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Public Comments Welcomed for Yangon Municipal Bill

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The Yangon Region Hluttaw announced on its Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/ygnhluttaw) that the public is invited to share their advice regarding the Yangon City Municipal Bill, whether it's sent via post and email through yangon-regionhluttaw@gmail.com. It also provided a direct link to download the bill for anyone who might be interested in studying about the bill. The bill was submitted by municipal minister on behalf of the region's government team to the Yangon Region Hluttaw on the second day of sixth regular session of Hluttaw conference.

Reference: www.facebook.com/ygnhluttaw

Short News

■ E-government technology and knowledge exchange seminar was held collaboratively by Mon State Hluttaw and Mon State Computer Expert Association at Mon Hluttaw Hall in the morning of January 29. At the seminar, the discussions included e-government to e-society, ICT for Office Management and its application, electronic management system for government and Future Trend for technology.

Reference: www.monhluttaw.com

Pity on Hluttaw Expense as Public-interested Matters not Discussed at Yangon Hluttaw



Photo- Daw San Dar Min Facebook

February 1, 2018

Despite having many questions, Yangon Region Hluttaw did not allow MPs to have discussions over the matters that interest in the public during the sixth regular meeting resumed on January 30. For that, it would be pitiful on the expense by the Hluttaw, according to MP Daw Sandar Min, from Seikkyi Kanaungto Township-constituency 1, as she opened up about that through her Facebook.

Comments by some MPs

Daw Sandar Min commented for the fact that only 3 starred questions were allowed to ask at the sixth regular meeting of Yangon Region Hluttaw, which resumed on January 30.

"At our Hluttaw, we have to do two jobs; it's asking questions and only sometimes having discussions over the proposal. We do not get to have debate on new law, to have ministers from government team to represent about their projects, and to have discussions in depth by MPs during this two-year period,

while we also did not get to do voting and make decisions based on voting outcome," posted by Daw Sandar Min on her Facebook.

"On the first day of the meeting after it resumed on January 30, there listed a session of answers and questions on starred 3 questions. So, it was like the meeting would finish with these 3 questions, and it would be done within a few minutes in the morning. For me, as a secretary of planning and business committee, if I looked at it, we could see that there are 123 MPs. So, one MP would be provided with 20,000 Kyat and in total, there would be 2,460,000 Kyat. Because there were 3 questions, it would be worth as one question for 820,000 Kyat," according to MP U Kyaw Zeya, from Dagon Township Constituency-2, as he posted on his Facebook. During its two-year period, Yangon Region Hluttaw has 25 proposals submitted, while 729 starred questions and 125 unstarred questions were raised at the Hluttaw conference.

Reference: www.facebook.com/ygnhluttaw/
www.myanmar.mmtimes.com



An emergency meeting of Rakhine State Hluttaw being held on January 29, 2018. *Photo- Mizzima*

Rakhine Hluttaw Investigation Team to Begin Probe of Mrauk-U killings

January 30, 2018

The Mrauk-U incident inquiry committee was approved by the Rakhine State Hluttaw and the committee began the probe of the Mrauk-U incident, and the team began the inquiry on February 3, according to U Tun Thar Sein, secretary of the inquiry committee and MP of Rakhine State Hluttaw from Mrauk U Township.

The committee consisted of 9 members, including legislators and legal advisors, and it was formed by

the assembly after having votes counted at an emergency session on January 29.

The inquiry committee would identify the factors that triggered the incident and to determine whether the riot police applied in accordance with the law step-by-step. Those who violated the law must face charge and the findings would be included in the inquiry report and submitted to the State Hluttaw.

U Tun Thar Sein continued that the committee would take 2 months

to conduct the inquiry of the incident.

On January 16, the 233rd anniversary of the loss of Rakhine Kingdom would be held in Mrauk-U, but the local authorities did not allow them to hold the event. Then, a riot broke out between the police and locals after the locals staged a protest. At the incident, the police opened fire on the crowd, leaving 7 people dead and 12 wounded. The government's press statement claimed that about 20 policemen were also injured.

Reference: mizzimaburmese/thevoicemyanmar/rfa

Agriculture Minister Filled up Vacant Rakhine Municipal Minister

January 29, 2018

U Kyaw Lwin, the Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Mining, was temporarily appointed to fill up the vacant post to co-carry out the responsibility of municipal affairs minister, according to the Rakhine state government team.

On January 2, Rakhine State

Parliament voted to strip off the municipal affairs minister U Min Aung from his post at an emergency meeting, after U Min Aung, who was appointed by the National League for Democracy (NLD), failed to perform his duties.

The President Office also released a statement on January 18, stating that the Municipal Affairs



U Kyaw Lwin, Rakhine State's minister for agriculture, livestock, mining and forestry. *Photo: Mizzima*

Minister U Min Aung ceased from his duty.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Photo News



A hearing was held at Bago Region Parliament on February 1, to have the discussion [for compensations] for 74 employees of Thabyay-Kan toll-gate in Waw Township, who were terminated from their jobs.

Reference: www.facebook.com/Bagodivisionparliament

Recreations Set up without Gov't Permit; Water Route Blocked along Duhtawaddy River Shore

February 5, 2018

The recreation places along the Duhtawaddy river shore near Mandalay City have been in operation but with no permissions from the government, while the water routes there are also blocked.

U Myint Aung Moe, the chairman of Mandalay Region Hluttaw's Security, Planning and Municipal Affairs Committee stated as above.

Regarding the resorts operations, complaint letters were submitted to Hluttaw. Following the complaints, two sectors of Hluttaw affair committee had a field visit for an inspection in late January.

The findings showed that the resorts including 3 Mile, 5 Mile, 7 Mile, 9 Mile, Pyithu NanTaw, and D Garden, are in operation but without having permissions from the regional government. Also, some resorts are set up over the water routes which are covered

with soil, according to U Myint Aung Moe.

U Myint Aung Moe continued that due to embanking the river shore with soil, another side of the river, where Sittkaing is located, has collapsed.

"It's safe for the public and the employees working at the resorts are also from the nearby villages. So if we closed them, this could cause difficulties for the employees. Such operation should be allowed if it follows the laws and does not cause any negative impact on the environment."

U Myint Aung Moe also stated that the two-sectors of Hluttaw affair committees would collaboratively submit the report to the Hluttaw Speaker, suggesting to impose tax as much as possible, allow the business so that locals have job opportunities, and have the business owners run in accordance with the law.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

Short News

■ It was the first time to publish the Citizen's Budget report of the estimated gain and expense situation by Tanintharyi Region, after more than 50 years. The region government has explicitly laid out how the budget was spent and for what sectors. According to the head of Tanintharyi Region's budget department, the report disclosed the [budget] income and expenditure by the region [government] and respective departments. This report is published for the first time and in nearly ending fiscal year of 2017-2018. But for the following years, the report will be published within 3 months after the budget is approved.

Reference: www.daweivatch.com

■ A discussion of Services drafted law was conducted at Magway Region Hluttaw on January 24. At the discussion, participants included Deputy Speaker U Zaw Myo Win, region advocate general, the director of region municipal organization, and hluttaw legislative committee members. The Advocate General presented the drafted law matters, and then, the hluttaw legislative committee members discussed them respectively. Then, the chairperson of the Region Hluttaw Legislative Committee provided additional time to discuss them if need be.

Reference: www.facebook.com/mgyhluttaw