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Inns Tendered through Old Law in Bago to Be Re-inspected



U Kyi Zin, Deputy Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw (Photo- Bago Region Hluttaw/Facebook)

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Companies were invited to tender for the Inns (pond, lake or creak where fishing) in accordance with the old law. The new law shall be applied for tender.

The 2013 fresh water fishery law passed by last [U Thein Sein] government does not have positive impacts on farmers and local fishermen but only on the inn-business people. Thus, the law was amended, re-drafted and approved on March 29, 2018, at the 9th Regular Session of Bago Region Hluttaw. It was presented to both the government team and the Chief Minister but only the old law was applied for the grant-inn tenders. Hence, the MPs presented it to the government team with feedbacks and the Chief Minister then instructed [the MPs] to re-inspect.

“The fresh-water fishery law was

amended and redrafted and then, the Hluttaw passed the new law, which includes the Inns owned by a group of local fishermen. Now, for this tender offering, the old law was applied and the projects were only given to the [original] business people. If we look at the rules applied for the tender, this applies for 3 years. Thus, that seems to be only three years after, the Hluttaw passed law will only become in practice. And, this appears that the Bago Region Government team did not care about what the Hluttaw approved. When most of the MPs gave negative feedback, the Chief Minister then re-instructed that the tendered projects must be re-inspected and carried out in accordance with the (new) law,” said U Kyi Zin, Deputy Speaker of the Bago Region Hluttaw.

Reference: www.myanmar.mmtimes.com

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■ Workshop on taxation was held collaboratively on May 14 by Mon State Hluttaw, Industry Ministry, Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection, and Department of Small and Medium Business Development, and [Mawlamyine-based] National Enlightenment Institute. The participants at the workshop suggested that the public should be widely aware of the taxation process for the economic development and cooperate in that process. As a result, the taxation system will have a [beneficial] impact on the economy during these upcoming five years.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com

■ Mon State Government on May 19 withdrew its statement, stating that the civil society organizations (CSOs) and community based organizations (CBOs) that want to hold their workshops and meetings at hotels and motels must report to Township General Administration Office for permission ten days in advance. Since the CSOs and CBOs are conducting several trainings and workshops, if they have to proceed in line with the statement made by the State government, they will just have to spend their time reporting and not have time working on other projects, according to Mi Hongsar Htaw, program coordinator of Jeephyia Civil Society Development Organization.

Reference: www.thevoicemyanmar.com



Photo- Yangon Hluttaw/Facebook

Yangon New City (Yangon Myothit) Project Objected at Hluttaw

May 8, 2018

U Thein Myint, an MP of Tamwe Township, discussed on May 7 at the 6th Regular Session of Yangon Region Hluttaw that the Yangon New City Project to be implemented in Thandwe Township, Yangon Region, is objected/ opposed.

"It still needs a lot to implement the projects of security in a city, municipal, justice, a job opportunity, natural disaster prevention, and better commuting access. These are not implemented in the city yet. So, just leave the city but go implement projects for other areas?" said U Thein Myint at the discussion.

The report of the urban development project with foreign and domestic investment, submitted by the

region government to the Hluttaw, has several projects including new city expansion. The MPs discussed (them) but objected to the projects, since the government did not provide the details and the analysis and criticism whether the positive projects have impacts on the society and environment, as well as having no approvals from the public and no transparency.

Mingalardon Township MP Daw Thandar Moe stated that since the information for Sangyiwa Transportation Hub is still needed, the project will not be then approved.

"It includes Sangyiwa transportation hub at Sangyiwa field in Mingalardon Township. For me, I would like to know whether they have already discussed with the farmers and

have agreement. The region government should visit the field of Sangyiwa and explain (it) to the public for the transparency," said Daw Thandar Moe.

Daw Thandar Moe continued the discussion at the Hluttaw that "If they [the government team] could not go and explain, but the public and farmers do not agree, the project will be then not approved."

Latha Township MP U Kyaw Min Han, MP U Zaw Win Naing, and Mayangon Township MP U Yan Shin stated that the [government] team does not have the details of solution techniques for the respective project's activities. Therefore, the details will be collected and re-submitted as proposal [to Hluttaw].

