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An Urgent Motion Proposed to Lift Internet Ban in Eight Townships in Rakhine State



MP U Hla Thein Aung (Minbyar - 1). (Photo: Narinjara)

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It is reported that an urgent motion has been proposed at Rakhine State Hluttaw emergency meeting to lift data and Internet ban as soon as possible in eight townships in Rakhine State.

MP U Hla Thein Aung (Minbyar-1) put forward the motion at the Rakhine State Hluttaw emergency session on June 24. State Lawmaker U Tun Aung Thein (Budidaung-2) discussed the motion in support.

“Cutting Internet access is extremely worrisome for the people. The Rakhine State Hluttaw requested for media freedom, and which had been approved. But the government is now trying to limit the flow of information. This affects the local people gravely. We fear violence and gross human rights abuse would intensify. The situation is especially worrying at this unstable situation. That’s why this motion should be discussed furthered,” said U Tun Aung Thein.

The motion will be discussed further in the state emergency meeting on 26 June.

Citing state peace and stability, the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunication ordered MPT, Telenor, Ooredoo and Mytel to shut down internet data services in eight townships – Rathedaung, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, Mrauk U, Minbya and Myebon where there have been clashes between the Myanmar army and the Arakan Army (AA).

Reference: <https://burmese.narinjara.com>

Three Projects Cancelled on MPs' Objection

June 19, 2019

Three projects have been cancelled from the following year's budget allocation on lawmakers' objections, said Yangon Region Minister of Planning and Finance U Myint Thuang.

MPs protested to three projects that are allotted for the 2019-2020 fiscal budget, namely the construction of a criminal court building on a land owned by Prisons Department near Innsein Prison, the construction of Yangon Region Police Office building on the land under the management of General Administration Department in the compound of Yangon Region Hluttaw and the purchase of ferries to operate to Coco Islands.

Therefore, after evaluating the objections by the parliamentarians, it was decided that the 16 billion kyats allocated for the three projects would be distributed in other areas, clarified Minister U Myint Thuang in the regional hluttaw on June 18.

"Without altering the total revenue and total expenditure the fund will be distributed under capital category for road works, electrification and



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local development works, he said.

Yangon Region Government allotted 6 billion kyats for the construction of a criminal court building, 5 billion kyats for Yangon Region Police Force Office building, and 5 billions kyats for the purchase of ferries.

"The three projects are really important and necessary for Yangon Region and were included in the budget. However, they were cancelled to respect the voice of hluttaw," Chief Minister U Pyoe Min Thein said.

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

People will Judge MPs' Competency: Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw

June 14, 2019

MPs' performance, in the form of MP Report Card, will be judged by the constituents who are the original owner of sovereignty, said Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw U Khin Maung Yin.

MP Report Card for parliamentarians in Bago Region is prepared by Pace on Peaceful Pluralism (PoPP), and launched the report at Bago Hluttaw Meeting Hall on June 12.

"Students' reports are signed by their guardians. Now, the MP Report Card will be judged by voters," U Thein Min Soe, co-founder of Popp recounted of what the Speaker said.

In the three-year period, Bago Region Hluttaw held 10 regular sessions and 7 emergency sessions. MP Report Card records the performance of each MP during those sessions, U Thein Min Soe explained.

MP Report Card documents profiles of MPs, duties and responsibilities in Hluttaw committees, the number of votes he/she wins, attendance percentage of regular and emergency hluttaw sessions, submitting questions and motions and discussing motions.

The report card also records the frequency of Minister's appearance at the hluttaw to answer and make pledges on the questions and motions proposed by MPs.



