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Hluttaw Speaker seen at 3rd emergency conference of Magway Hluttaw. (Photo: Moe Kyaw)

Chief Minister Withdraws Name-list of Proposed Ministerial Candidates

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Magway Region Chief Minister himself submitted the withdrawal of the proposed name-list of ministerial candidates at the emergency conference of Magway Region Hluttaw on February 26.

Chief Minister Dr. Aung Moe Nyo sent a withdrawal letter of the two ministerial candidates whom he himself had proposed. The Hluttaw then put the withdrawal letter submission as recorded.

"I here announce that Magway Region Hluttaw records the submitted letter of the Chief Minister that he withdrew the proposal of the two ministerial candidates as he listened to the public's voices and wishes," read Hluttaw Speaker U Tar.

However, according to withdrawn ministerial candidates, although the ministerial candidates did want to mention regarding the withdrawal of name list of the candidates, they felt unhappy for the fact that they didn't get any chance to have a discussion over the candidate name-list withdrawal at the Hluttaw Conference.

Upon the submission of the two ministerial candidates by the Chief Minister for two vacant ministerial positions, 17 Hluttaw representatives of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and some public in the Magway Region voiced their objections to the proposed candidates.

Reference; www.7daydaily.com

Hluttaw and Gov't **Have Different** Opinions on Suspension of **Bago Region's** Construction **Project**

February 25, 2018

Suspending the Bago Regional Construction Control Authority (BRCCA), founded by the Bago Region Government with responsibility appointment, on February 21, through Hluttaw voting is not legal, according to the BRCCA's Chairperson U San Myint.

"Since it was founded, it was approved not only by counselling law experts and advocates. The responsibility was granted after the reporting to the State Counsellor. So, the Hluttaw has no power to suspend it. But if the government team approved the suspension of the group, it would then take a break," said U San Myint.

Although Pyithu Hluttaw's proposal to establish Regional and State Construction Control Authorities was successful in 2017, since it did not follow the constitution at present, the proposal to suspend the association till such association related bylaw and law are created ,according to MP U Khin Maung Win, from Htantapin Township Constituency.

The proposal was submitted at the 9th regular meeting of Bago Region Hluttaw conference, and it was withdrawn with the major votes. The BRCCA was founded in January 2017, with 17 members. The BRCCA conducted an official inquiry over the construction projects in the [Bago] region.

Reference; http://thevoicemyanmar.com









Time Needed To Enact "Right to Recall Law," Says UEC

February 27, 2018

Union Election Commission (UEC) stated on February 27 at the Amyotha Hluttaw that an additional time is needed in order to be able to enforce and have complete law of right to recall.

USDP MP U Sai Than Naing stated at the Hluttaw to enforce the law.

U Sai Than Naing stated at the Hluttaw that the MPs who were elected by the people but have inadequate qualifications, misbehaviors and violated law, should be removed from the positions.

"That law has disruption to the national reconciliation and peace. So, the discussion over it was heat up at Hluttaw and then it was suspended. It's for the first time. So, for this time, is it possible to overcome such a situation?" questioned U Aung Myint, a member of UEC.

It is the second time per the attempt by USD to enact the law, during this NLD-led Hluttaw term. In February 2017, USDP MP U Thaung Aye also questioned at Pyithu Huttaw such a question.

Article 396 (b) of the Constitution stated "A minimum of one percent out of the original voters of the electorate of the constituency concerned shall submit the complaint to the Union Election Commission [against the Hluttaw representative on whom it wishes to recall]." But that even has problem with that of one percent, according to U Aung Kyi Nyut, MP from NLD.

