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### A Public Hearing Held to Review Mandalay City Development Committee Laws and Bylaws

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A public hearing was held on December 9 for a third day at Mandalay Region Hluttaw to review Mandalay City Development Committee laws and bylaws. The Deputy Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw, U Khin Maung Htay and MPs, the Deputy Speaker of Shan State Hluttaw and MPs, heads of departments, officers and staff of Mandalay City Development Committee, members of CSOs, observers and some media attended the session. During the program, the Chairman of Security, Management and Development Committee, U Myint

Aung Moe told the audience the reasons for the public hearing and the program summary. On the first and second day, the Head of Market and Slaughterhouse Department and the Head of Revenue Department took questions from the audience and clarified them. MPs from two Hluttaw committees took up questions and issues raised by the people regarding market and slaughterhouse and asked the Heads of Market and Slaughterhouse Department and the Head of Revenue Department and they clarified them in return.

Reference: [Mandalay Region Hluttaw Facebook Page](#)

## Questions on Quality Checks in Departmental Building Construction

November 29, 2018

Daw Khin Moe Wah, an MP of Thabaung township, raised a question in Ayeyawaddy Region Hluttaw on the state of quality checks carried out on departmental building construction.

"We, MPs, weren't informed about staff residences for township general administration department completed in 2017-18 fiscal year. There are many other projects like this in other departments. It is absolutely necessary to form a committee to inspect the quality of work so that we can monitor circumstances that are not transparent", said Daw Khin Moe Wah.

In addition, construction of the fences for the compound of township fire brigade and rooms for case files for township Land Administration and Records Department costs large sum of public fund but after completing those projects, MPs were informed to inspect on the works, continued Daw Khin Moe Wah at the Hluttaw.

"The construction works should have been inspected for quality on



MP Daw Khin Moe Wah of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw. Photo-Mizzima

regular basis by Quality Control Committee which was formed since the time tenders were invited. The Township Construction Committee does the inspection on the quality from time to time when requested by respective departments. If such inspections weren't sufficient, according to the needs of respective

departments, a third party comprised of experts from Regional Construction Committee carries out quality checks, U Kyaw Myint, the Minister for Ayeyawaddy Region Development, said in reply.

Reference: <http://www.mizzimaburmese.com/article/52781>

## Thirty Months of Second Rakhine State Hluttaw (Part – 2)



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Certain motions were the ones that the state government can implement on real grounds while the others had to be brought up to the union government. The motions accurately reflected the needs of local people. Although the Rakhine State Hluttaw comprises MPs from different political parties, most motions came out unanimously and adopted without objections. Similarly, the government supported them.

### Pledges

The state government has the responsibility to implement the motions approved by the State Hluttaw. The Rakhine State government is composed of Chief Minister from the National League for Democracy (NLD), a Minister from military representative, a Minister from Arakan League for Democracy (ALD) and other three Ministers. Although it can be seen that the Hluttaw and the government of Rakhine State are on good terms, other observers have pointed out that the government has been weak in implementing pledges.

The Speaker of the Rakhine State

Hluttaw said at the eighth regular session that the government put a lot of efforts in answering the questions of MPs, that the government didn't object to any motions proposed, and especially, that save an MP, all MPs including the military MPs approved the motion to issue national verification cards to Bengali as Kaman ethnic nationality. All these show that when it came to national causes the State Hluttaw is united and had no personal biases. This demonstrated the strength of the Rakhine State Hluttaw, remarked the Speaker.

One main responsibility of Hluttaw is monitoring, especially monitoring the government, the government's policies, undertakings and implementation of laws. Therefore, the Hluttaw analyzes and discusses regional plans proposed by the government. The State Hluttaw reviews the state government's budget proposals and expenditures. The State Hluttaw has to carry out this responsibility to check whether the government's undertakings are in compliance with the prescription by Union Finance Committee or whether the projects really benefit the people. The Hluttaw is tasked with monitoring

especially on matters of education, increased expenses on health and social projection, prioritized spending on projects that render immediate benefits the people, implementation of projects based on levels of priority, procurements in accordance with laws, bylaws, and regulations, rural development, electrification, and management of drinking water and irrigation. The Hluttaw also reviews and discusses budgets and accounts of the government.

The second Rakhine State Hluttaw discusses yearly the government's fiscal budget and the laws on budget appropriation. The MPs pointed out that the government's proposal for supplementary budget was not in line with existing laws. Particularly, the MPs found that the government requested for supplementary funds for projects that were already completed and for other unnecessary projects. As a result, the Hluttaw cut 641 million kyats and about 700 million kyats for 2018 short-term budget. **(to be continued)**

*Reference: Rakhine Hluttaw journals published by Rakhine State Hluttaw*

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Yangon Region Hluttaw in session. Photo-Yangon Chief Minister Facebook

## Elected MP and Military Representatives Take an Oath at Yangon Region Hluttaw

**November 29, 2018**

U Nay Myo Aung, an MP of Yangon Region, Seikkan township (constituency 2), who won the 2018 by-election and six military representatives took an oath at the Region Hluttaw.

The Second Yangon Region Hluttaw special session (1/2018) was held on

November 29 and the new MPs swore an oath at the Hluttaw.

U Nay Myo Aung, who lost in the 2015 general election, is a member of Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP). It's reported that the NLD has sent a note of protest to Union Election Commission (UEC) about U Nay Myo Aung's alleged

facilitation of micro-loans to the voters during his election campaigns.

The by-election was held for a seat in Pyithu Hluttaw for Tarmwe constituency and a seat in the regional Hluttaw for Seikkan township constituency 2, where 9 MP-candidates competed for the by-election.

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

## Report on Complaints against Midwife Submitted at Region Hluttaw

**November 27, 2018**

The findings of the Social, Educational and Protection Committee on the complaint against a midwife from Nayyapyanchi Village, Kyauktangyi Village Tract, Labutta Township was submitted to the Region Hluttaw.

"It can be judged based on the findings that the midwife is charging money for deliveries. It's also found that Daw Sanda Win asked for fees when people asked her recommendation letters which they need to apply for financial aid from INGOs", said U Khin Maung Zaw, a member of the Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Committee for Social, Education, Health, and Natural Disasters Protection about the findings, verification and suggestions at the Region Hluttaw.

The Committee found that fees were collected for

birth certificates and deliveries and suggested that the Department of Public Health see to it that such practices do not happen. It further found that fees were charged for health care services for childbearing mothers and suggested that the Department ensure that state provided medical supplies do not go to waste but reach the people free of charge.

"According to the findings and verification, Daw Sanda Win charged fees, that she didn't have good relations with the local people and that complaints against her have been lodged many times in Kyaukhmaw where she worked previously and as a result she was transferred. Therefore, I suggest that measures be taken against her in accordance with staff disciplines and regulations," said U Khin Maung Zaw.

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