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Rent for Three Famous Hotels on Mandalay Municipal Land Still Can't Be Raised

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The negotiation to raise the rent for three famous hotels that are on Mandalay City Development Committee land hasn't been successful.

Mandalay Mayor Dr Ye Lwin said, "Increasing the rent without the consent of the other parties in the contract would amount to breaching contract law."

With regards to the rent of Hotel Mandalay, Mandalay City Hotel, and Min Thar Gyi Hotel which all lease strategically located and large areas of land belonged to Mandalay City Development Committee, a negotiation to determine the rent according to the going rate of the market, he added.

On Min Thar Gyi Hotel, which is on a six-acre land, paying 600,000 kyats a month, Hotel Mandalay, on one-acre land, over 100,000 kyats and Hotel Mandalay, on one and a half acres of land, 1,100,000 Kyats a month, Daw Nyein Thet Nwe, an MP for Natogyi Township posed the question at the hluttaw.

In addition, she said she raised the question because the current government has not collected the rent according to the on-going market rate although the contract was signed under the previous government.

In response to her question, Mandalay Mayor Dr Ye Lwin explained that if the two parties in the contract had to pay an increased rent, not only did they request for adjustment to the rent but also the government could not raise the rent by itself since the contract law doesn't allow it, a win-win negotiation is underway.

Upon the presentation of auditor general on the review of 2017-2018



Photo : Mandalay Region Hluttaw

fiscal budget at the second Mandalay Region Hluttaw's thirteenth regular session, lawmakers asked questions and the regional answered their questions.

U Myint Aung Moe, MP for Chanmyathazi Township questioned, "We learned that the rent of land belonged to Mandalay City Development Committee to private enterprises went up 5 times under the current government. But, not the rent of these three hotels. Why? What difficulties are there? I am asking how the hluttaw can collaborate if

the government cannot do it."

The contract law was enacted in 1800 and according to its article 23, in contracting, if the matter is illegal and if the agreed amount of rent were fraudulent, the contract is not legally binding and it can be determined void.

Lawyer U Thein Than Oo commented, "The lawyer who is giving advice to the mayor seems to have been mistaken. I urge the mayor to hire a genuine lawyer and protect public fund."

Reference: <https://burma.irrawaddy.com>

State Fund Allocation not Fair: Shan State Lawmaker Criticizes

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Shan State lawmaker has criticized the state government on the ground that its allocation of state fund is unfair.

MP U Sai Htun Nyan for Kyaukme Constituency no-2 from Shan National League of Democracy Party, voiced his view regarding budget proposal by the state government for 2019-2020 fiscal year.

“If I have to say it frankly, towns from which chief ministers are elected receive more fund. For instance, Naung Cho and Kalaw are the same as Kyaukme in terms of development. But since chief ministers are from there, the two towns are getting more fund,” quipped U Sai Htun Nyan.

He added that the budget for road and electricity

administered by Shan State is not fair. Allocation of fund is not proportional for Eastern, Southern and Northern Shan State.

“It’s not like what the state MPs are saying. It’s not true that some towns are always getting more while the other are less. We’ve already clarified this issue at the hluttaw with a three-year graph,” said U Soe Nyunt Lwin, Shan State Minister of Planning and Finance.

The budget proposal for 2019-2020 fiscal year has been submitted by Shan State Government to the hluttaw, and Hluttaw Committee for Regional Planning and Budget Analysis carries out scrutinization, cutting or reduction and approved the proposed amount of 269,586.491 million kyats on April 5th, on the fourth day of hluttaw session.

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

Speaker Reminds Chief Minister and Ministers Not to Forget the People



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Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Maung Aye has reminded the chief minister and ministers of Tanintharyi Region Government not to forget the people while carrying out their administrative responsibilities.

The Speaker mentioned this in his speech in the regional hluttaw emergency meeting on March 28.

He said that since the newly appointed chief minister and ministers were well aware of the difficulties of the people, they should always work towards the welfare of the people.

“You tend to forget to promote the welfare of the citizens but cronies. I don’t want it to happen like this. So, I’m reminding you now,” U Khin Maung Aye said.

In the emergency hluttaw meeting, the newly appointed Ministers U Aung Thura (Ministry of Electricity and Energy), U Hla Htwe (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation) and Daw Yi Yi Cho (Ministry of Planning and Finance) sworn into office.

Chief Minister U Myint Maung took oath of office on March 25th.

Reference: <http://www.daweiwatch.com>

Former Ayeyawady Deputy Speaker Charged with Corruption



The former Ayeyawady Region Deputy Speaker U San Min Aung. (Photo: Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw)

April 4, 2019

The former Ayeyawady Region Deputy Speaker U San Min Aung was charged with financial abuse with penal code article 409 by Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw deputy director.

U San Min Aung has been charged with untruthfully adjusting the expense on his own in the contract for buying five cars for the hluttaw.

On that accusation, he was dismissed from the NLD

party, and he resigned from deputy-speakership.

Last month, U San Min Aung was summoned by Anti-corruption Commission for investigation.

According to the investigation, his action did not constitute corruption. Since the commission suggested that he could be dealt with civil service regulations, a case has been opened against him, said an official of Ayeyawady Hluttaw.

Reference: <https://www.rfa.org/Burmese>

Gambling Shops Proliferate in Shan State: Lawmaker Said

April 5, 2019

Although the motion to ban gambling shops in Shan State had been approved by Shan State Hluttaw, they have not disappeared but proliferated, said Daw Nan Khin Htar Yi, an MP for Theinni Constituency No-1.

Daw Nan Khin Htar Yi raised a starred question in a Shan State Hluttaw meeting on April 4th regarding directives by respective ministries on the approved motion to ban gambling shops.

“Concerning the motion I proposed,

not only have gambling shops not decreased, on the contrary they are mushrooming daringly in Lashio, Muse, Thantyan, Kun Lone and Hopan,” said the MP.

She commented further that if the responsible authorities had effectively dealt with gambling shops, people would not have dared to open such shops. It seems that because authorities have accepted bribes from shop owners, they are pretending not to notice, closing their eyes and ears.

During the second Shan State

Hluttaw’s eleventh regular session, a motion to ban gambling shops was approved unanimously.

The Minister of Shan State Security and Border Affairs, Major Hla Oo said that respective townships had been instructed to reduce the number of gambling shops and ban them by setting up committees in townships and conducting gambling-shop reduction awareness training.

He warned that if directives were not followed, responsible officials would be dealt with effectively.

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