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Tanintharyi Government to Be Referred to Anti-corruption Committee If Found Guilty of Granting Tenders against Tender Rules and Regulations



The Chief Minister of Tanintharyi Region government and the Minister of Electricity visit the electricity production site of GGS in Kanpauk region in 2017. (Photo: Tanintharyi Region/fb)

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The Tanintharyi government is to be investigated over allegedly granting, against tender rules and regulation, three tenders to Global Grant Services (GGS) and if found guilty, the government will be referred to anti-corruption committee, the NLD spokesperson Dr Myo Nyunt told 7Day Daily.

The three tenders include construction works for caneball (Sepak Tekraw) court in Dawei, a city hall in Palaw township, and a regional government guest residence in Naypyitaw.

The Tanintharyi government granted tenders to GGS in advance without proper budget proposal according to the rules and regulations of tender process. Subsequently, it

was mentioned in the 2016-17 audit report during the regional Hluttaw meeting that the three tenders couldn't be covered in the audit.

When inquired by 7Day Daily, the regional Hluttaw Speaker confirmed that the case was true.

Dr Myo Nyunt said that the government and authorities from the Hluttaw should not stop reporting to the media only but have the responsibility to report to higher authorities and if reported with solid evidences immediate measures will be taken.

The Speaker U Khin Maung Aye said, "Hluttaw is investigating this case. Since this is a government related issue, we're trying to get strong evidences. Some people dare not speak out".

GGS is a company that has not

paid its debt of 8 billion kyats for gas and the company in-charge has said that it has close relationship with the regional Chief Minister Dr Lei Lei Maw and the Minister of Electricity U Kyi Hlaing.

The regional government omitted important information when it signed the contract with GGS for electricity production and whether this amounted to corruption, asked U Zaw Hein, an MP for Kyunsu township at regional Hluttaw meeting on December 18. The company still has not paid taxes since they started the construction work and now, with the permission of the regional government, it is working on Tayetchaung fish auction market and low-cost residence projects.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

Thirty Months of Second Rakhine State Hluttaw (Final)

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Hluttaw Committees

Rakhine State Hluttaw has 11 committees and that are cooperating with each other in respective sectors. The Rakhine State Hluttaw has passed 16 laws. The Hluttaw has also formed committees as circumstances demand and given them tasks to investigate certain issues and made them report to it. Depending on the breath and depth of the matter, it has recorded some matters, referring some to the government, and in certain cases to the president.

Some significant undertakings of the Hluttaw for national and the Rakhine people include investigation on distribution of farm lands converted from industrial lands in Satyoekya Ward which the previous government implemented at the end of its mandate, setting up investigative committees to investigate on “Bengali conflicts” that happened in Maungdaw and Rathedaung on October 9, 2016, and a hearing inquiry team for citizens’ fundamental rights and special concerns to report on implementation of 2008 national verification law in Maungtau and Buditaung townships which that issued national verification cards to non-ethnics. In addition, with regards to ethnic issues, the Hluttaw strived to uphold the rights of ethnic groups that inhibit the



Rakhine State.

International Relations

Delegates from bodies of the UN and diplomats occasionally came to meet the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Rakhine State Hluttaw, affirming their support in their involvement in the peace, stability and development of Rakhine State and listening to the views of the Rakhine State Hluttaw. In return, the Rakhine State Hluttaw told them about their national vision and conditions that the Rakhine people are going through.

Capacity Building

In the thirty months of the second

Rakhine State Hluttaw, workshops were held in cooperation with international organizations and non-governmental organizations to build the capacity of MPs and some MPs were sent abroad capacity of each MP and the roles of the committees were greatly enhanced. As MPs themselves engaged in developmental works in their respective constituencies, check and balance between the executive and the legislature was also observed.

Reference: Rakhine Hluttaw journals published by Rakhine State Hluttaw

An article written by Kyun Ngamanthar and published by Development Media Group – www.dmediag.com.

Deputy Speaker of Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw under Investigation



The dismissed Deputy Speaker of Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw U San Min Aung

January 16, 2019

Following the accusation that the Deputy Speaker of Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw U San Min Aung manipulated for his personal benefit in the purchase of five cars for regional Hluttaw, the Deputy Speaker was dismissed from the NLD and necessary measures are being undertaken against him, the NLD Spokesperson Dr Myo Nyunt told Mizzima.

With regards to the findings of the investigation, arrangements are being made to refer him to Anti-corruption Committee.

U San Min Aung was accused of using over 1.5 billion kyats of the 2017-18 fiscal budget for his personal benefits in purchasing five cars and was interrogated by special investigation team set up by the NLD and was duly dismissed.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Mismanagement of Projects Is Theft, Said Magway MP

December 17, 2018

If the government mismanages projects, it can be considered theft from the state, said U Zaw Win, an MP of Kanma township in Magway Region at a meeting with farmers at General Administration Meeting Hall in Aungmye township on December 16.

“If the government implements a project inappropriately, literally hundreds and thousands of billion worth of money are lost. Nothing is gained”, said U Zaw Win.

Kyankhin-Pakokku railway that passes through Kanma township in Magway Region was constructed in 2016, which cost a huge amount of money and destroyed large areas of farmland, but the railway is not being used. This is a case in point, he pointed out.

“It’s only a 45-minute ride on the

motorbike to Pyay. If we take the train, a transit by car is necessary, so no one is taking the train. Big trees have already sprung up on the tract now”, he explained.

In addition, the Committee for Agriculture and Livestock found on a site visit that the river-water pumping project is pumping water although there are no farms in that area.

“We saw water being pumped. Perhaps [the government officers are doing it] because we are coming to check. The water was flowing in the irrigation canals. When I asked which areas were being irrigated, I was pointed to a stretch of land with bushes. I was even told that if the project was successful, the grassland would be cleared and turned into farmlands”, recounted U Zaw Win.

A committee member also said that using a lot of money to pump water to irrigate the land where there is actually no farmland incurred a tremendous loss of state fund.

“The amount of money being used is incredibly high. Pumping water for an acre of farmland costs 460,000 kyats in electricity bill. Revenue from the farmer is merely a little over 1,000 kyats. They [government officers] should know how much it contracts the state’s coffer and to what extent their projects benefit the farmers”, said the committee chairman.

Agriculture, Livestock’s and Irrigation Development Committee of Magway region is going on site visits to check various projects in Magway Region beginning on December 4.

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

Mon State Hluttaw Organized Research Paper Reading Session

December 24, 2018

Research paper reading sessions on ancient civilization and environmental conservation of Kyaikmaraw town was organized by Mon State Hluttaw at Attayan Hall on December 22.

The benefit for holding such events is that people come to know how to utilize the value of such natural resources. For example, people would take such great values into consideration when conducting activities such as tourism or extraction of natural resources, helping make good decisions, said Deputy Speaker U Aung Naing Oo.

Researches were conducted by Mon State Hluttaw in collaboration with scholars from the departments of History, Geography, Physics, Burmese Language, and Anthropology of Mawlamyine University and 9 research papers were produced.

Beginning in November 2017, researches were conducted in three areas, namely, ancient pagodas, stone inscriptions and environment, lakes and hot springs.

The researches will be sent to Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, said Dr Aung Naing Oo.

Similar paper reading sessions



Photo: Aung Naing Oo

were held by Mon State Hluttaw during the term of the first Mon State Hluttaw, such as “the Golden Land Thuwanabumi” in Mawlamyine

and “Ancient Town of Warkayu” in Thanbyuzayat township.

Reference: burmese.monnews.org