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MP Criticizes Minister for Not Answering Questions on New Ministry's Purpose



Minister of Immigration and Human Resources, U Tun Min Aung,

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MP for Paung Township, Constituency (2), U Zaw Zaw Htoo, criticized the minister of immigration and human resources for not answering his questions on the purpose and objectives of the ministry, saying that the question was in conflict with article 104 of Mon State Hluttaw by-law.

"I asked three questions: What's the purpose of the ministry? What's it doing? What does it plan to do in the future? The minister said the questions conflicted with article 104 and didn't answer it. When a government forms a ministry, it obviously has a purpose. I was just asking that. The minister said he wouldn't answer because he hadn't received the letter from the Union Government. This is unacceptable," said U Zaw Zaw Htoo.

U Zaw Zaw Htoo posed the question about the Ministry of Immigration and Human Resources on the fourth

day of the 14th regular session of Mon State Hluttaw on September 25.

The Minister of Immigration and Human Resources, U Tun Min Aung, replied, "The questions ask the purpose of the ministry, which refers to the future. They also ask what the ministry is going to do. This refers to the future as well. According to article 104 of Mon State Hluttaw by-law, questions should not be asked on what has not happened.

Since the questions are in conflict with this article, I'm not going to answer these questions."

As the Ministry of Immigration and Human Resources has not been set up in some states and regions, when this is done, and after the Union Government sends the instruction letter to the state ministry, he would then answer the questions, the minister replied.

Reference: www.facebook.com/MizzimaDaily

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■ On the question of MP for Thaton Township, constituency (1), Daw Khaing Khaing Leh, in a Mon State Hluttaw session, on whether the government has any plans to include characteristics and traits of ethnic nationalities' names in records such as family registration forms, identity cards, and national verification cards, and whether the government would correct the mistakes on such records, the Minister of Immigration and Human Resources, U Tun Min Aung replied that the ministry had plans to include ethnic nationalities traits and characters in records and that cases of mistakes would be reported to the Union Government and carry out accordingly.

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

Chief Auditor Reports the Government Carries out 5 Projects Worth over 10 Million Kyats without Proper Tendering Process



Mon State Chief Auditor presents the report to the hluttaw. (Photo : MNA)

September 26, 2019

Mon State Government carried out five projects worth over 10 million kyats without inviting tenders in an April-September mini budget period in 2018, reported the state chief auditor in a hluttaw session.

According to the president's instruction 1/2017 on tender process, any projects worth more than 10 millions kyats must open tender. However, the government carried out those five projects without tender bidding, reported the State Chief Auditor Daw Thein Thein Oo.

The projects included construction of Aung Thabyay – Hnit Kayin concrete road in Ye Township, the construction of a four-lane Nyaung-kon Gyi – Htanpin Chaung tar road by 2 companies, and the other 3 projects done by the Ministry of Rural Road.

The state chief auditor presented her report on certain ministries' peculiar expenses during April-September

budget 2018 in the 14th regular session of the second Mon State Hluttaw.

However, there was a discrepancy between the chief auditor's findings and the information received by the hluttaw regarding the waste disposal machine at Kyaikhteeyoe, the Deputy Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw Dr. Aung Naing Oo pointed out.

"The budget for constructing the waste disposal machine was already approved under capital account in

2018 fiscal year. But the auditor presented that the government and board of trustee fund shared 242 million kyats respectively for the construction cost. I think this wrong," Dr Aung Naing Oo told the hluttaw.

