



# State and Region Parliaments

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# Gem Blocks for Small Scale and Artisanal Extraction Allocated less than Allowed Area

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Allocation of Mogok gem blocks for small scale and artisanal extraction in less area than allowed in the 2019 Myanmar Gem Law has been approved by the 19<sup>th</sup> regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw.

Mandalay Region small scale and artisanal gem law draft was discussed on the sixth day of the 19<sup>th</sup> regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw, and the motion to redefine the allocation land area for small scale mining from three acres to

one acre, and for subsistence miners, from one acre to fifty square feet, was brought up by MP U Soe Lwin of Thabeikkyin Township constituency (1).

The Chairwoman of Mandalay Region Hluttaw Law Review and Amendment Committee, Daw Thae Su Wai said in support of the motion that her team had been to Mogok several times, and based on to ground situation the motion to reduce the allocated areas for mining was appropriate.

“We are concerned about environmental degradation. I agree on the redefining of allocated areas

for mining. I am in favour of the motion,” she added.

The allocation for mining areas set out in the Mandalay Region Gem Law Draft was exactly the same as that by the union government, and that this was not compactable for Mogok, the Chairman of Regional Hluttaw Legislative Committee U Tin Aung, explained.

If the area allowed by the union law was permitted in Mogok, environmental destruction could accelerate, he pointed out.

Reference: <http://thevoicemyanmar.com>

# Developmental Projects are Sub-standard Quality: State Hluttaw Notified

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Kayah State Government's rural development projects undertaken by certain companies have no quality, said U Khin Maung Htun (aka) Naw Ei, a member of Public Fund Scrutiny Committee.

"The worst is that buildings are sub-standard quality. The newly constructed buildings are now cracking. Another thing is roads. They were supposed to build dirt roads where sands should be pressed into them. But they didn't. The companies themselves didn't go and check. It's really bad. They asked for a lot of budget. But they then return it and did not continue the work. It's a shame for Kayah State," he said.

Companies did not check the real situation on the ground and do the calculation before submitting their proposals. Only when they actual do the work and get the budget, there were a lot of discrepancies, he continued to explain in a meeting in Kayah State Hluttaw on June 10 in the presentation of the conditions of developmental works.

He brought up to the meeting that the subgrade of Aung Chan Thar hill road in Mawchi village was supposed to be 15 inches thick; instead it has only 2 and a half inches to 3 and a half inches in thickness.



He urged the relevant departments of the Kayah State Government to monitor the work in order that public funds were not wasted.

Some reasons for sub-standard quality are that companies are interested in works only in cities but not in rural areas, thus contracts were given to companies without inviting for tenders. As a result, miscalculation arose and work quality affected, said U Aung Naing Oo, the

secretary of Public Fund Scrutiny Committee.

Public Fund Scrutiny Committee presented a 4-year report to the hluttaw in which it examined 86 constructions, 99 road constructions, 24 soil embankments, establishing 2 pieces of farmland, 2 projects on installing electric posts, 2 dam constructions, one project on water distribution.

*Reference: Kantarawaddy Times*

# Almost all the Ministers of Kachin State Government to Run in Upcoming Election

July 28, 2020

In the Kachin State NLD candidate list for the general election, all the ministers of the Kachin State Government make the list but the minister of agriculture, livestock and irrigation.

Kachin State Chief Minister Dr Khat Aung will run in Myitkyina (1), the Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Preservation U Dashi La Seng in Phakant (1), Minister of Social Affairs U Nay Win in Myitkyina (2), Minister of Road, Communication, Electricity and Industry U Win Nyunt in Waimaw (1), Minister of Municipal Affairs

U Naw Li in Waimaw (2) and Minister of Immigration and Human Resource U Zaw Win in Tanai (2) respectively.

These ministers will compete in constituencies where they previously contested in 2015 election.

According to the candidate list, around 30 members of State Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Phyithu Hluttaw will also contest in the 2020 general election.

Over 1,000 candidates from the NLD will run in the coming general election including State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and President U Win Myint, according to the NLD report.

*Reference: Myitkyina New Journal*

# Current MPs and Ministers from Chin State NLD Party to Compete in 2020 General Election

June 16, 2020

The final selection from the Chin State NLD for parliamentary candidates have been made for the coming November general election, and current MPs and ministers make the list, making them the largest group with 16 candidates.

Constituency	Vie for	Name of Candidates	Current Position
Hakha	State Hluttaw (2)	Pu Sui Thio	Minister of Transport
Falam	Amyotha Hluttaw	Pu Zung Hlei Thang	Member of Amyotha Hluttaw
	Pyithu Hluttaw	Pu Rieng Vel	Member of Pyithu Hluttaw
	State Hluttaw (1)	Salai Lian Luai	Chief Minister
	State Hluttaw (2)	Pu Ral Hnin	Member of State Hluttaw
Tedim	State Hluttaw (2)	Pu Mang Hin Dal	Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry
Mindat	Pyithu Hluttaw	U Nay Lin Aung	Member of Amyotha Hluttaw
	State Hluttaw (1)	U Aung Tan	Member of State Hluttaw
Matupi	State Hluttaw (2)	Pu Vui Kaw	Minister of Finance
Thantlang	Amyotha Hluttaw	Pu Henry Van Thio	Vice-President
	Amyotha Hluttaw	Daw Khin Shwe Lwin	Member of Pyithu Hluttaw
	State Hluttaw (2)	U Phway Ar	Minister of Immigration
Paletwa	Amyotha Hluttaw	U Pyay Min	Member of State Hluttaw
	State Hluttaw (2)	U Hawi Tin	Member of Amyotha Hluttaw
	State Hluttaw (1)	U Soe Htet	Minister for Municipal Affairs
	State Hluttaw (2)	U Myo Htike	Member of Amyotha Hluttaw

The current Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Zo Bawi initially planned to run for State Hluttaw (1). However, the NLD Central Committee approved him for Phyithu Hluttaw. In order to better assist the party in electoral campaigns, he decided not to run for positions, he told Khonumthung.

Reference: Khonumthung



## The Case of Special Clinic with Fake Medical Degree Brought Up to Mandalay Region Hluttaw

August 7, 2020

Whether relevant authorities are aware of and have taken any actions against a special clinic in Mandalay with a fake medical degree, which went viral on Facebook, Dr. Nyi Min Han asked the Mandalay Region Hluttaw in the 19<sup>th</sup> regulation hluttaw session.

The Head of Public Health Department said in response to the question that the government had taken legal action on a special clinic named "Khit Thit Ziwaka" which traded medical supplies, gave trainings and treated patients in the facility with a fake medical with Medical Council Law Section (58).

In addition, sham doctors are being taken legal action against with Myanmar Medical Council Law, Law Relating to Private Health Care and National Drug Law, and that it was important for people to inform the relevant government department about such cases,, and that the government is taking actions with speed and efficiency, said U Aung Kyi, the Minister of Immigration and Human Resource.

Reference: Mandalay Region Hluttaw, Nyi Min Han Facebook