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Yangon Hluttaw to Address YBS, Garbage Trucks, Electricity Bills and Night Market

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The Yangon Region Hluttaw, which has been in recess for three months, will commence its fourth regular session on 20th March. The session will address the widely criticized YBS; garbage trucks purchased by Yangon Municipal Body; electricity bill mentioned by Chief Minister Phyo Min Thein and the Yangon new night market.

U Kyaw Zeya (Dagon Constituency 2) said although questions on garbage trucks were submitted to the parliament, he was not sure if those questions would be allowed during parliament session or not. Garbage trucks received much criticisms because they were thought to have been purchased for unusually high price, although Daw Hlaing Maw Oo who is a member of Yangon Municipal Committee denied such claims.



YBS initiated by the Chief Minister a couple of months ago is still not functioning well, and people still face difficulties. "It is said that card system will be introduced in next three months, but right now there are not even enough cars. Please be efficient and effective. Otherwise, it gives MPs such a bad name. People will lose trust in us. Now people have to pay more for bus fares than before and

things are just getting worse," said U Kyaw Kyaw Htun (Hlaing Constituency 1). Although new buses were ordered overseas, they would arrive in Yangon at the end of 2017, he added.

In early March, rumours swirled that electricity bill will be increased, so hopefully MPs got to address these issues at the coming hluttaw session, MPs said.

(Ref: The Voice Daily)

Motion to Cancel Monywa Cotton Factory's Lease Approved by Sagaing Hluttaw

17th March 2017

The Sagaing Region Hluttaw passed a motion to cancel the lease on Cotton Factory and to stop constructions in the factory compound, which is located on Kyaukkar Road, Chan Myan Wadi Ward, Monywa.

During the sixth regular session, the Hluttaw passed the motion by Daw Amar Kyi (Monywa -1) which was supported by 5 other MPs.

"People are not happy since the factory was leased to a private company. People have been expecting settlement

by the government that they have elected. I was approached for this issue many times. Now the motion is approved, our regional government will be able to increase revenue for local development. Although the lease was signed at the union level, it is under the administration of the regional government so an approval from the regional parliament is required," Daw Amar Kyi added.

The motion passed by 67 votes for, with 26 abstentions and one vote asking for the motion to be recorded.

The cotton factory is located in 9.78

acre wide land on Kyaukkar road. It has 34 buildings including a warehouse. From 4th July 2012, the factory was leased to Thein Min Industry Group Co., Ltd by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

According to the motion by Daw Amar Kyi, the lease was renewed on 10th December 2015 with the rate of 34.3 million kyats for one year thus 2.8 million kyats per month. In Monywa, current price of a house for rent on Kyaukkar Road is 3 million. So the cotton factory is now being leased with payment much lower than it should be.

(Ref: <http://www.7daydaily.com/>)



MPs Criticise Ayeyawady Government

19th March 2017

MPs in the Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw have criticised the regional government for failing to implement parliamentary decisions. The following interviews were conducted by the Daily Eleven reporter Aung Kyaw Myo.

Thaw Zin Win (Kyangin Constituency 1)

“When making decisions, the regional government hardly consider questions and motions approved by the Hluttaw. The government is said to be slow in enacting the parliament’s decisions.”

He added that the motion to give farmers Form-7 was approved, which was remarkable. However, farmland maps are still incorrect and there was nothing in the 2017-2018 budget to address the issue.

Myint Myint San (Wakema Constituency 2)

“After a motion is passed, MPs and the public tend to think that actions are on the way. But MPs themselves might need to inspect the situation on the ground, whether the government is tak-

ing actions or not. Implementation is still pretty weak.”

Ni Ni Moe (Nyaungdon Constituency 1)

“For my questions on drugs and distilleries, I went among the public to gather accurate and reliable information. It was very dangerous. Even after I submitted questions to the parliament, we do not see any actions so far.”

Su Su Aung (Myanaung Constituency 2)

“While MPs are voicing for their constituents, government fails to take actions. This may be due to legacy left by the previous government and a lack of cooperation by some departments.”

Win Htay (Minister of Electricity, Industry and Transport)

Pledges and motions are crucial. Each government ministry has listed stages of implementations: what is done and what is left to do. We are trying to keep record of government realization of pledges.”

(Ref - Aung Kyaw Myo (Hinthada) <http://www.news-eleven.com/>)

Bago Region Hluttaw to Hold 6th Regular Session

20th March 2017

The second Bago Region Hluttaw will hold 6th regular session on 20th March. U Nyunt Shwe who is the Minister of Planning and Finance will submit 2017-2018 local planning draft law.

On the first day of the session, nine MPs are submitting 11 starred questions. Daw Yee Yee Htike (Waw Constituency -2) plans to pose two questions on judiciary: whether the government has any plans to create just and impartial tribunals groups at townships level, and how the government will address the issue of people having to pay large sum of money for trials and for applying bail at townships courts.

In addition, the parliament will also decide reformation of regional parliament Bill Committee, Ethnic Affairs Committee, MPs scrutinizing Committee and Public Budget Committee.

(Ref: Bago Region Hluttaw Facebook Page)

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Kayah State Municipal Bodies Law to Be Amended

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Under the current government term, Bill Committee of the Kayah State Hluttaw is trying to amend the Kayah State Municipal Bodies Law.

The Bill Committee is already working on amendments after reviewing shortcomings of the law.

On the second day of the fourth regular parliamentary session, the Bill Committee submitted a report which provides reviews of the law and amendments.

Bill committee members, the State Attorney General, government officials concerning development affairs will have meetings and will analyze amendments proposed by the committee, and will later discuss at the parliament.

The Kayah State the Municipal Bodies Law was promulgated in 2013. At the moment, it is learned that certain articles and sub-articles in Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be amended.

(Ref: *Kantarawaddy Times* <http://burmese.bnionline.net/>)

Short News

■ The Shan State Hluttaw will commence the 5th regular session on 20th March. "Since it is a regular session, I do not think any special issues will be raised. MPs from our party (Shan Nationalities League for Democracy) do not have anything to submit for this regular session," said Daw Nang Khin Htar Yee (Shensi Constituency- 1).

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Photo News



Committee of Magway Parliamentary Building holds a meeting on 16th March 2017



Current Magway Region Hluttaw

A total of 37 companies submitted proposals for the Magway Region new parliamentary building, said the Deputy Speaker Zaw Myo Win. "We will review those companies based on their profiles and will announce selected companies at the end of this month. Only the selected companies are eligible for tenders at the second stage.

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