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Kayah's Minister of Transportation and Electricity Tasked to Jointly Head Ministry of Immigration

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The proposal of the chief minister of Kayah State to appoint the minister of transportation and electricity to jointly head the ministry of immigration and human resources was accepted by the state hluttaw with no objection and was approved on February 14.

Minister U Khin Maung Phyu was born in Loikaw, Kayah State of Bamar and Kayah parents and holds an engineering degree from Yangon Technological University. He had served as chief engineer in Kayah State, Shan State and Mandalay Region.

U Khin Maung Phyu has been the Minister of Transportation and Electricity since 2016.

U Tin Htay was initially nominated by the state chief minister as the minister for immigration and human resource in the 15th regular hluttaw session, but as the state MPs objected to it, the nomination was rejected.



Reference: <https://burmese.dvb.no>

Military Asked to Pay Compensation for Land It Seized: Minister

February 13, 2020

Farmers in Kayah State want their hundreds of acres of land back confiscated by the military 28 years ago. The Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has asked the military to pay compensation to the farmers if the Ministry of Defence does not return the land to the original owners.

The farmers are asking for compensation from the two military battalions for their land at the entrance of Loikaw which the military has not returned to them, said U Bosco, the Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands decided during a meeting in January that the committee would look for ways in which the Ministry of Defence would compensate for the land along Loikaw-Taunggyi Road that was taken by No.903 Field Engineer Battalion and a Communication Battalion, the minister was seen saying in Kayah State Hluttaw in a live TV broadcast.

"We have asked the Central Committee to pay compensation if the military would not return the land. The Central Committee has forwarded the request to the Minister of Defence, he told Myanmar Now.

However, only after the Ministry of Defence responds to the request, the rate at which compensation is to be made could be determined. According to the local farmers, the current going rate for farmland on the hill is at 8 million kyats per acre and more than a hundred million for wet farm land. The minister said that there are about 170 acres of land that could be given compensation, but the farmers said there is a total of 316.8 acres of land seized by the two military battalions.

However, the farmers whose lands were taken by the military said that they wanted only their land, not compensation. The military seized the land in five villages, including Myae Ni Gone Village, on which the local people had been farming for 50 years. The military has not worked anything on the land that they had seized.

Reference: <https://myanmar-now.org>

Hotels at Kyaiktiyo Mountain and Kinpun Camp Instructed to Draw Up Environmental Programmes

February 12, 2020

Hotels at Kyaiktiyo and Kinpun in Kyaikto Township, Mon State have been instructed to draw up environmental, according to Dr Min Kyi Win, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation of Mon State Government.

The instruction made was in an answer given by the minister to a question raised by Mon State MP Daw Kyi Kyi Mya of Chaung Sone Township (2) on the third day of the 15th regular session of Mon State Hluttaw held on February 10 on what the government planned to do with an environmental conservation report submitted by Committee for Environmental Conservation.

“The Department of Environmental Conservation of Mon State has instructed Yoe Yoe Lay Hotel, Kyaikto Hotel, Mountain Top Hotel and Family Motel on Kyaiktiyo Mountain and Kinpun Camp to report the number of rooms and programmes to reduce waste that could adversely affect the environment such as environmental information and monitoring programme (EIMP), waste management programme (WIP), environmental management programme (EMP) and environmental impact assessment (EIA),” said Dr Min Kyi Win.

The department is working to get approval to implement the programmes,



he continued.

Mon State Hluttaw Committee for Environmental Conservation submitted five reports on four sectors in Mon State to the regular

session of Mon State Hluttaw and the state hluttaw has urged the government to carry out what has to be done.

Reference: Southern Myanmar News

Motion to Take Effective Actions on Illegal Foreigners in Mandalay Region Rejected

February 12, 2020

The motion to identify and take effective actions with a special operation on illegal foreign residents in Mandalay Region was rejected in a vote.

MP U Aung Kyaw Moe of Meiktila (1) put forward the motion on the fifth day of the 16th regular session of the second Mandalay Region Hluttaw held on February 5. Six other MPs discussed the motion, of which four supported the motion while two suggested that the matter should be tackled by the union government.

The Minister of Immigration and Human Resources, U Aung Kyi told the hluttaw that since the current situation in Mandlay did not demand a special operation, the motion should be put on record. The matter was then voted by hluttaw, and the motion failed with 34 votes against it and 33 votes for it and 1 neutral vote.

Illegal settlements of foreigners in not only Mandalay Region but also other parts of the country posed economic, social and security risks and challenged the prevalence of the rule of law that the matter should be given serious consideration, said U Aung Kyaw Moe from Union Solidarity and Development Party, who proposed the motion.

“The suggestion that the matter that is happening in the local should be tackled by the union government is like waiting for a firetruck to put out the fire that is consuming one’s house,” said the MP.

USDP proposed two motions in the 16th regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw and both motions were rejected in a vote. MP U Aung Kyaw Moe questioned whether the decision to vote against the motions was of individual MPs’ own decision.

Reference: <https://7day.news>



180,000 Gallons of Diesel Missing from Factory and Vehicle Department of Mandalay City Development Council

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180,000 gallons of diesel, worth 780 million kyats, has gone missing from Factory and Vehicle Department of Mandalay City Development Council (MCDC) from 2016-17 fiscal year to mid 2018 fiscal year, according to Mandalay Region Chief Auditor report that was submitted to Mandalay Region Hluttaw on January 10.

Of 100,000 gallons of diesel purchased by the Factory and Vehicle Department in 2016-17, there was a discrepancy of 43,200 gallons recorded in the fuel ledger account; and although it was recorded 491,495 gallons in fuel bills, 154,828 gallons has gone missing in 2017-18 fiscal year, and of 100,517 gallons in

the first six months of 2018 fiscal year 29,400 was not recorded by the department, discussed Chairman of Mandalay Region Public Finance Review Committee, MP U Aung Than Tun in the hluttaw meeting with regards to Chief Auditor's report.

Since such abuses occurred due to the lack of mechanisms for preventing abuses and the weakness by different levels of authorities to take responsibility to supervise, effective management is necessary to prevent losses to public funds, suggested the report. The report examined the departments of seven ministries in Mandalay Region. The case of the diesel falls under MCDC, Dr Ye Lwin, the chairman of MCDC, posted on his Facebook page, and that the matter would be clarified in

detail on February 11.

"This is important news for the city [Mandalay]. The issue brought about by Chief Auditor report would be clarified in the hluttaw meeting on February 18. I have requested the hluttaw to broadcast it live. The reason I am announcing this is that rumours are spreading online. In order that the people of Mandalay City would not misunderstand the civilian government and MCDC, I will take on each point in the report," the Facebook post read.

The chief auditor report is distributed among MPs, discussed and approved in the hluttaw. Last year, it was distributed as 'secret', however this year it was distributed as 'limited'.

Reference: Mandalay In-depth News