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Question on Yangon Government's Account of Public Funds (Part -1)

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The report of Yangon Region Auditor General's Office on Yangon government's spending came out during the seventh regular meeting of the second regional Hluttaw.

After the submission of the report to the Hluttaw, the discussions of regional MPs on the report spread quickly among the public.

From the findings of the report, the most widely criticized issues included the Yangon government's spending of, from 2016-17 supplementary allotted budget of 134 billion, 54 billion in Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co., Ltd, 10 billion in New Yangon Development Co., Ltd, 35 billion in Yangon Bus Public Company Limited (YBPC), 35 billion in Yangon Urban Public Transport Company (YUPT) – a total of 134 billion – and 10.5 billion for purchasing school buses and 180 million kyats for Yangon night market.

200 MPs gave their names to discuss about the 300-page report. The government has yet to answer the questions of MPs (law makers) in the Hluttaw.



Photo : Yangon Region Hluttaw Facebook Page

Yangon government has set up two public companies, namely Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co., Ltd and New Yangon Development Co., Ltd, for residential and other projects.

Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co., Ltd was established with a capital of 64,000 million kyats, of which 11.460 million was set for the operation cost. That amount was used for operational management from March 3 to end of May 2017. However, the project has not started.

In addition, the money invested in the New Yangon Development Co., Ltd was not reported to the Hluttaw. The decision was made by the Yangon government alone.

The action amounts to abuse of power, criticized Daw Sandamin, an MP of Seikgyi Kanaungto Township. *(To Be Continued)*

Reference: Extracted from Zaw Min Naing's "Yangon government's account of public funds to be questioned on the basis of the report of Auditor General", published by Weekly Eleven News, No.50, Vol 13.

10 Billion Cut by Mandalay Hluttaw to Be Used for Regional Development

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Mandalay Hluttaw meeting in October confirmed to use 10 billion Kyats from 2018-19 budget for regional development under a different topic.

The proposed budget for 2018-19 includes a large amount of fund with certain projects without details, so the Hluttaw decided to allot some budget for the development of other regions.

The cut budget, which amounted to 10 billion, should be used for the construction of rural roads and regional development, proposed the Minister of Mandalay Region Planning and Finance to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Oo said that since there isn't yet a detailed plan for the project, implementation of work must be done in collaboration with MPs and the Hluttaw.

(Reference: 7daydaily.com)

Handle Informers Well: Sagaing Hluttaw Demands

October 3, 2018

If the "reared" informers are not handled well, incidents of them breaking laws would increase, said an MP from Sagaing Region on October 2.

Informers are more powerful than governmental employees and can make more money and thus they are depended upon by government employees, MP U Kyaw San (Minkin Constituency -1) said.

Informers use their authority for their own benefits. As a result, cases of them distorting money from people, arresting and physically abusing people are on the rise, U Kyaw San said to Myanmar Now.

U Kyaw San raised the question about informers' breaking the laws at Hluttaw meeting on October 2.

He mentioned incidents of their lawless actions such as beheading a person who took pictures of a lumber mill in the forest, a close shave interruption of the police by shooting an informer who was about to chop an MP with a hatchet, and the informers threatening MP U Tun Tun Win and his group.

U Kyaw San also pointed out the overdue delay of the prosecution of the murder of journalist Ko Soe Moe Tun in Monywa township wherein informers are implicated.

In response to U Kyaw San's questions, the Minister of Region Security and Border Affairs, Colonel Than Tun said that the matter of the informers is being assessed and plans are under way to handle them well.

The Minister said further that the informers are taken actions against



Colonel Than Tun Aung, the Minister of Sagaing Region Security and Border Affairs, waits to answer the questions of MP U Kyaw San from Minkin Township constituency-1 at the regional Hluttaw meeting on October 2. (Photo: Sagaing Hluttaw)

based on complaint letters about their abuses of authority or investigations.

Since information is key to security, surveillance and the rule of law, we have to "rear" informers. 6 kinds

of information and 7 kinds of informers are being used to get information, said the Minister.

(Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com)



Dawei airport. (Photo: Dawei Watch)

400 Million Fees for Cleaning Dawei Airport to Be Questioned at Hluttaw

October 1, 2018

Regarding the 400 million kyats used by Thaninthayi Region government to clean Dawei airport in January 2017, the Deputy Speaker of Hluttaw asked the regional Auditor General, on September 28 during the Hluttaw meeting, to present the details of the expense to the Hluttaw at the nearest Hluttaw meeting.

The regional Auditor General submitted a report on the biannual budget of 2016-17 fiscal year and expenditure at the ninth regular Hluttaw meeting. The chairman, U Kyaw Min, of Regional Finance, Planning and Economic committee, read the findings and analysis on the report to the ongoing tenth meeting of Hluttaw. U Kyaw Min said that according to the report, the contract to clean Dawei airport include the area to be cleaned in and outside of the airport but not exact measure of the area and the cleaning rate of fee per acre.

“The contract doesn’t mention how large the area is, and how much for an acre,” said U Kyaw Min.

The committee judged that if the area to be cleaned were 250 acres, the rate of cleaning would amount to 1.6 million kkyat per acre, which is exorbitant, added U Kyaw Min.

The Deputy Speaker of Hluttaw U Kyi Soe said that the Auditor General’s Office must check, in accordance with procedure, whether the government is responsibly and appropriately using public fund.

He continued that if the government is found to be reckless in its use of state finance, the Hluttaw can summon the Auditor General and the concerned government department for a hearing.

(Reference: Dawei Watch/ Myanmar Times)

Construction Works in Mandalay Not Up to Quality

September 27, 2018

Companies that won tender for construction projects in Mandalay neither informed the terms and conditions of the contract to Hluttaw nor completed construction works up to standard, said Daw Nyein Thet Nwe, an MP of Na Htoe Gyi Township.

Mandalay Hluttaw meeting on September 26 made it clear to the government that the contract signed between the government and the companies should reach the hands of MPs before the agreed projects begin.

Daw Nyein Thet Nwe further stated that in 2016-17 fiscal year a conflict happened between the local people and a company over installation of 11kv electric wire where the company did a bad job and without collaboration with the government and representatives.

The Minister of Electricity, Energy and Construction, Mandalay, answered to the Hluttaw that the ministry is working on, in its use of public fund, minimizing wastage, reaching standard, and timely completion.

The Minister added that as transparency, responsibility, and accountability are necessary, a handbook for construction has been written and will be used to settle issues.

(Reference: www.7daydaily.com)