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Questions Raised at Mandalay Hluttaw to Check Local Orders Overriding Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law and By-laws

September 14, 2019

On September 13, the second day of the 15th regular session of Mandalay Region's second Hluttaw, when MP for Meikhtila constituency (1) U Aung Kyaw Moe raised a question on how the hluttaw was going to check over local orders and regulations overriding peaceful assembly and peaceful procession law and restricting the rights of citizens in a country transitioning to democratic practices, the Minister of Security and Boarder Affairs Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Min

answered that since regulations in local orders did not overrule laws and by-laws, they only permit people and organizations that applied for permission.

As a follow-up question, U Aung Kyaw Moe asked, "Although I don't want to argue about cases of applications [for permission], I'd like to know whether prohibiting not to erect raised platforms when holding public talks or not to use loud speakers in certain areas are according to the laws?"

In reply, the hluttaw speaker said,

"This does not apply to all areas. It's been mentioned that such restrictions have to be placed in certain areas due to necessity. In your question, you did not include the specific date and place. For this reason, I'm not permitting you to ask such questions."

Although U Aung Kyaw Moe stated that such prohibitions are placed in all areas, the speaker did not allow him to ask any further questions.

Reference: Kanaung Institute Facebook Page

Rakhine State Government not Reported to Hluttaw on Undertakings of 28 Approved Motions

September 12, 2019

There are 28 approved motions which the government has not reported on their undertakings, according to Deputy Speaker of the Rakhine State Hluttaw, U Mya Than.

55 motions were approved in the regular, special and emergency sessions of the Rakhine State's second Hluttaw, said U Mya Than.

"Out of 55 approved motions, the government has reported on only 27. Soon the hluttaw term will be over," continued U Mya Than.

The report on the government's undertakings of approved motions has not been satisfactory, MP for

Maungdaw constituency, U Ohn Maung commented.

Since Rakhine State has suffered the terrorist attack by the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) and armed conflicts between the Tatmataw and Arakan Army, the responsibility of the Rakhine State Government has been more complex in comparison to other states and regions, said a government official.

It is prescribed in article 259 (A) of the 2008 constitution that regional and state governments must implement decisions made by state and regional hluttaws and that the governments must report their undertakings to respective state and regional hluttaws.

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

Responsive Public Programs Planned in Sagaing

September 13, 2019

Responsive public programs are on the process of being implemented in the seven townships in Sagaing Region, including Naga Self-administered Zone, according to the Minister for Municipality of Sagaing, U Myint Kyi.

The programs are to be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in Kalaywa, Mawlaik, Mingin, PhaungPyin Townships, including Leshi, Lahe, and Namyun in Naga Self-administered Zone.

According to Director of Rural Development Department U Win Kyaw, "We are going to do responsive public programs. The hluttaw has approved it. We'll begin in 2019-20. We'll have programs such as livelihood, technical skills, and capital. They're like people centered programs, but in these ones, we'll have livelihood programs such as agriculture and livestock breeding."

The programs will use fund for livelihood programs according to the size of the population of the seven townships, and they are expected to increase personal income, thus supporting regional development, said U Myint Kyi.

MP for Leshi Township U Yi Htin said, "It's mentioned in the plan that programs will be implemented based on the needs of the people and with the people. It's also known that the programs will focus on the needs of the locals, be they agriculture, health care, education, transportation,



Photo : Minister for Municipality of Sagaing Region, U Myint Kyi

and the population size of the townships.

The programs will run with various sources of funds: \$36.48 million from Asia Development Bank, European

Union and Trust Fund, \$189.10 million loan from ADB, \$19.36 million from the regional government – a total of \$ 244.94 million.

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

Motion to Require Joint-Ventures with Government to Report to Hluttaw Rejected



Photo : U Kyaw Zeya (right) raises a question in the hluttaw

September 9, 2019

On the first day of the 13th regular session of Bago Region's second Hluttaw, MP for Pyay constituency (2), U Kyaw Zeya, put forward a motion to require private enterprises and companies that will do joint-venture projects with the government to report without failure to the hluttaw.

U Kyaw Zeya said that the purpose of the motion is "not to increase hluttaw's rights but to increase transparency of the works carried out by the government and to have more representation for the people with few errors."

In response to the proposed motion, MP for Paungde Township constituency (1), U Ye Lin Naing, objected that according to article 251 and 258 (A) of the 2008 constitution, the projects must be implemented with respective state and regional hluttaws' agreement. According to this law, if the projects had been approved, they must only be let known to the hluttaw, and thus it can reduce the responsibility hluttaws have to shoulder. Therefore, the motion shouldn't be discussed any further.

U Kyaw Zeya replied, "The government can only let the hluttaw know if they are about local projects. However, joint-ventures projects with governments such as the ones practicing BOT and PPP, should report to the hluttaw so that there will be few errors." MP for Pandaung Township constituency (1), Daw Zin Moe Htike, discussed in support of

the motion.

However, as there were MPs who objected to the proposal, the hluttaw speaker settled the issue, according to the hluttaw procedural by-law, with secret ballot, and the motion was rejected with 28 votes in favor, 36 votes against, and 4 neutral votes.

Reference: <http://www.facebook.com/popmyanmar>

Short News

■ The Tanintharyi Region Government will develop 740 acres of farmland, according to the wishes of the people, in the land that were covered by sand and silt from landslides and uncultivable land due to annual flooding, according to the Agricultural Mechanization Department of Tanintharyi Region. The project will be carried out by Agricultural Mechanization Department with regional fund, said Deputy Director of the Agricultural Mechanization Department U Aung Zaw Oo. The case for development of farmlands is a regular topic in the hluttaw meetings, and the regional government will manage the project according to the requests of the regional law makers.

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

■ The State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has urged the Tanintharyi Region Government to cooperate with regional MPs in order to reduce delay in implementing programs. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi spoke thus in a tripartite meeting with union ministers, Tanintharyi Region Government officials, and Tanintharyi Region MPs, according to MP for Botepyin, U Khin Myo win.

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