Reference: Mizzima, Irrawaddy



Sagaing Hluttaw to Honor 3 Women

March 4, 2018

Sagaing Region Hluttaw would honor three women to mark the International Women's Day on March 8. With the title of "uplifting women sector, all should cooperatively support", the international women's day event, which was supervised by the Sagaing Hluttaw and supported by WCDI (Women Can Do It), was held at Banquet Hall, Sagaing Region Hluttaw, on March 9. According to U Thet U Maung, an

officer of Hluttaw Office, the three women who would be honored are Daw Thein Yee, Daw Hla Hla Myint and Mary Cole. Daw Thein Yee is from Homalin Township, who rescued women from the firing breakout, Daw Hla Hla Myint, a senior nurse from Wuntho Township, who delivered a labored woman on coconut tree during flooding, and Mary Cole, Naga ethnic woman and movie/ video actress, who has implemented for Naga region development.

Reference: 7daydaily

Short News

■ The Investigation Group on the Rakhine State's Mrauk riot was renamed and approved as Inspection Group at the Rakhine State Hluttaw conference on March 6. According to the group's chairperson U Aung Win, Hluttaw [sector] should not get involved in the investigation but only inspecting. Thus, the name was changed. Although the name is changed, what it has to implement should stick to the original tasks.

Reference: www.thevoicemyanmar.com

■ Legislative Committee of Sagaing Region Hluttaw held meetings with municipal committees of Sagain District, Monywa District and Shwebo District, respectively, while the Legislative Committee also held coordination meeting with the respective municipal committees on Sagaing Region Municipal Affair Law (Draft).

Reference: Sagain Region Hluttaw/Facebook.





Casting votes during electing municipal committee. (Photo: Kyaw Zin Than-7day daily)

Additional Time Needed to Amend the Municipal Bill, Say Yangon MPs

March 5, 2018

Adequate amount of time is vitally required to study and consult since the Yangon City Development (municipal) bill still needs a lot to be amended, according to some representatives of Yangon Region Hluttaw.

On February 2, mayor U Maung Maung Soe submitted the draft of Yangon City Development (YCD) Law. The draft has virtually 400 articles, and it's needed to have sufficient time to study on the draft because it's crucial for the city's development, according to MP U Thawtar Aung, a member of the Bill committee.

MP Daw Kyi Pyar stated that if the decision made by the Hluttaw is taken only over a month after the draft is submitted, the draft can have various weaknesses.

However, some members of YCD Drafting Committee stated that at the moment, feedback is being collected for a draft law amendment. Therefore, there will come the step to have discussion and approval after the feedback is presented to the Hluttaw.

Some MPs and civil society organizations pointed out that the draft has a mixture of bylaws, amplified points and the points that override the Pyidaungsu Law.

Reference; www.7daydaily.com

Project Issues to Be Brought to Tribunal Suspended

March 2, 2018

The matter of bringing to tribunal, over whether some projects to be implemented in Tarnintharyi Region should be reported to the Hluttaw, is suspended, according to U Khin Maung Aye, the region Hluttaw speaker.

When U Phyo Win Tun, the minister of planning and finance, said it's not necessary to report private investment projects to the Hluttaw, the Hluttaw Speaker then responded that this matter would be brought to tribunal and have discussion over it. But the Speaker's response to bring the matter to the tribunal is so far suspended.

"Since we are from the same party the matter that must be brought to tribunal is not yet brought to. The government team members are from the NLD party. Since the party members are also members of Hluttaw [team], it's just a reminder given by the Hluttaw," said U Khin Maung Aye.

"We just give the time since they will become to understand slowly. But if it insists on doing that, the tribunal's decision will be then taken. It should be acted if they want. If this is accepted, it will not be on the road to democracy in the future," said U Khin Maung Aye, Hluttaw Speaker.

Reference: Tanintharyi Weekly

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■ According to U Aye Kyaw, the executive director of Open Myanmar Initiative (OMI) announced that a report would be published in March. The report is based on the questions and answers piled up from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for [support of] State and Region Hluttaw's questions and answers. U Aye Kyaw also stated that the report included the analysis over the questions and answers or discussions by respective government groups at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and for the questions and answers, which should be only brought up at State and Region level Hluttaw.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com