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Department of Agriculture Selling Rice Seeds Provided by the State



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An agricultural department in a township is selling rice seeds provided by the State to establish model farms to farmers at 25,500 kyats per acre, said U Zaw Win, Chairman of Magway State Agriculture and Irrigation Development Committee.

The chairman said that the case was discovered during a field visit in townships on December 4.

"I don't want to mention the name. An agricultural department in a township is selling rice seeds provided for model farms at 25,500 per acre. I learned of it from the farmers telling me that they were refunded money by the department two days prior to the committee's visit, saying rice seeds were given for free", said the chairman in a meeting with farmers at General Administration Department Office on December 16.

It is said that negotiation not to report such practice of collecting money to higher authorities. The chairman said that the committee suggests that the farmers write a report to the Region Hluttaw.

The chairman said further that he also learned of cases of funds

provided by the State not actually reaching respective townships.

Detailed accounts will be presented in the upcoming Hluttaw sessions, so he'd rather not talk about it, said U Zaw Win, an MP of Kanma township.

Magway Region Agriculture and Irrigation Committee had a field visit in Min Bu District and for the moment it is going to visit Thayet Township.

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

Short News

■ The bill for the rental and sale of Mandalay Government's properties has been completed, said the Chairman of Mandalay Region Hluttaw Legislation Committee, U Tin Aung. The motion for the government to write the bill as prescribed in Schedule II of the constitution was adopted in the eighth regular Hluttaw session in December 2017. The bill includes procedures for forming agency that will conduct price setting, sale and rental. The process will be more transparent and that it's expected to be submitted to the upcoming Mandalay Region regular Hluttaw meeting, said U Tin Aung.

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

■ MPs who upset the people either by their words or actions will be taken action against, said the NLD's Spokesperson, Dr Myo Nyunt, on December 26. There has been 450 complaint letters against MPs from the NLD and 50 MPs have been dealt with, he said. Each MP's performance has been compiled and those MPs who have been charged with will not be selected to run for the 2020 general election, Dr Myo Nyunt said on December 6.

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

Thirty Months of Second Rakhine State Hluttaw (Part – 3)



(Continued from previous issue)

Such cut managed to prevent the government from unnecessary spending. It was also a check and balance in action between the Hluttaw and the government. It was known that Rakhine State Hluttaw learned lessons from previous experiences and matters and in making 2018-19 fiscal budget legislators' suggestions and feedbacks were taken into consideration.

Therefore, current expenditure 46259.536 million kyats, capital expenditure 117338.361 million kyats (total expenditure 165397.897 million kyats) in the proposed Rakhine State 2018-19 fiscal budget for 26 departments and government establishments was approved without any cuts in second Rakhine State Hluttaw's eighth regular session in September 2018.

In project implementations with capital expenditure in 2017-2018

fiscal budget, for roads construction such as rural roads, urban roads, and roads connecting towns, union streets, 48.16 percent of capital expenditure, 17.17 percent for electricity sector, 9.88 percent for agriculture, and for prevention of riverbank erosions, fire hazards, disaster prevention, rural water supply and other construction works 24.79 percent were allotted.

No satisfaction

It was found that the Hluttaw is not satisfied with the government's performance on the budget. The Hluttaw Speaker said that the government must take responsibility in managing a budget; now that the budget has been approved the MPs should not behave as though it does not concern them in the local development works done by approved budget; MPs are responsible for monitoring, not interfering, the

works of government and companies that won tenders to do such works; MPs should monitor local development works not with their words but with their actions; and that if necessary they can file complaints to the Hluttaw.

Furthermore, the Speaker said that the Ministers and MPs should follow directives number (1/2017) of the President's Office with regard to local development works. Some MPs criticized that government lacks transparency in tender processes and is weak in following the directive (1/2017). They also discussed that weaknesses in following finance regulations costs the State.

(To be continued)

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

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Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Investigated over Alleged Financial Abuse

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The Deputy Speaker of Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw is being interrogated by the regional NLD executive council on the charge of the purchase of five cars for Hluttaw's use, said Deputy Speaker U San Min Aung.

The investigation is led by the NLD executive council

member U Kyaw Hoe and was conducted by a special investigation team.

"A special investigation team is heading it. The findings will be presented to Central Executive Council (CEC) and they will rule the case", he NLD Spokesperson Dr Myo Nyunt said to Mizzima.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Proposal to Rename Two Ministries Approved in Bago Hluttaw

December 2, 2018

Due to some objections over a proposal to rename two ministries in Bago regional government, a division vote was taken in the regional Hluttaw and the proposal was approved with majority votes.

The regional government's proposal to rename the Ministry of Development and Social Welfare the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Forestry and Environmental Conservation the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environmental Conservation and Development was approved in the regional Hluttaw meeting on November 29.

In a Hluttaw meeting on October 17 Bago regional Chief Minister proposed for the change in the name of two ministries. However, since there were some objections, Hluttaw Speaker decided to get the advice of the Constitutional Tribunal.

In a special Hluttaw meeting on November 28, MPs discussed the proposal further upon the felicitations of the President to seek the Hluttaw's approval, as prescribed by the constitution. Three out of four regional legislators requested that the decision be made by secret ballot casting. The Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources objected to adding to its numerous responsibilities one more ministry and suggested a separate Ministry of Development, recounted U Myo Kyi, a regional MP of Waw Township.

Since there were both proponents and opponents to the proposal the Speaker decided to settle it with division voting.

"We requested secret ballot casting,



If we had used this method, all MPs could have voted it down. But division voting was used," explained MP U Aung Ko Min.

Thus, with 26 neutral votes, 5

against-votes, 36 for-votes, the Hluttaw approved the government's proposal for a change in the names of the two ministries.

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