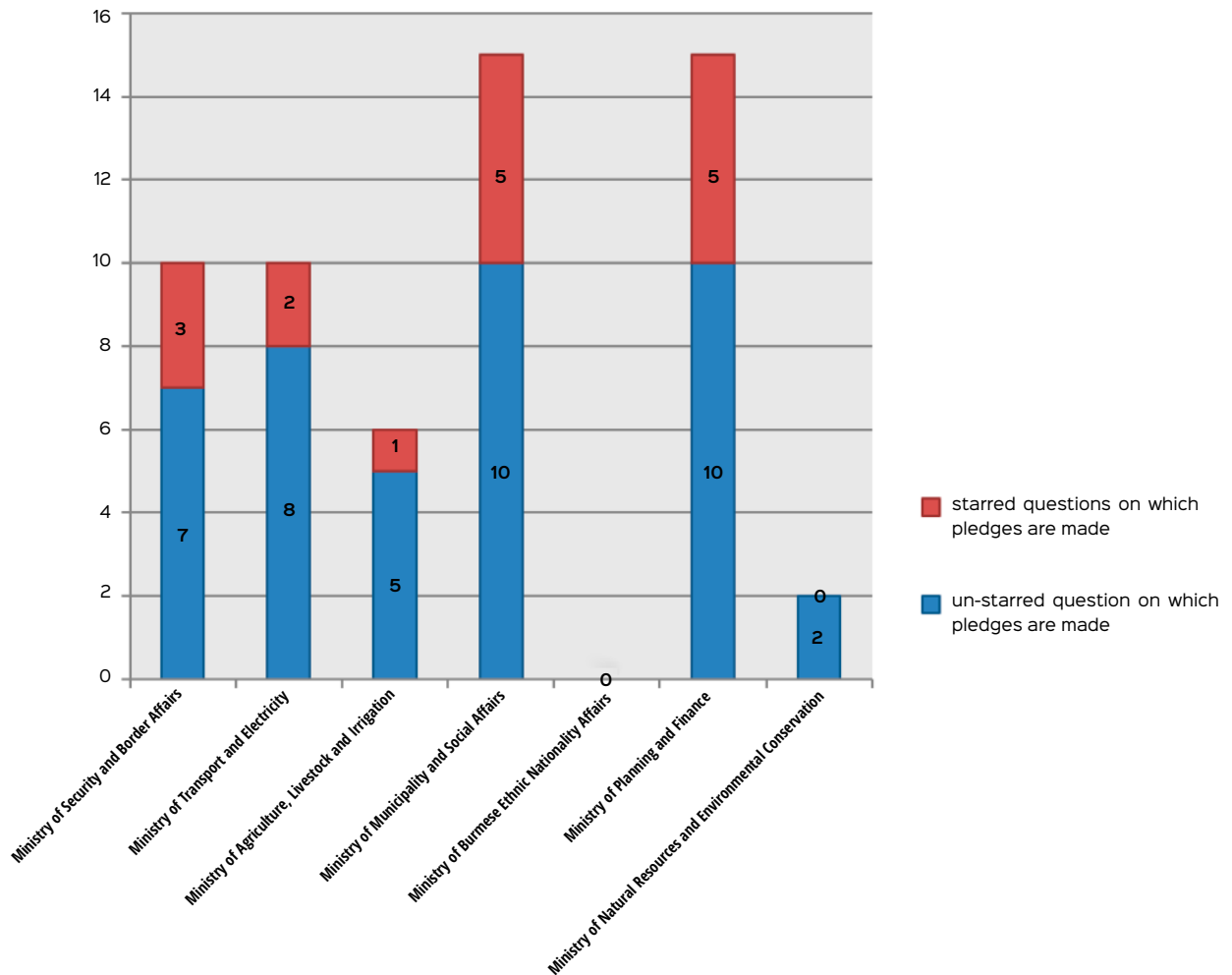
(Photo: Bago Region Hluttaw)

Questions submitted are classified into four categories: regional development, check and balance, citizen's rights, women, children and the disable.

Just looking at the MP Report Card does not reflect accurately the performance of an MP as he/she has other undertakings in different committees, commented one MP.

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

An Analysis of a Three-year Performance of Kayah State Government and MPs



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The condition of questions and answers of fourteen MPs and one Burmese MP, representing Burmese ethnic nationality, in Kayah State Hluttaw and pledges made by Kayah State Government in three years were analyzed by the Kantarawaddy Times. The completed, on-going and yet-to-be implemented pledges were analyzed.

Pledges made on 86 percent of motions

The state government failed to make pledges on 14 percent of motions and questions. In three years, 14 motions were proposed at the Kayah State Hluttaw, of which the government made 12 pledges.

8 percent of the pledges made yet to be implemented

Of the 12 pledges made, the

Kayah State Government has completed implementation of 7 pledges. While 4 pledges are being carried out, 1 pledge is still left to be initiated.

Pledges made on only 33 percent of starred questions

Out of 173 starred questions raised at the state hluttaw in three years, 87 secured pledges, of which 16 percent has yet to be followed through.

16 percent of pledges on starred question yet to be implemented

Of the 86 pledges made on the starred questions, 46 pledges have been implemented; 27 pledges are still being implemented and 14 pledges are yet to be undertaken.

The statistics show that the ministries that made the most pledges were State Municipality

and Ministry of Social Affairs. The Ministry of Burmese Ethnic Nationality neither asked questions nor made pledges.

Pledges were made on only 16 percent of un-starred questions

Out of 42 un-starred questions, only 16 were made pledges, which amount to only 16 percent. Out of the 16 pledges, 8 have been implemented, 6 are being undertaken and 2 are yet to be implemented, accounting for 13 percent.

The Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Ministry of Municipality and the Ministry of Social Affairs made the most pledges on un-starred questions. While other ministries made a few pledges, the Ministry for Burmese Ethnic Nationality did not make any pledges.

Reference: <https://www.kantarawaddytimes.org>