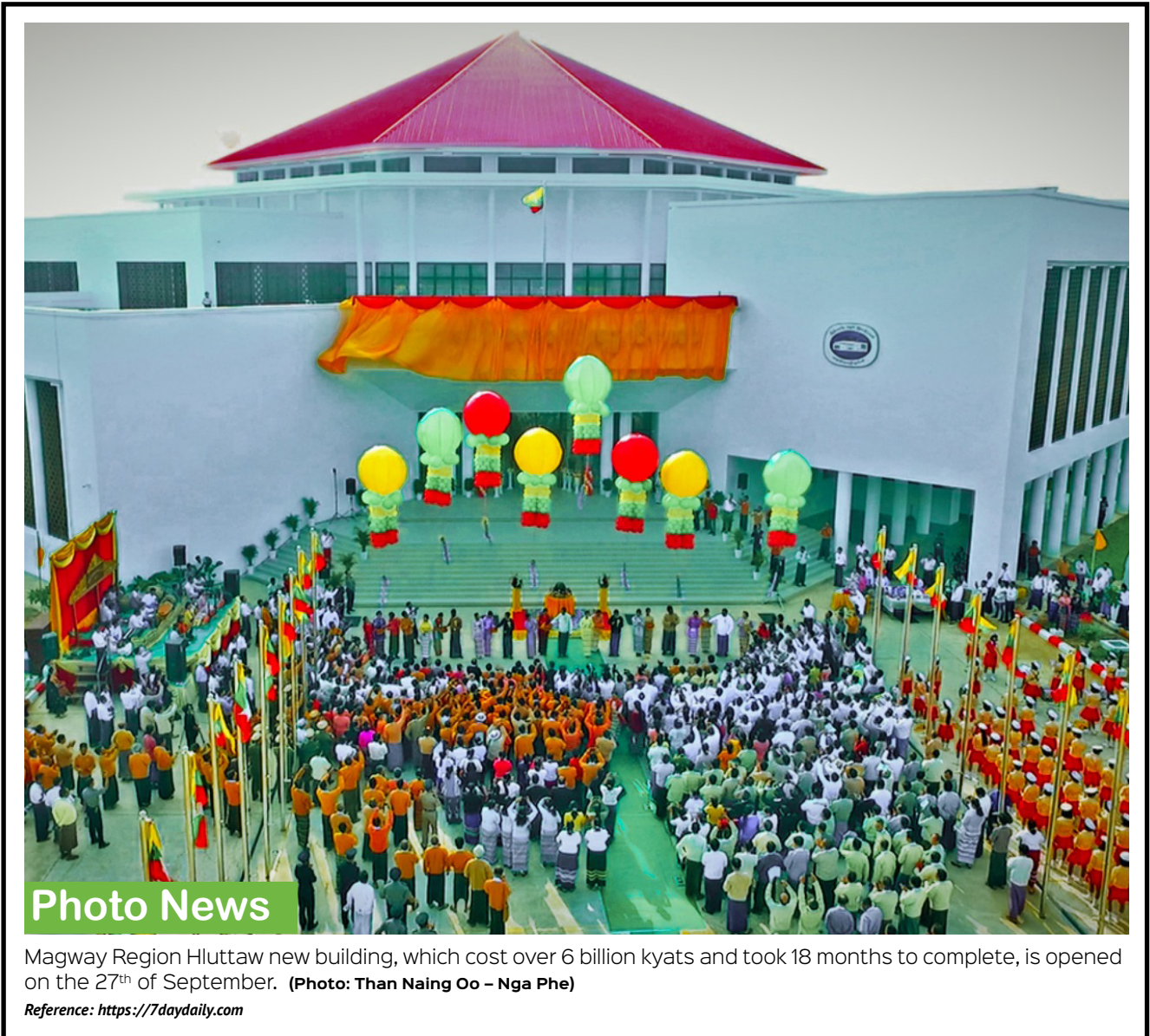
Mon State government did not give any comments on the five projects. Only one minister remarked that the chief auditor's report was a good report. And the state hluttaw recorded the report.

Reference: Mon News Agency

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■ The majority of Rakhine State Hluttaw MPs have urged the government to implement the approved motions sooner. The approved motions include the management of civilians affected by the conflicts between Tatmadaw and Arakan Army (AA), the formation of investigation team led by the state government, and including MPs, CSOs and locals on the causalities of civilians by artillery shells and small firearms in the conflicts, and for the parties involved in the conflicts to avoid taking cover in ancient and cultural heritage buildings and areas of residences.

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



Plans Being Made to Manage Water Distribution When Water Level Low

September 28, 2019

Plans are being drawn up to manage water distribution when water level is low, according to the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation, U Kam Za Mong.

This statement was made in response to the question posed by MP for Ayadaw (2), U Wunna, on whether the government has plans to raise awareness and to give technical skill trainings to farmers where water resources are available.

“Plans are being made to manage rain water in drainage area between Thaphanseik Dam and Kintat Dam and between Kintat Dam and Kabo Dam, and if it rains, water will be collected to distribute later on.” The department of irrigation is giving various raising awareness trainings and technical skill trainings for locals such as water

conservation, alternating wet farming and dryland farming, planting paddies with great yield but with less water consumption, rental of seeders, and planting other cash crops instead of paddy, said U Kam Za Mong.

U Wunna pointed out to the hluttaw that although certain paddy cultivation could rely solely on the rain, they used the water from Kintat Dam and Kabo Dam due to lack of preparation.

Kintat Dam, which is in cultivation area of Thaphanseik Dam, irrigates 500,000 acres monsoon paddies annually. This year, due to climate change, the drainage areas of Thaphanseik dam, such as Kawlin, Wuntho, Pinlebu, Banmawk townships are hit by draught. The dam has not collected one fourth of the usual annual rainfall it usually stores in the 19 years since its construction.

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