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Mon State Gov't not Dutiful, Says the Hluttaw Deputy Speaker

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Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Dr. Aung Naing Oo said that the state government is undutiful with regard to the 16 assigned projects to be completed with an extended time although 2017-2018 fiscal year has already passed.

The allowed 16 buildings which needed to be finished during a 2017-2018 fiscal year are extended until June 24. The government has to present its report [to the Hluttaw] right after the fiscal year ends. Only after that, the extension will be then given, according to Dr. Aung Naing Oo.

"They [government] have to explain the reasons why the projects cannot be completed on time: late tender-calling, government's weakness or the company's weakness. They have to explain [to the Hluttaw]," said Dr. Aung Naing Oo.

Of the 16 buildings, one guesthouse, two new offices, and one market extended will be completed within a given time. But one housing project and one Daingwonkwin market will not be completed with an extension period, according to U Wunna Kyaw, Minister of Planning and Finance.

Reference: www.thevoicemyanmar.com

Land Confiscation and Investigation Committee Members Involved in Farmland Grabs

May 28, 2018

Hluttaw representative U Soe Moe Htun submitted a proposal to the Ayeyarwaddy Region Hluttaw, urging the government team to take up as emergency case to inspect the actual facts of corruption, since some members of the Farmland and other land confiscation and investigation committee are involved in land confiscation as well as to take action against the committee members when they violate the committee's rules and regulations.

U Soe Moe Tun continued that the Committee did not like the Hluttaw representatives to be the members of the committee.

Without any actual reasons, a well-known company seized some farmland from the farmers, who have the farmland passed [from generation to generation] in Darka area, Kangyidauk Township. This farmland has been shared with a group of (benefit-shared) people by units of land allocation [for years].

The Hluttaw representative (U



Soe Moe Tun) said that although the company returned the land, it was not returned to the original farming owners, but to those whom it has business with.

"Chairman of village/Ward land investigation and members of farmers' affair support group is among them [the people involved in land confiscation] according to the petition upon the land confiscation. In this situation, the result can be too obvious

because the rural land investigation committee members themselves are being inspected," regarding the land investigation committee cases in the proposal.

Thus, the Hluttaw decided to continue the discussion over the proposal in order to have the [Ayeyarwaddy Region] government team unveil the corruption matters in the right manner.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Ayeyarwaddy Hluttaw to Form Commission to Investigate Illegal Teak Projects as No Action Taken

May 27, 2018

Authorities did not take action against the illegal teak dealers in the Ayeyarwaddy Region although they [authorities] have been informed (of the issues) several times. Thus, Ayeyarwaddy Region Hluttaw Speaker, U Aung Kyaw Khaing made the decision, at the 11th Regular session of Region Hluttaw Conference, to form an investigating commission to inspect the case.

MP Daw Khin Moe War, Tharpaung Township Constituency-1, said that although questions and petition letters were submitted to the Hluttaw and Chief Minister several times to take action against the illegal log[teak] projects, the action was not taken.

MP Daw Khine Moe War also said that when local forestry staffs were informed to take actions, they just keep protecting [the illegal logging dealers] because of the bribes [from the dealers]. Furthermore, they argued that they did not find the incidents although they were given accurate information. At the same time they only seized lesser [number] logs in order to avoid the cases. When the logs were seized, they said that the MPs told them to seize the logs. Therefore, this saying caused misunderstandings between the Hluttaw representatives and public.

“Committing this makes betrayal of the public,” said Daw Khin Moe War.

Daw Khine Moe War continued that administration groups, armed groups and crime reporters are involved in opening gates and collecting road fees from the illegal log dealers in the Tharpaung Township.

“If the public can give exact information [to the government] regarding the corruption and bribing cases, the effective action will be then taken,” answered U Tin Aung Win, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation and Environment Conservation.

Hluttaw representatives kept asking upon the answers by the Minister; then the Hluttaw Speaker decided to form a commission to investigate the issue.

Reference: www.7daydaily.com



Yangon Hluttaw to Draft Bill for YBS and Other Transportation Services

June, 1, 2018

Yangon Region Hluttaw will draft a bill for the Yangon Bus Service (YBS) and other transportation services.

In response to the question by U Thein Myint, Hluttaw representative from Tamwe Township Constituency-2, which is whether there will be the law drafted to handle the YBS operation in the region and whether the law will be drafted for YBS, Water Bus and Taxi by Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA), Daw Nilar Kyaw, [Yangon Region] Minister of Electricity, Industry and Transportation stated as above on June 1, at 38th day of 6th Regular Hluttaw Conference of Yangon Region Hluttaw. She also said that the Hluttaw will also implement the other essential command and instructions, rules and the law.

Minister Daw Nilar Kyaw continued that at present, the rules and laws that are in practice are those of the 138 points of vehicle control for public vehicles instructed during the military government administration, as well as the 2015 vehicle law, land[transportation] law and maritime law.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com

Amyotha Hluttaw Office Deputy Director Appointed as Minister of Chin State Development Affairs, Electricity and Industry

May 26, 2018

The President Office on May 26 announced that General U Soe Htet is appointed as Chin State Development Affairs, Electricity and Industry Minister. The appointment was made following the resignation of Salai Issac Khen from the Chin State Municipal [development] Affairs, electricity and industry.

Due to the fact that U Soe Htet is appointed without having agreement by the Chin State Hluttaw representatives when the name-list [for the new minister post] was submitted by the Chin State Hluttaw, some MPs from the National League for Democracy (NLD) staged a protest by leaving the Hluttaw Hall.

Minister U Soe Htet received his degree of Zoology (animal biology) from Yangon University in 1982, and he served in the army in 1983. In 2013, he served as deputy minister of Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

Reference: www.mizzimaburmese.com



Former Chin State Minister Salai Issac Khen and U Soe Htet, newly appointed minister of development affair, electricity and industry. (Photo: Salai Issac Khen)

Over 10 billion Kyat budget-cut allocated for education, health care and other sectors

May 29, 2018

The over 10 billion Kyat budget cut during the 2nd Mandalay Hluttaw will be again allocated for education, health care and other sectors.

10000 Million Kyat each will be spent for the projects such as rural area road, electricity and natural disaster support. 20000 Million Kyat will be allocated for education and health projects. 5000 million each will be provided for the projects, namely water access, sport, rule of law and peace, while 23,469.1901 million will go to the [government] staff housing project. 13,510 million Kyat will be spent for better flow of water in the Mandalay city by the City Development Committee, according to U Myat Thu, Minister of Planning and Finance.

“As the Hluttaw cut [it], the budget title is changed. It is just using different title but from the earlier earmarked budget”, said U Tin Aung, MP from Chanmyatharzi Township



Constituency (1).

The 2018-2019 fiscal year is marked from October 1 [2018], to September 30, 2019. The Mandalay

Region Government has already received 322,819.964 Billion Kyat of estimated expense.

Reference: www.thevoicemyanmar.com