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Implementation of Promulgated Laws Weak Criticizes Deputy Speaker

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The Rakhine Hluttaw passed 16 laws, but the government has not been able to implement them, said Deputy Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw U Mya Than.

The previous government issued

and implemented 3 laws. It's been two and a half years since the current government came to power. However, they have not been able to implement any law, he added.

"The Hluttaw makes laws. The government must issue and implement them. But now, although

we have laws, they are not being enforced", U Mya Than said.

With regard to this case, it is reported that recommendations are requested from State Advocate of the Rakhine government about laws and by-laws passed in the state. *Reference: <http://www.7daydaily.com>*

Mon MP Questions Why They are being Shadowed by Police in Civilian Clothes

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Mon State MP of Thaton township constituency-1, Daw Khaing Khaing Leh, at the 11th State Hluttaw meeting, questioned why MPs and members of the state government are being shadowed by the police.

Daw Khaing Khaing Leh said, "When we go to villages to meet communities or attend opening ceremonies, we notice the police in plain clothes are following us. That is why I'm asking this question".

The Law Protecting the Privacy and Security of Citizens was enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in 2017. That law prohibits shadowing a person, recording the communication of a person, and taking pictures of a citizen, according to Daw Khaing Khaing Leh.

The responsibility of the police



Daw Khaing Khaing Leh and Colonel Win Naing Oo. (Photo: Mon State Parliament)

force is to provide security for state-level government officials and since MPs, more than Ministers of state, go to far-flung places in both townships and villages, the police is only doing its duty to guarantee their safety, replied the Minister of Security and Boarder Affairs, Colonel Win Naing Oo.

With regard to the shadowing of the plain-clothed police during the trips of MPs and Ministers, Daw Khaing Khaing Leh said, "I don't feel they are providing us security. Rather, they are shadowing us. If they want to protect us, they should do it in their uniforms".

Reference: <https://burma.irrawaddy.com>



Photo: Aung Kyaw Thu Facebook

The Motion to Remove Toll Gates in Mon State Gets Voted Down

September 20, 2018

The motion to remove tollgates at the entrance of towns across Mon State was voted down at the 11th regular Hluttaw session.

The motion was proposed by U Aung Kyaw Thu, an MP from Thaton

Township constituency-2 on 12 September.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Construction and the Ministry of Finance discussed in objection to the motion and had to be settled by voting due to disagreement.

“According to the situation of the

whole country, some states and regions do not collect toll while others do so pursuant to the law. Some tollgates were removed in respect of the request of the local people. In Mon State, along Yangon-Mawlamyine highway built by B.O.T system by Shwe Thanlwin and AK Company, tollgates belonged not only the two companies but also the municipal office are imposing toll. This disturbs the people and tarnishes the image of Mon State. That is why I'm submitting this motion to remove them by the new fiscal year in October”, U Aung Kyaw Thu said.

If toll is not collected, the salary of the employees of the Municipal Office could be affected, said U Min Kyaw Lwin, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Construction.

“It's true that collecting toll disturbs the people. We've been collecting it since before. If we don't do it anymore, we won't be able to pay the salary of the staff of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. So, I'd like to request (Hluttaw) to keep the motion in record”, said U Min Kyaw Lwin.

In Magway Region, all toll gates in the entrance of towns will be removed starting on October 1.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Short News

■ The Sagaing Region Hluttaw is going to spend 240 million kyats of Hluttaw lump sum budget to install an electronic voting system in the Hluttaw hall. A local company, Naung Yoe IT Company, won the tender for this work and will use electronics from Germany. The contract was signed on September 16 and the installation will take about two months.

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

■ A member of the Hluttaw Committee for Natural Resources, Environment, Electricity, and Energy said the committee is investigating whether or not coal mining is carried out according to the rules and regulations of the Ministry of Mining. 8 workers died on November 27 last year when a coal mine collapsed in Minbu township, and 8 more miners died in another collapse of coal mine in Saw township.

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

■ MP Daw Aye Aye Mar of Yangon Region Lanmadaw-1, posed a question to the government whether the government has conducted a survey of juvenile street-beggars in Yangon Region, and that she would like to obtain the number of street beggars on the streets of Yangon if they have the data. The Minister of Social Welfare U Naingan Lin responded that the government has not done such survey.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Motion to Prevent Drug Woes Proposed in Rakhine

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200 billion kyats worth of drugs has been seized in Rakhine State in seven years. A motion to prevent youth from falling victim to drugs was submitted.

U Tun Thar Sein, MP of Rakhine State Mrauk Oo township, who put forward the motion, said that the situation has reached a critical point for the future of Rakhine youth.

“It was reported that between 2011 and May 2018 1,836,925,934 kyats worth of drugs was seized. 1,011 people in 631 drugs case have been identified. This figure should alarm us of the seriousness of drug issues for the future of Rakhine”, he said.

The rate of accidents due to riding motorcycles recklessly under the influence of drugs and fatality rate and flash mob robberies and crimes are on the rise.

Since drugs are easily available in such various places as even betel shops, this is threatening the Rakhine State and the Rakhine people.

An MP discussed the motion in support and with no



U Tun Thar Sein, MP of Rakhine State Mrauk Oo township. (Photo: RFA)

objection it was decided that the motion should be discussed further.

Reference: www.rfa.org

Motion to Eradicate Gambling Approved at Shan Hluttaw

September 21, 2018

The Shan State Hluttaw approved a motion to uproot gambling shops and take actions against people involved.

Early this year, in a youth meeting in Lashio University, one of the issues brought up by university students was that although gambling venues are proliferating but there was no action taken to address the issue. This is the reason why I have to submit this motion, said Hsenwi Township MP Nang Khin Htar Yee.

“University students told me about this in a meeting with them in Lashio University in Northern Shan State. A lot of gambling shops are opening in the periphery of the university. They disturb their studies. Nobody prohibits them or takes action against them. As a consequence, many students are not studying but doing things they should not be doing. Some even use drugs. Flash robs are happening in a lot of places. Given this grave situation, I’m proposing this motion”, Nang Khin Htar Yee spoke at the Hluttaw.

Muse Township MP discussed that since the police and local



Shan State Hluttaw in session. (Photo:Sai Htet Kheil)

government aren’t doing enough, the rule of law is lacking.

Likewise, “Shark Game centers” are proliferating in Kutkai Township and Kalaw Township.

3 MPs discussed in support of the motion and the Minister of Boarder Affairs himself supported it and the motion was approved.

Reference: www.rfa.org