry supported and discussed that the motions should be approved. The Speaker of hluttaw said the approved motion would be sent to the regional government.

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

River Water Pumping Project Not Implemented Due to Hluttaw’s Rejection

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Irrawaddy River water pumping project in Moe Kaung Village, Aung Lan Township, Magway Region was included in the Union budget annually, but couldn’t be implemented because hluttaw rejected it, according to U Win Maw Htay, the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation of Magway Region.

The Minister spoke thus at a meeting with the townsfolk in Gway Gone Village, Aung Lan Township in the afternoon of August 3.

“This project has already been included in the mini-budget. However, the hluttaw rejected it on the ground that the cost out-weighted the benefits. I thought the project would be scheduled in 2018-19 financial year. But it’s not there anymore,” he said.

The Minister thought that the project was necessary and that he had notified the Chief Minister and hoped that it would be granted next year.

The villages near the Irrawaddy River such as Moe Phone, Mway Yoe, Shwe Tha Htay, Moe Kaung, and Gway Gone have fertile land that can be cultivated all year round, but cannot realize this potential due to the lack of irrigation. Thus, the villagers started the request to the then government in 2015.

During the NLD led government, the project proposal was again put forward to the Minister of Regional Government and Planning. The authority made a ground check and found that it would bring much benefit to many acres of farm land and thus drew up the project.

“The report of Region Law Committee stated that in the assessment of the project the cost out-weighted the benefits and recommended not to go forward with the plan, and the regional governments were asked to follow the recommendation of hluttaw committee. And now, the project is put on hold,” said U Saw Lwin, the Director General of Water Resources Department.

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