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Research on Archeology and Environmental Conservation will be Conducted by Mon State Hluttaw in Collaboration with Mawlamyine University

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According to Mon State Hluttaw, it is known that the research on archeology and environmental conservation will be conducted in Kyeikmayaw Township, Mon State. Dr. Aung Naing Oo, Deputy Speaker of Mon State Hluttaw says that the research will be collaboratively

done by Mon State Hluttaw and the teachers from History Department, Geography Department, Physics Department, Myanmar Department and Geology Department of Mawlamyine University in November.

The research divided into three topics such as the ancient pagodas and tablets, the limestone cave and environ-

ment, and the inn and hot springs will be carried out. According to the researchers, the research being conducted will be completed in eight months from November, 2017 to June, 2018. They say that the date collected from the research will be written as a research paper and a seminar will also be held as well. *Reference: Daweiwatch*

Some Members of Parliament from the NLD Criticize the Prohibition of Protest in 11 Townships in Yangon (The Right to Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act)

November 9, 2017

There are some criticisms of Members of Parliament from National League for Democracy on the prohibition of Yangon Regional Government from protesting in 11 townships in Yangon.

"It is to be complained according to the standards of democracy. Let's put the NLD 2015 election manifesto aside, but there have already been the rights and responsibilities of the citizens in Chapter (8) of the 2008 Constitution which the President swore allegiance. That order is beyond the article (351)," said U Kyaw Zay Ya (Dagon Constituency-2), Regional Member of Parliament of Yangon.

The 11 townships that the Regional Government prohibited the right to Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession are Kyauktada, Pabedan, Latha, Lanmadaw, Botahtaung, Bahan, Sanchaung, Dagon, Ahlone, Mingalar Taung Nyunt and Pazundaung.

Yangon Regional Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Aung Soe Moe signed and promulgated it on November 7 on behalf of Yangon Region Prime Minister with the reasons of being crowded, heavy traffic and possible to disturb the public, etc. .

Daw Nwe Nwe Win, Regional Member of Parliament from Ahlone



township constituency included in the prohibited 11 townships said, "I think they do like that for security. But, I am surprised when it is promulgated since even the former government didn't do like that."

Although the protests in Yangon were to be held in the "Hittai field" in

Tamwe Township before, those have been held in front of the City Hall and in the Maha Bandula Park.

Note: Hittai means a place where an individual or group can express their grievances or demonstrate their will.

Reference - Mizzima

Maungdaw Area Rehabilitation Issue Needs to be Reported to Rakhine State Hluttaw



October 27, 2017

U San Kyaw Hla, the Hluttaw Speaker said that regarding the terrorism activities, the processes of rehabilitation in the areas of Buthidaung, Maungdaw and Yathae Taung which were being carried out by Rakhine State Government

under the instruction of the Union need to be reported and discussed at Rakhine Hluttaw.

He said, "Till now, nothing is reported and no plan is explained to Rakhine Hluttaw by Rakhine State Government. Hluttaw is keeping an eye on what they will do. The government should explain what is happening in Rakhine to Rakhine Hluttaw, Rakhine Party and CSOs in Rakhine."

He continued that the regular session of Rakhine Hluttaw will be held in November to discuss the issues of Rakhine including the issue of the rehabilitation of Buthidaung and Maungdaw.

He also said that if Rakhine State Government doesn't report and discuss the ongoing activity with regard to rehabilitation of Buthidaung and Maungdaw, Rakhine Hluttaw would discuss it and carry out what should be done. At the moment, other six regions, together with Rakhine State Government in accordance with the instruction of the Union Government are undertaking respectively to help the areas of Buthidaung and Maungdaw heavily damaged because of the terrorist attacks.

Reference - Development Media Group

About 90 Percent of the Complaint Letters Addressed to Kayin Hluttaw are Land Issues

November 11, 2017

Saw Hla Myint (Thantaunggyi Constituency-1), the State Member of Parliament and the chairperson of Government's Guarantees, Pledges, Accountability, Complaint and Plea Letters Review Committee, said that among the complaint letters of the people to Kayin State Hluttaw from January to October this year, most were related to the land issues and those were about 90 percent of the issues.

He continues, "Among 54 complaint letters, 90 percent are those about land issues and 10 percent are related to electricity and other issues. We handed over the land grabbing issues by the government like Agricultural Zone and those by the Military to the State government and the rest issues are being reviewed."

Saw Hla Myint said that 28 complaint letters were handed over to the government and 12 cases were being resolved by the committee, the rest 14 cases were being reviewed, they didn't know about the condition of cases which were handed over to the government as it didn't reply anything yet and they would try to satisfy the people fairly for their complaints.

According to U Htun Myint Aung, General Secretary of Allied Association of Development of Ethnic in Myanmar, it is found that most of the current land issues happen due to the seizures of the government, military and companies and those are not resolved yet. He also comments that original owners have not got their lands back in their hands though the military gave up the lands they grabbed and the land issues need to be solved with transparency.

Reference - KIC

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The Activities of Sagaing Region Hluttaw till Tenth Regular Session

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The tenth regular session of [Second] Sagaing Region Hluttaw was held from 11th October to 24th October for 14 days. During the tenth regular session, among 72 starred questions, 22 unstarred questions and 4 proposals submitted by 44 Members of Parliament,

58 starred questions, 35 unstarred questions and 2 proposals were reviewed and discussed.

The report of Transportation, Communication and Construction Committee was also recorded at Hluttaw. Only one of the two bills was approved to be discussed at Hluttaw and it was handed over to Legislative

Committee to review.

During [Second] Sagaing Hluttaw, ten regular sessions, one emergency session and one special session were held and 52 starred questions, 217 unstarred questions and 11 proposals were submitted and discussed.

Reference - DVB

Only about 10 Letters of 1,100 Complaint Letters are Left to be Solved by Complaint Letters Committee of Mon Hluttaw

November 9, 2017

Among the total 1,100 complaint letters addressed to the Complaint, Plea, Report and General Letters Review Committee at [Second] Mon State Hluttaw, there are only about 10 letters to be solved, said by U Aung Kyaw Thu, the chairperson of the committee.

In those complaint letters, land issues are the most and issues about

the Electricity Committee and Plan are also included.

He continued that as the rest of the complaint letters which cannot be solved at once are to complain to the doctors from hospital, they have to learn the rules and regulations of the hospital and need to have the professions about law.

“They take action on the complaints when our committee hands over those to the respective departments. As we

get the data fast, we can do it fast,” said U Zaw Zaw Htoo, the Secretary of Complaint Letter Committee.

Complaint, Plea, Report and General Letters Review Committee was composed of 11 members at the first regular session of [Second] Mon State Hluttaw held in February, 2016 and the committee meetings were held 44 times and about 20 field surveys were carried out within one year.

Reference - Mon News Agency