



# State and Region Parliaments

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### The Case of an Artillery Shell in Pan Myaung that Left Many Dead and Wounded to Be Reported to Hluttaw



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At about 10 o'clock on August 24, an artillery shell landed on a house at Pan Myaung village, Minbya Township, Rakhine State and killed 3 people and seriously wounded 4 other people.

The three casualties were a 10th grader, Ma Nyo Nyo Win, aged 15, and a 4th grader, Maung Min Htet Kyaw, 10, and a kindergarten student, Maung Aung Zaw Pyoe, 6. The four wounded are having treatment at Mrauk U and Sittwe hospitals.

Eye-witness accounts of this event

will be reported to the hluttaw on August 27, said MP U Hla Thein Aung of Minbya Township.

"There are people who personally witnessed the tragedy. We are working to present their accounts to the hluttaw. We will get the signature from the Arakan National Party (ANP) headquarter and present the report to both the hluttaw and the party, added U Hla Thein Aung.

The villagers were saying that the artillery shell was fired by the Tatmataw from a hill at Pan Myaung village. The Tatmataw has refused the accusation.

The villagers are requesting that such artillery shells be fired outside residential zones, said U Hla Thein Aung, citing the villagers:

"We don't want this to happen again in the future. In order that this does not happen again in any other places, they [Tatmadaw] should not fire from villages while making human shields."

The three students killed were buried in Pan Myaung village cemetery. It's reported that the people of Pan Myaung village are frightened and are fleeing to nearby villages.

Reference: <https://www.dmgburmese.com>

# Investments for Extracting Natural Resources Outnumber Ones that Provide Jobs in Mon State



Photo : Aung Kyaw Thu's facebook

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There are more numbers of projects that are extracting natural resources than ones that are providing jobs in Mon State and they are being implemented with the Myanmar Investment Commission's (MIC) permit, according to the Chairman of Mon State Hluttaw Public Account Scrutiny, Finance, Planning and Economy Review Committee, U Aung Kyaw Thu.

U Aung Kyaw Thu said thus in a public hearing on MIC's decisions on Mon State and projects on August 28.

"In Mon State, there are more investments that are extracting natural resources. In Kyaikhto, there is quarry mining, and in Kyaikmayaw

there's a cement factory. Conflicts are happening with the locals. How do we deal with investments in the long run?" questioned U Aung Kyaw Thu. And there are land disputes in connection with investments. Such disputes were from under the administration of the previous government when lands were not purchased at the market price that about ten complaint letters have been filed at the committee, added U Aung Kyaw Thu.

"This year, there are seven foreign and one Myanmar investments with MIC's permit. There are two foreign and eight Myanmar investments with the state government's permission, said an official from Mon State Investment Committee.

As projects were implemented in

accordance with the permit and procedure set out by the MIC, there were not many challenges, and that although there was a little protest by local people in the beginning, actions were taken on the basis of negotiation that an understanding with the local people had been established, said the Director of Long Life Aggregate Minng Co.Ltd, a quarry mining company in Paung Township.

Mon State Investment Commission Office lists projects such as production and sales of petroleum and natural gas, mining and distribution of rocks for construction, production and sales of radiators, which are all operating under Production Sharing Contract (PSC) system.

Reference: <https://www.7daydaily.com>

# Former Ayeyawaddy Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Prosecuted on a Case Involving 1.9 million kyats

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It's been reported that former Ayeyawaddy Regional Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U San Min Aung was prosecuted for using 1.9 million kyats for personal gain.

According to the accusation charges of the accuser, U San Min Aung was charged for misusing 1.9 million kyats in buying vehicles for the hluttaw, and that he had signed the contract with a back date. He's been charged with article 409 (breach of trust), U San Min Aung's legal aid and advocate told the Irrawaddy.

Put in charge by Ayeyawaddy Hluttaw, Vice-director of Hluttaw Office U Zaw Min Tun, filed a case against U San Min Aung at Pathein police station in May.

On the advice of the union chief justice and regional chief justice, the case was checked by the police, and the first hearing was held at Pathein Court on Aug 22.

The plaintiff, MP U San Min Aung has applied for bail citing ill health and treatment at Pathein Public Hospital.

However, since the decision for bail has not been made, the ex-deputy speaker is being held in Pathein Prison.

"I think money is not the only reason in prosecuting him. Signing a contract with a back date is another reason. This is purely my opinion. We'll know the details from the court," claimed Ayeyawaddy Region Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Khaing.

He had kept clearly all the accounts of transactions and he would present his files to the court, U San Min Aung told the Irrawaddy.

During his term as deputy-speaker in 2018, U San Min Aung received 158 million kyats during 2017-18 fiscal year to buy cars for the Ayeyawaddy Region Hluttaw. The regional hluttaw formed a committee and invited tenders.

After the Ayeyawaddy Region Government had approved for the purchase of the vehicles, led by Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Kyaw Khaing, an eight-member purchasing team was formed. U San Min Aung was appointed team leader, and a person with the rank of vice-director was appointed secretary and officers from Road Transport Department and three MPs comprised as members of the team.

With the decision of the committee, three secondhand HiAce and a light truck from one company and a brand new Toyota Extra Cub from

another company were purchased and used for Ayeyawaddy Hluttaw.

A person living in Pathein who's close to NLD accused team leader U San Min Aung, near the end of 2018, of money abuse in purchasing the cars. The NLD (central) tasked a member of central committee U Kyaw Hoe with leading a special investigation team and the case was investigated internally. With the central executive council's decision, U San Min Aung was dismissed from the NLD for good on Jan 15.

According to an elder of Bogalay, U Hla Than Oo, "What I know is that U San Min Aung got 2 million kyats a month for his salary in his position as a deputy speaker. And now he's been charged with misusing 19.4 million kyats in purchasing cars for Hluttaw. So this begs the question whether the accusation is for really the money used for personal benefit or out of another motive, say to remove him from politics."

U San Min Aung is a 38-year old higher-grade pleader and held Ayeyawaddy Region Hluttaw deputy-speakership from January 2016 to January 2019. He resigned from deputy-speakership on January 31 this year. He is now an MP of Bogalay Township.

Reference: <https://burma.irrawaddy.com>

## 100 Acres of Vacant and Fallow Lands to Be Given to Landless Farmers from Katha

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With Sagaing Region Government's 2018-19 fiscal year fund, 100 acres of vacant and fallow lands are to be given to landless farmers, according to Sagain Region MP for Katha Township U Nyi Nyi Tun.

Out of 100 acres of farmland transformed from vacant and fallow land within Katha Township, 50 acres were given to 25 farmers from Namsan village, issuing them form-3 (temporary right to work on the land).

The purpose of turning vacant and fallow lands into farmland and giving them to farmland is to help landless

farmers with their children's education, health, and livelihood, said U Nyi Nyi Tun.

The Sagaing Region Government had transformed vacant and fallow land into 200 acres of farmlands at a cost of 120 million kyats and given them to landless farmers - 100 acres in the 2016-17 fiscal year and another 100 acres in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

This year, the Sagaing Region Government spent 60 million kyats to make 50 acres of farmlands for Namsan village in Katha Township and 50 acres for Su Pote Gone Village, according to U Nyi Nyi Tun.

Reference: <https://www.7daydaily.com>