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Birth Certificate to Be Issued without Father's ID

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When single mothers give birth, they find it hard to obtain a birth certificate for their children if they cannot present, for various reasons, the father's national verification certificate (NVC), said Daw Khaing Khaing Leh, the Chairwoman of Mon State Hluttaw Women and Children's Rights Committee.

On the sixth day of the twelfth regular session of Mon State Hluttaw. she brought up the issue as she was asking about the condition of issuing birth certificates and children's rights.

When women who were sexually abused, or those in prostitution and others who were deserted, give birth, they cannot obtain birth certificates since they cannot show the father's ID for various reasons, Daw Khaing Khaing Leh said.

"Whether unplanned or for any other reasons, when children are delivered, there are those mothers who want to tell other persons who the father is and others who don't want to. But in order to get birth certificates, the father's ID is the main requirement. For a child to get its rights and to survive why is the father's NVC so important?" she asked.

It is the right of every child to get their birth certificate; if they don't have that, they cannot get NVC; and if they don't have NVC they won't be recorded in a family registration certificate and their education could be affected down the line, said Daw Khaing Khaing Leh.

U Wana Kyaw, a member of Mon State Government and the Minister of Planning, Finance, Immigration and Population responded to her questions but his responses were unsatisfactory to her. So, she asked again and was promised by the Mon State Government in the twelfth regular session of the second Mon State Hluttaw that every child whose father is unknown will have the right to get a birth certificate, leaving blank in the space for the father's name in the application forms. Reference: Thanlwin Times,

The Irrawaddy-Burmese Edition



■ In the Sagaing Region Hluttaw session held on February 27, U Kyaw Shwe (Tantse -1), a member of Education, Health, Sports and Cultures Committee, submitted a bill for charitable hospitals and clinics and private hospitals and clinics. All MPs agreed to discuss it and referred it to Draft Law Committee. The bill was written with the aims to manage charitable hospitals and clinics and private hospital and clinics and to reduce centralization and give the region more authority.

Reference: The Chindwin Voice

■ On February 26, in the hluttaw meeting of Sagaing Region, a "Committee for Special Issues, Investigation, and Research" was formed. The committee comprises of 8 MPs and 2 military MPs.

Reference: The Chindwin Voice



Chin State Deputy Speaker to Be Terminated by Impeachment If He Doesn't Resign

March 3, 2019

If Chin State Deputy Speaker U Aung Than doesn't resign from the office as instructed by the party, he is to be removed by impeachment, said Speaker U Zo Bawi.

The NLD (central), on February 7, instructed U Aung Than to step down from his office of Deputy Speakership, but until yesterday no resignation letter has been received yet, said U Zo Bawi.

"I don't know anything about him having to resign. It was instructed by the heads of party", said U Zo Bawi.

Ten constituents from Mindat Township signed and sent a request letter, stating that they learned about the final warning letter for the deputy speaker to resign from his position, and requesting that reasons for asking the deputy speaker be presented to the voters.

"In Chin State, there's a government led by the chief minister. Then, there's a parliament headed by the Speaker. For the party [NLD] to intervene like this is undemocratic. Previously, it [NLD] had removed the minister of municipality. That minister was the most hardworking man. We don't want the party to repeat committing such kind of the mistake again. That's why we are sending this letter", said Salai Shel Aung who is one of the ten signatories.

Mindat voters would denounce an MP if he/she were asked to resign because he/she didn't undertake his/her responsibilities



Chin State Deputy Speaker (Photo: Chin World)

fully, but if an MP were asked to resign without sufficient reasons, they would stand by him/her firmly, read the letter that was addressed to the speaker of the house, the Vice Chairman of the NLD, Dr Zaw Myint Maung and the Central Executive Committee.

ecutive Committee. The warning letter signed by Dr

Zaw Myint Maung and circulated on social media, stated that as promised on February 7 in front of the members of Central Executive Committee, the deputy speaker should resign by Feb 23 as the latest, and if he didn't resign, he would be removed by impeachment.

Reference: http://7daydaily.com

Motion Proposed by the Military Rejected in Rakhine Hluttaw

February 20, 2019

A motion urging the state government to mobilize the local people in Rakhine State to cooperate in the military's activities was rejected in Rakhine State.

The motion was submitted by military MP Major Thet Oo Maung and was discussed in support by Captain Kyaw Min Than.

The hluttaw turned down the motion to be discussed in the hluttaw with 11 supporters and 22 opponents and 1 staying neutral, out of 34 eligible votes.

Major Thet Oo Maung mentioned during his proposal that some Rakhine people and soldiers were killed by Bengali terrorists. In addition, he said that Arakan Army (AA), claiming to protect the Rakhine Land, is trying to usurp Rakhine people's patriotism and break off from the Union and establish a separate country, using Arakan Dream 2020 slogans.

Reference: http://burmese.dvb.no



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Distribution of budget across townships being presented in the hluttaw.

Constituency of Chief Minister of Yangon Region Gets more Fund

February 28, 2019

Out of twelve townships outside Yangon municipal territory, the constituency of Yangon Chief Minister, Hlegu Township, is getting more fund, MP U Kyaw Zayya of Dagon-2 pointed out.

In the hluttaw meeting held on February 27, in the discussion about supplementary fund and appropriated budget of 2018-19 fiscal year, U Kyaw Zayya said that although it was pointed out during the budget preparation that the budget proposal for Hlegu was too much, not a single cent was cut.

He mentioned that 680 million kyats was spent for Hlegu's municipality. Although the regional government had said that it intended, in the objectives for local development plans, to develop both the townships within and without Yangon municipality equally, in reality it wasn't the case.

"Was it [fund] determined by the size of the township or the number of households or population? Last week, when LED bulbs were distributed in 11 townships, Hlegu Township received the most", he added.

Again, Hlegu Township got the biggest budget for rural road construction, and in municipal lump sum budget, Hlegu Township spent the most, he said.

All 45 townships should spend supplementary budget and original budget equitably, MP Daw Moe Moe Su Kyi (Mayangone Township Constituency-2) said in agreement. "Although it must be accepted according to the availability of budget, like U Kyaw Zayya pointed out, I suggest that reasonable budget for reasonable number projects is fairly distributed to each township".

Reference: https://news-eleven.com

MP Sad over the Government not Giving Importance to Questions and Motions

March 2, 2019

The regional government should give importance to questions and motions put forward in the hluttaw, MP Daw Myint Myint San said.

After the sixteen regular Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw session, held on February 28, Daw Myint Myint San talked to the media. MPs are the persons who have direct relationship with the people, and they encounter upfront people's concerns, problems, and anger, she said.

When questions are raised, the unauthorized person would answer the question, or the question would be dodged, or the government wouldn't come back to report after promising to do so, or they would fail to complete a certain undertaking which they had promised to do in a specific timeframe – these are common practices of the government to questions in the hluttaw, Daw Myint Myaint San explained.

MP Daw Myint Myint San from the NLD, representing Wakema Township Constituency No.2 had sent her resignation letter and abstained from attending the hluttaw session from the 13th to the 15th sessions.

Her resignation application was turned down on the basis that it was not in accordance with proper procedure. She said that she resumed attending the hluttaw sessions as it was necessary for the people she represents.

Until the 12th regular hluttaw session in Ayeyawady Region, she has raised 52 starred questions, 13 unstarred questions and 16 motions.

With regards to the issues above, a member of the Ayeyawady Government, Minister U Win Htay remarked, "Personally, I report my undertakings to the Hluttaw Speaker. In fact, it is something that should be done".

Reference: http://www.7daydaily.com