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Region and State Budget Bill Approved Today

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Today the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has approved Region and State Budget Bill after section-after-section proposals.

The Joint-Secretary of the Draft Bill Committee, Dr Myat Nyana Soe (Yangon Region constituency-3) put forward the motion to obtain the hluttaw's decision, and it was approved unanimously.

"This Region and State Budget Bill that has just been approved can be said to be the result of the meeting among speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and speakers of Region and State Hluttaws. It is also the first bill for the Region and State

budget bill. So, you might ask a question, "How is budgeting done previously?" Well, there's financial commission wherein ministers of Regions and States are members. Budgeting is carried out with their instructions. Now, in place of their instructions we have a law to follow. The budget bill is passed for that purpose," explained a member of Joint Bill Committee, Pyithu Hluttaw MP U Nay Myo Tun.

As the budget bill has been adopted, such benefits as budgeting being carried out in a timely manner and in a more systematic way will be achieved, remarked U Nay Myo Tun.

Reference: Myanmar Harp

India's Aid Money for Rakhine State Questioned in Hluttaw

May 28, 2020

A question was raised in Rakhine State Hluttaw about India's assistance of 5 million USD for developmental works in Rakhine State not being included in the Rakhine State budget baseline.

The question was put forward by MP of Rathedaung constituency U Tin Maung Win when the state government presented the budget baseline proposal for 2020-2021 fiscal year in the state hluttaw on May 25.

It is reported that India had signed with Myanmar to provide 5 million USD a year in assistance for the development of Rakhine State for 5 years (25 million USD).

The Irrawaddy contacted the Minister of Electricity and Transportation of Rakhine State U Kyaw Zan about the aid from India for Rakhine State, and he explained that works are carried out under the management of the union government, and as instructions have not been made by the union government, the fund is not yet included in the budget baseline for Rakhine State.

He continued, "As far as I know, the MOU between India and Myanmar was signed a long time ago. But no work plans have been made. As



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MOU was signed between India and the Ministry of Social Welfare and Relief and Resettlement, it has not been included in the Rakhine State budget."

However, according to state MP from Kyauktaw constituency U Maung Maung, plans had been made previously regarding the assistance of 25 million USD, and the fact that it was not included in 2020-2021 budget was questionable.

It is reported that the development works to be carried out with the assistance from India included

electrification through solar panels, construction of hospitals and clinics and rural development works.

With regards to the state government's budget baseline proposal for the budget year 2020-2021, nine MPs discussed and strongly criticized the government for the discrimination between the northern and southern parts of Rakhine State for planning more projects for townships in the southern part in Thandwe, Taunggke, Gwa and Ramree.

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

Unregistered Companies Made the List of Tender Winners in Mon State

May 31, 2020

Some unregistered companies and expired companies made the list of tender winners released by the Mon State Government, according to State MP U Aung Kyaw Thu.

He talked to the media about it after he raised a question in the Mon State Hluttaw session on May 29 on tender invitation and selection by the Department of Construction and Municipal.

"Companies that are unregistered and expired made it to this year's list of tender winners whereas national-own companies and legal companies that are paying taxes do not. This has been a cause of increasing criticism," U Aung Kyaw Thu said.

As criticism mounted, the Hluttaw Financial Management Committee asked the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration the list of tender winners

under each department and found in the list 20 companies that are not re-registered until May 22.

This robs opportunities of companies paying taxes to the government. In addition, it is an act which is clearly against the law, said U Aung Kyaw Thu.

Minister of Municipal and Construction U Min Kyaw Lwin said, "Tender procedure 1/2017 does not allow companies that are not registered with investment commission and companies that are expired to win tender. And companies that haven't registered until they have completed 70 to 75 percent of their projects will be taken actions against in accordance with the law."

The investment commission never grants tenders to unregistered companies and expired companies. Only companies that are registered and that have license are considered for tender winners, he said.

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

Request made to Form Investigation Committee to Protect Bilin River in Time

June 1, 2020

The Bilin River in Bilin Town in Mon State is in a bad condition. MP U Aung Kyaw Thu of Thaton Township constituency 2 made a request to form Investigation Committee to protect the river in time.

The request was made in the sixteenth regular session of the second Mon State Hluttaw

in a discussion of a report on 'social and economic impacts of the destruction of the environment of the Bilin River on the local people and in time remedy' which pointed out that one of the causes of the destruction of the Bilin River is the waste from gold mining in the headwaters of the Belin River in Karen State.

"Illegal gold mining is carried out by an ethnic armed organization (EAO) in their territory. To tackle the issue, the state government should form an investigation committee and collaborate with peace implementation organisations at the state levels as well as the union

levels. Such collaboration could produce a good result, I believe," U Aung Kyaw Thu said.

As gold mining is taking place in the territory controlled by an EAO, relevant governments, EAO and the Tatmataw are keys to protect the Bilin River, according to the Minister of Mon State Environmental Conservation.

"Key stakeholders such as Mon State Government, Karen State Government and Bago Region Government, MPs, the Tatmataw, the people and the EAO must work together to protect the river, said Dr Min Kyi Win.

Due to gold mining in the headwaters of the Bilin River, the river is poisoned, and 60,000 inhabitants in 22 village tracts along the river are facing the adverse impacts on in their socio-economic life and on their livestock as well, said the Chairman of Mon State Environmental Conservation Committee and State MP for Bilin Township, Dr Khin Naing Oo.

Reference: Southern Myanmar News

