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Reviews to Suspend Taungthaman Resort Project



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Reviews are in the process so as to suspend Taungthaman Resort Project which is under construction by Taungthaman Thitsar Company near Taungthaman Lake in Amarapura Township, Mandalay, according to U Sai Kyaw Zaw who is the Shan Ethnic Affairs Minister of the region.

He also claimed that any projects should be reviewed and only the ones that benefit both the nation and the people should be carried out. Besides the Taungthaman Project, a lot of other projects in Mandalay Region are now in the review process, he added.

A spokesperson of Taungthaman Thitsar Company said that the company did not receive any official letters from the regional government. The project has been suspended for a month, and the company is now undertaking to submit EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) and SIA (Social Impact Assessment).

The former regional government led by the Chief Minister U Ye Myint permitted a 40.27-acre plot on 5th March 2015 and a 58.84-acre plot on 28th March 2016.

Municipal Tax Law Needed in Mon State



24th August 2016

Although Mon State Municipal Law was passed in 2012, there are no Municipal Rules and Taxes Law till today. So the regional government needs to pass these laws, said Dr. Aung Naing Oo, the Deputy Speaker.

“ There are neither Municipal Taxes Law nor rules for the Municipal Law. Any government shall have the right to tax only if there is a tax law. So the tax law should be approved immediately. But without implementation after promulgation, it is just a dysfunctional law,” he said.

He claimed that the Mon State Municipal Law was passed in 2012, and amended in 2013 and again in 2015. But there are still shortcomings and requirements.

“It is not democratic in terms of Municipal Body election and formation. It appears to be shaped by the preference of the ruling class”, Dr. Aung Naing Oo pointed out.

(Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily)

But Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has not permitted yet.

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Chin State Hluttaw to Hold the Third Regular Session for Only Two Days

The Second Chin State Hluttaw will hold the third regular session on 25th and 26th August. "If the session does not finish in two days, it will be extended. For the time being, there are 30 motions and questions," said the Speaker U Zo Bawi.

It is also reported that Dr. Hmu Htang and U Van Thawng, who are of USDP and are Htantland representatives, asked for leave since they would be attending the party meeting. Chin State Hluttaw has a total of 24 seats, including 18 MPs and 6 military representatives.

Out of the 18 MPs, 12 are of NLD, 2 Zomi Congress for Democracy and 4 USDP. However, a Kanpetlet representative (USDP) was replaced with a representative of NLD after UEC had decided to give the seat to the NLD



Photo - Chin World Facebook Page

candidate because of election malpractices. Consequently, NLD will occupy 13 out of 18 available seats in the Chin State Hluttaw.

Ref; - Chin World Facebook Page

Photo News



Photo - Sagaing Regional Information Page

The Chief Minister of Sagaing and the cabinet members, the Regional Hluttaw Speaker and MPs, and experts attend "Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting on Sustainable Development" at Monwya City Hall on 21st August



Photo - Kayin State Hluttaw Facebook Page

Electricity and Energy Development Committee of Kayin State Hluttaw holds a meeting at the Hluttaw office at 10:00 AM on 24th August

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Short News

Construction of the new parliamentary building of Mandalay Region is almost complete, said Dr. Khin Maung Htay who is the Deputy Speaker. He explained that construction began during the previous parliamentary term and currently only audio and electricity installation are left. He added that tenders were invited for fences, roads, air-conditioners and electricity installation during the current government term.

(Ref; - *The Voice Daily*)

Shan State Hluttaw currently has 4 vacant seats for Kyethi and Monghsu Townships that were excluded from the 2015 General Elections for security reasons. These constituencies are expected to hold a by-election in early 2017, said U Aung Myint, a member of the Union Election Commission. Pangsang, Pangwaun, Mong-mao, Narphan and Matman in the Wa Self-Administered Division did not have polling in the 2015 elections.

(Ref; - www.usdp.org.mm)

The Second Kayin State Hluttaw's Committee

No.	Committee Name	Members			Total
		MPs	Military Representatives	Non-MPs	
1	MPs Scrutinizing Committee	2	2	–	4
2	Legislative Committee	1	1	6	8
3	Ethnic Affairs Committee	5	–	2	7
4	Government's Guarantees, Pledges, Undertakings, Complaint and Plea Letters Review Committee	3	1	3	7
5	Development Affairs, Rural Development and Economic Committee	3	1	1	5
6	Budget Review and Advisory Committee	2	1	2	5
7	Electricity and Energy Development Committee	2	1	2	5
8	Legislation Review Committee	–	1	8	9

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		MPs	Military Representatives	Non-MPs	
1	MPs Review Committee	5	1	–	6
2	Legislative Committee	4	1	2	7
3	Ethnic Affairs Committee	5	–	1	6
4	Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings, Complaint and Plea Letters Review Committee	6	1	–	7

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		MPs	Military Representatives	Non-MPs	
1	MPs Review Committee	4	1	–	5
2	Legislative committee	–	1	8	9
3	Ethnic Affairs Committee	3	1	7	11
4	Complaint and Plea Letters, Reports and General Affairs Review Committee	2	1	8	11
5	Budget, Planning and Economic Review Committee	6	1	4	11
6	Observation Committee on Environment Conservation	4	1	6	11



Hluttaw Committees of Kachin and Kaya States are mentioned in Bulletin No.12.

Committee of other State/Region Hluttaws will be provided as relevant.

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