



Some Answers of Regional Ministers found Mismatched

July 4, 2017

On July 4, at the first day of Mandalay Region Parliament's sixth Regular Session, Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committee submitted the report of the Regional Hluttaw Performance over one year period. The report stated that the answers of some regional ministers provided for the starred questions are found not relevant, and some answers or commitment came with no indication of time and plan for implementation. A committee member Daw Nyein

Thet Nwe said the report suggested supervision support of the Hluttaw Speaker on such kind of shortfalls in the answers from the government."

Replying to the issue, the Planning and Finance Minister U Myat Thu, says to the press, "One MP asked the question of how much revenue is making from the entrance fee of historical zone and how it is being spent? The region government only receives 2% of the revenue. So, how should I answer for such kind of issue, which is managed mainly by the Union Government. The

issue of mismatching between questions and answers happened mainly due to lack of knowledge of some MPs who do not know the financial management system among government departments." He also stated that some MPs are not clear between mandates of local government and union government, and how government departments expend their budgets.

At the meeting, the report received no rejection and thus, recorded by the Hluttaw.

Reference: The Irrawaddy

Stakeholder Meetings to be held to Discuss on the new Freshwater Fishery Law

June 30, 2017

Meeting with fishermen will be held in respective districts in order to discuss for drafting of freshwater fishery law, according to U Aung Kyaw Khine, the Speaker of Ayeyarwady Region Parliament, in an interview with DVB.

"The region government has submitted the draft of new freshwater fishery law to Hluttaw [Parliament]. This new law also includes matters of small fishers, which are not covered in previous law. Last year, 209 of community fishing plots were allocated and this years, we are planning to allocate 600 fishing plots, including those currently are in controversial for making either farming or fishing grounds," said U Ba Hein, the regional minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resource and Environmental Protection.

Regarding with allocation of fishing plots to small fishers, large fishers are currently opposing, and they are opposing the new fishery law. In order to



address these issues, stakeholders meetings with fisher groups, of both small and large, will be first conducted in districts, before the new fishery law is discussed at the Hluttaw. The out-

comes from the meetings will be referred in the discussion at the Hluttaw and then proceed to have approval on the law.

Reference: DVB



Photo: Mandalay Region Hluttaw Facebook

Mandalay Region Hluttaw Questioned Gov’t’s lack of transparency in Implementing Projects

July 5, 2017

On the first day of Mandalay Region Parliament’s Sixth Regular Session, the representative Dr. Chit Ko Ko (Pyigyí Tagon – 1), requested, on behalf of Mandalay Hluttaw, about the projects implementing in the region with international assistance, saying these information are required for the regional hluttaw.

He stated that the question was

raised because the region government is currently implementing projects with less transparency, and lack of information on who is implementing what in which system, and to what extent, and how much they received external financial support and how much loans they have taken.

Replying to the question by U Myat Thu, the Minister of Planning and Finance stated that there are projects are allocat-

ed for the implementation with funding and international loan by the new government in 4 year period from 2017-2018 fiscal-year to 2020-2021 fiscal year, according to U Myat Thu, minister of Planning and Finance. It was informed at the meeting that the projects are being financed by two types - by loan and by grant, and total financial support is 40,007.9 million Kyat.

Reference: *The Voice Daily*

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A Tatmadaw Representative’s proposal of Declaring Section 144 for an action against Illegal Gem miners got Rejected

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The motion submitted by Tatmadaw’s representative Colonel Naing Zin Thet on the issue of mining in Nang Si Pon area in Khamti Township, was rejected on June 28, on the 2nd day of the Sagaing Region Parliament’s eighth regular session. The proposal was rejected by a voting result shows 67 against, 23 in-favor and 3 neutral.

The motion submitted by Colonel Naing Zin Thet asked for practicing Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code in order to effectively eradicate all illegal miners in Nang Si Pon area. When the Hluttaw speaker U Than re-

quested the members of Hluttaws for their decisions on whether to proceed on the motion, the MP U Maung Tay (Khamti – 1) started with objection. Then, the decision was made through voting and the motion was rejected by the voting result.

“The Section (143) is currently applied in the area and casualties are already observed. If section 144 is applied, the current situation even will get worse and create undesired problems. So, we don’t think it is a necessary action and rejected the motion,” said U Maung Tay.

Reference: *The Mirror Daily (KyeMon)*



Photo News

Opening ceremony of Mandalay Region Hluttaw's new Building at 8 am on July 1.

Reference: DVB

Seven States and Regions Ministers of Security and Border Affairs are Replaced

June 30, 2017

With the notification by the Commander in Chief of Tatmadaw, seven States and Region Ministers of Security and Border Affairs are replaced with new ministers. The following are the list of Tatmadaw representatives who are replaced and their substitutes. The list is issued by the Union Election Commission on June 29.

1	Kayin State Hluttaw	Army 18637: Colonel Aung Lwin	Substituted with	Army 22617: Colonel Myo Min Naung
2	Chin State Hluttaw	Army 21123: Colonel Kyaw Kyaw	Substituted with	Army 25995: Colonel Han Win Aung
3	Magway Region Hluttaw	Army 20595: Colonel Naing Oo	Substituted with	Army 20825: Colonel Min Oo
4	Mandalay Region Hluttaw	Army 21650: Colonel Myo Min Aung	Substituted with	Army 26109: Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Min
5	Rakhine State Hluttaw	Army 21658: Colonel Htein Linn	Substituted with	Army 22666: Colonel Phone Tint
6	Yangon Region Hluttaw	Army 20682: Colonel Tin Aung Htun	Substituted with	Army 27189: Colonel Aung Soe Moe
7	Shan State Hluttaw	Army 19729: Colonel Soe Moe Aung	Substituted with	Army 23911: Colonel Naing Win Aung

Reference: UEC/The Irrawaddy

Short News

■ Members of the Sagaing Region Parliament Legislative Committee and the Committee of Handling Government's Commitment, Warranty and Accountability had a meeting with their counterpart of Yangon Region Parliament on July 6 at the Yangon Region Hluttaw. At the meeting, both sides discussed over the matters of legislation and commitment.

Reference: Soe Win Tun MP/Facebook

■ On July 3, at the 6th meeting of the fifth regular session of Magway Region hluttaw, the Bill of Systematic Utilization of the Chemical Fertilizer and Promoting Organic Fertilizer was approved, and the following day on July 4, the Bill of Domestic Manual and Mechanized Industry Development was approved.

Reference: Magway Region Hluttaw Facebook

■ On July 6, at the 4th meeting of Bago Region hluttaw's Seventh Regular Session, Hluttaw representative Daw Zin Moe Htike (Pan Taung- 1) submitted the motion asks for effective supervision and monitoring over companies implementing the projects with the BOT system for building roads and bridges in Bago Region. Per the will and request of Daw Zin Moe Htike, the secret voting was applied for the hluttaw's decision over the motion. As a result of voting by 62 representatives, the motion was approved by 54 votes of favor, 4 against and 4 are neutral.

Reference: Bago Region Hluttaw/Facebook