Reference: www.burma.irrawaddy.com

Rakhine State's Economy Minister Inspected

May 19, 2018

An inquiry team from Rakhine State Hluttaw will, with evidences, inspect Rakhine State Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein, who was accused of budgetary corruption, starting from May 18 at the Hluttaw.

According to the inquiry team, Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein is accused of six cases such as the new projects not approved, the expense which is higher than the actual expense for the projects, the failure to implement Maungdaw KayinChaung Economic Zone, the failure to allocate equal amount of finance to respective townships, and the failure to follow the tender offering rules and regulations for the development projects in Mrauk-U District's four townships.

The inquiry team is still conducting the inquiry with the seven companies out of all companies that have ap-

plied for the tenders for the projects in the Mrauk-U District. The team is still inspecting 30 witnesses, while the team is also having inquiry with the accused minister. Doing inquiry so is to prevent the state projects from becoming useless under supervision of Hluttaw, but to be carried out rightfully and carefully, according to U Naing Kyor Aye, the chair of the inquiry group.

Regarding the tenders for the projects in Mrauk-U district, although New Life [Bawa Thit] Aung Khine Oo Company submitted 6 tenders to and won five tenders, the [New Life Aung Khine Oo] company was not permitted to implement the projects. Yet, the company, which competed with New Life Aung Khine Oo Company submitted 2 tenders to and won both tenders, was granted to implement the projects. As a result, it can be proved that the Economics Minister made

the decisions on the tender offerings without following the tender rules and regulations, according to the [New Life Aung Khine Oo Company] Managing Director U Aung Khine Oo.

The MP, being inquired with accusations, avoided to answer the questions by the reporters.

12 MPs signed up that MP U Kyaw Aye Thein did not carry out his responsibility dutifully, and the case was reported in April to the Hluttaw. Led by MP U Naing Kyoe Aye of the National League for Democracy from Thandwe Township, a group composed of five MPs was formed to have inquiry and present the inquiry report to the Hluttaw with the deadline on May 30.

U Kyaw Aye Thein did not compete for the 2015 Elections but was appointed as a scholar by Chief Minister U Nyi Pu.

Ref: www.thevoicemyanmar.com

Corruption and Gap between Financial Expenses and Implemented Project Result

May 11, 2018

Mandalay Region MPs found out that there was a gap between the financial expense and implemented projects as the Auditor Office presented the report of 2016-2017 financial expense and the projects implemented and scrutinized at the ninth regular session of Mandalay Region Hluttaw on April 5.

The MPs had discussions over the matters of handing exceeding budget, misuse of the budget, the differences between the standard rate and the local rate, the failure to follow the rules and regulations on cooperative projects by the government and companies, mid-expense by some departments.

"The findings are over 65 million Kyat from room rentals remains to be submitted since the permission of ground and first floors of Man Plaza transferring. And over 50 million Kyat was also left to give for the exceeding days of the construction

period, "MP U Wunna Aung, from Tada -U [Township constituency-2].

"Due to deficient finance, inadequacy of observation, misuse, and loans provided more than the amount, State's re-depositing budget has become 325 million. These should be carried out and supervised by the government team closely," said MP U Wine Chit Aung (Taung-tha constituency-2).

When the condition of project implementation is considered, the education department mis-expensed most of the financial amount, according to MP Daw The Su Wai, from Ngan-Zun township constituency-1.

"What the farmers mainly need is to have loans. The government said it provides loans but they never reached the farmers hands, and the exceeding budget is returned. Therefore, one wonders for that. As the department is not taking accountability, it affects the public," said MP Daw The Su Wai.

Ref: <https://myanmar.mmtimes.com>

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■ The government announced on May 17 that it permitted Salai Issac Khen, Chin State Minister for Municipal, Electricity and Industry resigned in accordance to his wishes. Due to his failure to complete the projects of Hakha urban city plan, Hakha market and Falam water distribution on time he submitted his resignation so as to "show accountability", according to outgoing Minister Salai Issac Khen.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

■ Hluttaw Economics and Commercial Committee and Mandalay Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) had a meeting on May 15, to cooperate for the development of the local businesses, export and import projects' need, transportation and goods warehouse services.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com