

# State and Region Parliaments

News Bulletin —

# **Inspecting Rakhine Planning and Finance** Minister's Accused Case to Be Begun after April 20

April 19, 2018

Rakhine State Speaker appointed an Inquiry Team on the accusations to U Kyaw Aye Thein, the minister of finance, tax, planning and economics, would begin having inspection on the case after April 20, according to U Naing Kyway Aye, the leader of the inquiry team.

On March 14, 12 Hluttaw representatives accused and urged to have Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein to step down from his position and face charge in accordance with the law. The accusations are due to the fact that the Minister U Kyaw Ay Kha Thein does not carry out his responsibility dutifully and does not implement the project with the allocated annual finance in accordance with the rules and regulations, so it has many negative impacts on the developments for respective townships.

The Hluttaw speaker formed the inquiry team with 5 members to have inquiry on the case on April 9, and appointed U Naing Kyoe Aye, of the National League for Democracy and Thandwe Constituency-2, as the leader of the team.



It's second times for having ccusations on a state minister. The accused Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein is not an MP but appointed as the minister from the outsider expert.

The inquiry team would inspect the accused cases in accordance with the existing law and rules, and after the inspection, the team would then present the finding report to the Hluttaw on May 30.

On January 18, the President withdrew former municipal minister U Min Aung, of the Rakhine State Team. Government from his ministerial position, after 17 MPs made accusations of him.

Reference: www.7davdailv.com

### **Two Vacant Magway Region Ministerial Posts Filled**

April 6, 2018

Magway Region Hluttaw approved two newly appointed ministers, namely U Myint Swe and U Win Maw Htay for the government team, according to Chief Minister Dr. Aung Moe Nyo.

The newly appointed ministerial posts are Labor, Immigration and Population Minister by U Myint Swe, who is retired District Education Head, and Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Minister by U Win Maw Htay, who is an engineer.

On April 5, the Chief Minister only chose U Myint Swe out of two initially proposed candidates. On the following day [April 6], U Win Maw Htay was instead chosen for another post.

The two ministerial posts had been vacant since January 10. The Chief Minister at first proposed two candidates, but the Chief Minister withdrew the proposed candidates following the objecting proposals by some Hluttaw representatives.

Reference: www.burma.irrawaddy.com











# State Hluttaw Cut Over 6 Billion of Rakhine Gov't's Budget

April 9, 2018

Over 6 billion (6162.057 million) of the Rakhine State Government's Budget, which also covers the planned five markets project, was cut as State Hluttaw refused and reduced the allocations.

Following the Rakhine State's financial estimated report for April to September, 2018, presented by the government group at Hluttaw's seventh regular conference on April 6, the Hluttaw has inspection over it and then made rejection and reduction.

The projects that the Hluttaw rejects and reduces include construction projects of the five 3-story markets, rural area development projects, road construction project by road construction department and municipal projects.

After inspecting the government group's six-month estimated finance list, from April to September 2018, five MPs presented about the rejecting and reducing the projects.

Instead of giving the priority to the projects that are not supportive for community development in the state, the priority must be given to the projects that help develop the state and improve the living standards of the people in the state, according to the report of State Hluttaw's Public Finance Record Committee.

Some locals in Thandwe, Taungoup and Gwa townships are not satisfied with the Hluttaw's decisions over budget refuse and reduction.

Reference: www.burma.irrawaddy.com/ www.7daydaily.com



Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Dr. Aung Naing Oo

# Mon Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Criticizes Chief Minister

Apirl 11, 2018

Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Dr. Aung Naing Oo has criticized the State Project Commission led by Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan for failing to act on its authorization.

"This commission is silent. We don't know whether it is truly carried out by using the given authority," said Deputy speaker Dr. Aung Naing Oo.

The deputy speaker said the commission has to give comments on the investment projects that could harm the environment in the state and submit them to the state hluttaw, but it still has not done so yet.

According to the deputy speaker, the commission has not conducted field surveys and not released its comments on the planned offshore supply base in Inn Din Village Tract in Ye Township and a cement factory project, which will be carried out by Myanmar-Korea Cement Co., Ltd near Ni Ton Village Tract in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State. These two projects have been permitted by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

The commission is responsible to carry out seven duties including the duties to scrutinize and confirm whether the local projects in the state go along with the country's policy, give its comments on the projects that will be invested in the state, reject the projects that do not support socioeconomic development, and submit the approved projects to the State Hluttaw through the government.

Minister of Planning, Finance, Immigration and Population U Wunna Kyaw said the issue would be submitted to the commission coordination meeting.

The State Project Commission was formed with 14 members and Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan serves as its chairman.

Reference: Hintharmedia.com



# Proposal to Take Action against Unofficial Medical Practitioners in Mandalay Failed

April 3, 2018

The proposal urged the Mandalay Region government to take action against the unlicensed medical practitioners in the region was voted down on April 3 with only one vote loss.

MP Dr. Nyi Min Han (Aungmyaytharzan Constituency -1) presented the proposal mentioned above at the Hluttaw Conference.

Regarding the proposal, Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung suggested to put the proposal as recorded since there are other cases taken actions against. But the proposer did not accept. Then, decision was made based on vote result, which reveals 26 votes in

favor, and 27 votes against while 8 votes are in-between. Therefore, the proposal was not successful since it received 26 votes but losing one vote.

"It does not matter to lose it. But it is only one thing I'm worried that as presenting the proposal is unsuccessful, there will be careless medical practitioners who see things as what can you do?," said proposer Dr. Nyi Min Han, of the National League for Democracy (NLD).

Three Hluttaw representatives discussed that due to having careless medical practitioners there can cause the losses and the health conditions can become worse and pointed out that although there are

methods, there are nothing taken action and the fact that the public is lack of health knowledge.

Regarding the vote loss, some MPs remark that that's due to the Chief Minister's influence over the proposal voting.

"Regarding the answers the Chief Minister gave, it seems like he does not agree on the proposal. And, the Hluttaw representatives were also not decisive. The reason why [..] opposed is to speak frankly the chief minister is influencing over it. No one can influence the Chief Minister," said Dr. Aung Kyaw Oo, of Aung Myay Tharzan Township Constituency – 2.

Reference: www.thevoicemyanmar.com

### Short News

■ Mrauk-U Riot Inquiry Group, formed by Rakhine State Hluttaw, has only completed 75 % of its project, according to U Tun Thar Sein, the secretary of the group. The group has interviewed the families of the killed and arrested protesters and the eyewitnesses of the street-walk protest all the way long.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

■ On April 3, during the Hluttaw Conference, Rakhine State Hluttaw approved the emergency proposal without having any objections. The proposal was not to provide resettlement for returning Bengalis in southern Maung Taw Township, Rakhine State. U Kyaw Aye Thein, Minister of Planning and Finance and a member of the government group, answered that due to the facts discussed and presented by the Hluttaw representatives are of public wishes, the MPs do not have any objections to the public wishes. However, he also said that regarding this Bengalis issue, as the UN and international organizations are putting pressure on the government, everyone should understand on that

Reference; www.burma.irrawaddy.com

## Photo News



Bago Region Hluttaw and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are collaboratively holding the consultation of calling tender for Inn land-grant and of law factors of freshwater fishery on April 20.

Reference: Bago Region Hluttaw/ Facebook