



Tanintharyi Parliament’s “Hit Tai”¹ to be Open after Thadingyut Full Moon Day

July 28, 2017

The “Hit Tai” near the new Tanintharyi Region Parliament, will be open after full moon day, according to U Khin Maung Aye, Speaker of the regional Parliament. According to him, the “Hit Tai” will be opened right after opening of the new parliament building on October 5.

Permissions from Dawei Township Police Force Office is required, as in peaceful assembly law, for any peaceful protest or demonstration. However, the protestors are required to get permission from the Parliament Office if they want to demonstrate their will at “Hit Tai”.

At “Hit Tai”, any groups can hold protests for any reasons, according to the Speaker U Khin Maung Aye.

However, Dawei Youth Activist Ko Wai Phyto stated that permission should not be required to use “Hit Tai”, saying “It does not make sense to get permission to use Hattai for protests. “Hit Tai” is a place where people have to shout loud for their grievances. It is necessary to provide for protestors to be able to stage the protest freely and securely without having any permissions at anywhere.”



Photo: Aung Thu(Dawei Watch)

However, Ko Wai Phyto continued that the current Hit Tai is not at the right location, and it is not an interesting spot for the protestors. It should be located in downtown or between ministerial offices and Parliament building.

Some critics stated that the current “Hit Tai” compound is located behind the court of the new parliament, which is at the edge of Dawei. It is far from the

strand road, and it seemed located in an isolated area. Since the “Hit Tai” is built at the back of Parliament, the protestors would be speaking out but with their back to the Parliament.

Reference: Tanintharyi Journal

¹ A place where an individual or group can express their grievances or demonstrate their will.

The Bill of Freshwater Fishery needed to be Distributed Beforehand

July 27, 2017

Dawei District residents urged the organizers of the public consultation meeting for drafting freshwater fishery law, which is to be discussed at the region parliament, to distribute to the public before the meeting (at hluttaw).

Some participants raised this demand at the public consultation meeting (convened in Dawei District), held

by the regional representatives, and the officers from Fishery Department on July 27. They stated that they did not have enough time to study the draft as it was distributed only at the meeting.

The public consultation meetings took place in Myeik District on August 1, and in Kawthaung District within August 5. The advice from the locals, business people and representatives from respective departments, would be gathered, according

to U Bo Htwe, the chairman of region parliament agriculture, livestock and environment affair committee.

U Bo Htwe continued, “It will be difficult to share copies of the bill beforehand since we do not know who could be interested in the draft.”

After the current bill become law, the existing Freshwater and In-shore Fishery Law 2013 would be abolished.

Reference: Tanintharyi Journal

Almost all Submitted Motions are approved at 8th Regular Session of Kachin Hluttaw

August 7, 2017

The two proposals were submitted to the Kachin State Parliament by MPs (Hluttaw representative) U Chang Dang Hken (Naung Mung constituency-1) and representative U Kyaw Kyaw Win (Mohnyin constituency- 2) at the 8th Regular session of the Kachin State Parliament conference, which began on July 31. The proposal by Naung Mung – 1 representative U Chang Dang Hken is to open a college which will provide bachelors of art and science in Putao District, while the Mohnyin – 2 representative U Kyaw Kyaw Win proposed to have Kachin State budget and provide land grants and land lending grants as far as possible widely.

Also, the three representatives from Tanai, Shwegu and Hpakant discussed and supported the proposal of resetting vacant gold field bocks left after the gold mining project, and creating the vacant field as man-made forestry. Although the minister of natural resource and environment conservation suggested that proposal is put as a record at the Parliament. The Proposer U Kyaw Kyaw Win (Mohnyin constituency- 2) presented, in response, that it is



Photo: Kachin State Hluttaw

necessary to implement the proposal now for the environment protection and for the next generations. Per the response, of 49 representatives presented at the Parliament, 48 supported the proposal and the proposal was then approved.

Representative Daw Maran Ja Seng Kong (Injyangyang constituency-2) pro-

posed that population based policy must be ceased to enhance the education and health. Per the proposal, decision was made through confidential vote. Of 46 votes, 37 votes are in favor, 5 votes are against and 3 votes are in neutral, while one vote was rejected.

