



# State and Region Parliaments

## News Bulletin

### Don't Read Sagaing Region Financial Report Without A Strong Heart said MP

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Only the strong hearted should read a Sagaing Region financial report from 2018 April to September, said regional MP U Maung Muang Win of Wetlet Township.

The lawmaker discussed the findings of the financial report of the fiscal year 2018 in the twenty-fourth regular session of the second Sagaing Region on August 19.

"The mid-year report is such a shame for the people. It's a great loss for the country. Those without strong hearts shouldn't read it," U Maung Muang Win said.

With regards to the financial report, he discussed sixteen points including the transfer of public funds to a saving account in Myawaddy Bank, financial abuse of No. 3 Sagaing Textile Factory and the misuse of 100 million kyats by No.3 Police Force Training School.

Mandated by the Union Audit Office, the regional

Chief Auditor U Soe Lwin investigated Sagaing Region Government's regional development fund from fiscal year 2017-2018 and found 70 million kyats from compensation for households from Twinma Lake and Taungpyaut villages in Kani Township deposited into a saving account in Myawaddy Bank, the chief auditor reported.

"Without the special approval of Planning and Finance Ministry no public fund can be deposited in a bank with a new account or in other ways, but it's obvious that the procedure is not being followed," said U Soe Lwin.

In 2007, households working on producing spirulina in Twinma Lake were moved and compensation with a rate of 500 kyats for a coconut tree and 200 kyats for thanaka plant was paid, according to U Win, a local resident of Twinma village.

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

### Enforcement of Promulgated Laws that Concern the Public Remains Weak

September 5, 2020

Enforcement of approved laws in Shan State Hluttaw that concern the public remains weak, according to Shan State Hluttaw MP Nang Sang Hom.

Whether the government departments that are supposed to enforce the approved laws in Shan State had any plans to distribute the laws down the department lines, asked MP Nang Sang Hom of Namatu Township Constituency (2) in Shan State Hluttaw on September 4.

"These laws are not translated into action in township levels. Enforcement is still very weak. It's still out of reach for people to get protection by the laws. That's why I raised the question," she said.

Although some laws have been distributed at the state level, other laws remain shelved, replied Shan State Chief Attorney U Thin Oo.



"Not to say that the people are abiding by it. Rather, even government departments don't know all about them. That's why respective governments at different levels need to enforce them. Township levels don't know about them," said Nang Sang Hom.

There are 13 approved laws that concerns the public in the second Shan State Hluttaw, including laws concerning preservation of forests of water sources, safe and healthy food, poultry and land tax.

Reference: <https://burmese.shannews.org>



Kayah State Chief Minister attends the Hluttaw meeting on September 1. (Photo-K Zun Nway/ Myanmar Now)

# Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho Removed from Office

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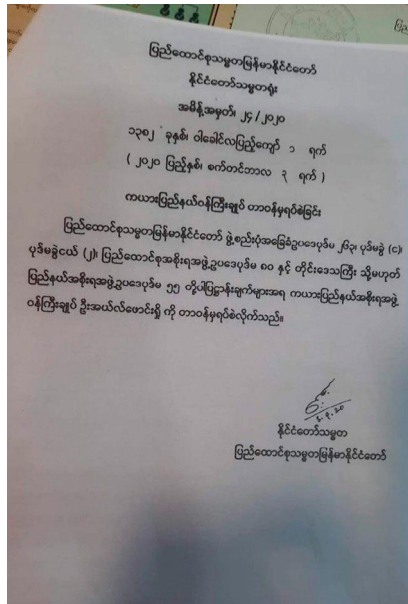
Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho has been removed from office, states a letter from the President's Office to the Kayah State Hluttaw Speaker.

With the authority vested by article 263 (e) (2) of the constitution, article 80 of union government law and article 55 of region and state government law, the chief minister has been removed from office, the letter read.

He was not worried as he had not misused public funds and that if investigated in the proper procedure he was ready to be investigated, the chief minister told Myanmar Now just hours before the letter arrived.

"I'm sad that this happened in Kayah State. But I hope it's a blessing in disguise, and that it's a lesson learned for the chief ministers of regions and states, for the country and for Kayah State," U L Phaung Sho said.

"I can say like this because I am



ready to be investigated for what I did with sincerity and great effort," he added.

As soon as the letter arrived the Chief Minister transferred power to the Interim Chief Minister and Minister of Irrigation U Bosco.

"I'm always ready to resolve this according to the law," U L Phaung Sho said of the subsequent measures against him.

The allegation against U L Phaung Sho over misuse of funds wasere found to be proven, which was decided by a 75% vote of the state hluttaw in a meeting on September 1. They reckoned that the Chief Minister should be terminated of his duties. Two days later the president's dismissal letter confirmed it.

U L Phaung Sho appropriated more than 495 million kyats from 560 million rental fees from state-own heavy machineries from 2016 to 2018, of which over 37 million for personal benefits and 13 million for party affairs, according to the investigation report.

Although removed from office he remains an MP. He believed that his removal acted as though election campaign for him, said U L Phaung Sho.

Reference: <https://www.myanmar-now.org/mm/news>

# Only 3 Motions Approved in the 4 Years of Karen State Second Hluttaw



**September 7, 2020**

Only 3 motions were approved in the 4 years of Karen State Second Hluttaw, according to the hluttaw records.

The three motions, according to lawmakers, are – to hang General Aung San's picture in government offices and schools, to grant Thandaunggyi Township a district status and land use.

KIC sent a letter to the Hluttaw Speaker requesting the hluttaw records of motions, but was denied.

“The motions to grant Thandaunggyi Township a district status, Leiktho a Leiktho Township status and to register villages not in the list of Home Ministry were submitted to the hluttaw. They were approved. However, there has been no implementation until now. As we don't know the procedures, these remain in the books,” MP Saw J.A. Win Myint told KIC on August 30.

During the second Karen State Hluttaw, MPs raised 403 starred question, 172 unstarred questions;

submitted 3 motions and 12 new laws approved, according to the meeting minutes of the fourteenth regular hluttaw session.

Karen State Hluttaw is holding the fifteenth regular hluttaw session starting from September 2, and issues of issuing national verification cards, building roads connecting villages, digging artesian wells, and upgrading schools are discussed in the hluttaw, according to hluttaw Facebook page.

*Reference: KIC*

## Executive Summary of Seventeenth Regular Session of the Second Mon State Hluttaw's Undertakings

**September 1, 2020**

Mon State Hluttaw Speaker Daw Tin Ei presented the undertakings of the seventeenth regular session of the second Mon State Hluttaw. Of 565 questions from the first regular session to the sixteenth regular session of the second Mon State Hluttaw, 408 promises have been executed (65.69%), according to Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee, and all 408 promises by Mon State Government and respective Departments have been executed (100%),

according to the chief minister.

The completed execution rate over questions by respective ministries is as follows: the Ministry of Security and Border Affairs, 62.26%; the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Transportation, 67.35%; the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Preservation, 77.78%; the Ministry of Municipal and Construction, 56.62% and Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister answered one question, 100%.

*Reference: Mon State Parliament Facebook*