Reference: Chang Dang Hken MP's Facebook and Kyaw Kyaw Win's Facebook

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■ Kayah State Parliament approved the Museum and Library Law on the second day meeting of Kayah State Parliament 6th regular session, on July 21. Also, Finance and Planning Minister U Maw Maw submitted the Bill of Money Lenders Law to the Parliament, but the Parliament decided to have it just as a record.

Reference: Iprd lokaw Facebook/ www.bnionline.net

■ During a two-days meeting (from July 31 to August 1) at Bago Region hluttaw Committee Meeting Hall, Daw Hla Hla Win, the chairperson of development project assessment, and natural resource, forestry and environmental preservation assessment committee and other committee members discussed to monitor bricks, sand and stones making businesses for the local development projects, to study about the forestry related businesses, and to reconstruct the collapsed bridge by the natural disaster in Nyaung-lay Pin Township.

Reference: Bago Region Hluttaw's Facebook



Mon State Hluttaw Urged to Appoint a Mon Affairs Minister

August 4, 2017

Mon State Hluttaw's Ethnic Affair Committee urged the State government to jointly appoint a minister, who will be able to manage the affairs of Mon ethnic people in Mon State, according to the committee chairman U Tun Min Aung.

However, in 2017-2018 fiscal year, the budget for the ethnic affairs of Bamar, Karen and Pa-O has been already allocated, respectively, but Mon was not included. Thus, this will be considered during this 2018-2019 fiscal year.

"According to the constitution, there is no Mon ethnic affairs minister to lead the Mon literature and culture activities in Mon State. For instance, the textbooks with Mon Language have not arrived though the schools have already opened. And, there is no one to present at the event related to Mon culture and so on. So, we urge to appoint a minister to fill out those needs," said U Tun Min Aung, the chairman of ethnic affairs committee.

The committee submitted the request letter to Mon State Government Office on July 27. On August 2, although there was a cabinet meeting was held, the matter was not discussed, according to Dr. Min Kyi Win, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation. He continued that he would be glad to share the post [of Mon ethnic affair minister] if he is appointed as he used to work for the Mon Literature and Cultural Association. During the previous government term, while there was no minister appointed for the mentioned position, Dr. Min Nwe Soe, who is from All Mon Regions Democracy Party (AMDP), shared his responsibility for the Mon ethnic affairs when he was officially appointed as Minister of Finance and Planning.

Reference: Mon News Agency

Rakhine Hluttaw Speaker Urged to Hold a Meeting for the Security of Maungdaw Area

August 7, 2017

The Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker U San Kyaw Hla urged the state chief minister U Nyi Pu to call security meeting for the security in the Maungdaw district, wherein the terrorists killed local people and hand-made mines blasted off often. In response to the request, the Chief Minister promise to hold the meeting.

Rakhine State's Rule of Law and Security Committee is comprised of Chief Minister U Nyi Pu as the committee chairman, and Executive Secretary of Rakhine State Government as the committee secretary, while the Speaker of the hluttaw, the Minister of Security and Border Affairs, supervisory officer of local Military Operational Officer (Sittwe) and state Police Chief are the members of the committee.

House Speaker U San Kyaw Hla said that it's a shame and pity for the state government and parliament per the

fact that the terrorists are threatening in Maungdaw area in order to scare and drive away the local ethnic people.

On August 3, eight Myo ethnic people from Kaingkyi Village, southern Maungdaw Township, went to May-yu Mountain to do their farming. However, seven of them were killed by terrorists, while one is still missing.

Following the case of 7 deaths, hundreds of Rakhine ethnic families in Maungdaw District have fled their homes started on August 4, and sought for safety places. Hence, it is vitally important to make decisions for what to do next projects at the [proposed] meeting, according to the parliament [house] speaker.

At the parliament meeting on July 11, an urgent proposal is submitted urging the State Government to implement a mechanism that will ensure a better security in Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Rathedaung areas. The State hluttaw approved the proposal.

Reference: 7daydaily/DVB