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Refunds to be provided if former Gov't's public land is contrary to the law, Mandalay Region Govt decide

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There were about 100 cases of confiscated land, after refunding, from the public land allocated by the former government in Mandalay Region, according to U Myat Thu, Minister of Planning, and Finance. Majority of the nearly 100 cases happened in Pyigyi Dagon and Amarapura townships.

U Myint Aung Moe (Chanmya Thazi Constituency-2)) at the Mandalay

Region Parliament Session in July 2016 submitted the proposal "to inspect the large area of land plots and fallow land allotted to private land during the government transition periods to be managed for the public use." The proposal was successful.

The refund for the allotted private land is the proposal's follow-up, and the region government group made such decision over the land case report by the parliament, according to

the U Myat Thu. Regarding the proposal, Mandalay Region Chief Minister formed a land special investigation group which inspected the land issue on the ground, wrote the report based on the findings, and then submitted it to the government within five months, according to U Tin Aung, a regional MP (Chanmya Thazi Constituency -1), who led the special investigation group.

Reference: www.burma.irrawaddy.com

Mon Gov't's allocated budget laid out to public for the first time

October 14, 2017

Mon State, for the first time, published its citizen's budget report of its allocated budget for 2017-18 fiscal year, laying it out to the public, with the purpose of having transparency to the public. Minister of Planning, Finance, Immigration, and Population, U Wunna Kyaw said that the purpose of the report published was so as to succeed in the aim of the State Government's policy, to be an effective public budgetary system, and to have public finance transparency. Please check it again. U Wunna Kyaw added that in order for the public to understand how the tax collected from the public is allocated, the government lays out the allocated budget. The public, in return, is urged to study the government's activity and constructively advise it as needed.

"It is to lay out to the public how the tax collected is allocated. The public, in return, is urged to study the government's work and openly advise as needed," said Minister U Wunna Kyaw.

The 14 projects that the Mon State government has prioritized, in its 2017-18 fiscal year, include better road (infrastructure), electric power, urban development, and garbage collection system.

"Doing this shows not only the government's accountability but also its transparency. The past government did not lay out such allocated budget to the public. It can be said that this is the first time this government does. The [Hluttaw] expects the public to follow this," said U Aung Naing Oo, Deputy Speaker of Mon State Parliament.

According to the state government's report of the 2017-18 fiscal year budget, Mon State's estimated income is over 14 billions Kyat but its expense is more than 86 billions Kyat.

Reference: *7daydaily*

Short News

■ Anyone, who wants to gather, gives speech and stages a protest at the compound of "Hit-Tai" of Tanintharyi Region Parliament, must carry out in accordance with the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Act, according to the official of Dawei Township Police Station.

"There is no limit for the number of the protestors. A single person can also hold up a sign and stage the protest," said the official.

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

Reference: *Tanintharyi Journal*

■ The meeting of the four pillars- Executive, Legislative, Judiciary, and Media - took place on October 14, in Ayeyarwaddy Region. The heads of Executive, legislative and judiciary departments as well as media groups from respective townships were present at the meeting.

"We will always work hard for the betterment of the mechanism between the region government and media groups," said U Win Htay, the Minister of Electric Power, Energy, Industry, and Transportation, on behalf of the Ayeyarwaddy Region Chief Minister, at the meeting.

Reference: *Eleven Media*



Region and State Hluttaw yet able to carry out in accordance with Constitution’s permitted rights

October 9, 2017

The region and state parliaments can yet implement in accordance with the rights provided in the 2008 Constitution and respective government groups are still very much weak in check and balance.

U Kyaw Zeya, Representative of Yangon Region Parliament, stated as above, at the panel discussion of region and state parliament sectors, held at Yangon Book Plaza, on October 7.

“There are weaknesses, which must be changed. Also, until today, the Yangon Region Parliament can only approve the budget law presented by the government group. It can yet implement other laws,” said U Kyaw Zeya.

U Kyaw Zeya continued that at present, Yangon Region Parliament faces the issues that the government group rejected when the MPs commented on the change of YBS [Yangon Bus Service] system; Water Bus Project was presented to the Parliament, and no report on Yangon City Projects is presented to the Parliament yet. This shows the weakness of check and balance between the Hluttaw and government at the Yangon Region Parliament.

Although the Union Parliament has for the first time amended and improved some of the sectors of legislative and power [to do] by the region and state parliament as in the 2008 Constitution, the [region and

state] regions are still facing limitedness, regarding the power sector, according to Ma Nyein Thiri Swe, Senior Research Officer of Enlightened Myanmar Research Foundation (EMReF), who discussed at the panel discussion.

“Although region and state parliaments’ legislative sector is improved, there is limitedness, including the word saying “in accordance with the Union’s existing law”” said Ma Nyein Thiri Swe.

The Info Digest Journal led this Panel Discussion, and MP of Yangon Region Parliament U Kyaw Zeya, U Han Zaw editor of Info Digest Journal and Senior Research Officer of EMReF Ma Nyein Thiri Swe participated in the talk.

Reference: 7Daydaily

Two questions by Aung-Lan MP to be submitted to Union Gov’t , says Magway Region Gov’t

October 12, 2017

Hluttaw representative U Aye Kyaw (Aung-Lan Constituency 2) questioned at Magway Region Parliament session whether a branch of rural health center in Aung-Lan Township will be open and whether 24-ft width of road Pyay to Aung-Lan will be expanded. In response to the question, the region government group’s ministers, instead, stated that

the questions would be submitted to the union level government.

The Social Affair Minister also replied that since the Union-level health ministry would decide for setting up of new rural health centers, the case would be presented to the union health ministry.

U Tin Nwe Oo, the Minister of Construction, answered that the road expansion case would be presented to

the union government because the Max Myanmar Co. Ltd is holding long-term lease, by BOT system, with permission from the union government.

“I am satisfied with this answer since they are crossing the line as permitted. I’d like that actual investigation is taken and actions should be taken,” said U Aye Kyaw.

Reference: 7daydaily

Sagaing Hluttaw conference goes Facebook live-streaming

October 11, 2017

Sagaing Region Parliament live-streamed its regular meeting, which resumed on October 11, through its official Facebook page, the Sagaing Region Hluttaw with the purpose of becoming the transparent parliament and having publicly access to the representatives' proposals, answers, and questions to be watched and criticized.

Since it is in the test-run period, there need improvements, and the parliament has plan to advance technical concerns.

The Hluttaw representatives welcome the live-streaming and the parliament's plan, adding that it would be more effective and useful for both the parliament and public.

"MPs now have more challenges than before. This is because the public is keeping eyes on the representatives' behaviors. So, they have to be careful, including basic routine activities," said representative Daw Thant Wai Kyaw (Kalay Township Constituency).

Reference: DVB



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Sagaing Hluttaw to prioritize the proposal submission for Naga zone development to Union

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U Kal, Hluttaw Representative (Lahe township constituency) at the tenth regular session of Sagaing Region Parliament submitted the proposal which aimed to set up rural sub-health centers in 25 villages in Lahe Township, [Naga self-administered zone] Sagaing Region, for the development of health care.

"According to the need of the region, the government department's policy should not be applied. The policy sets for the ratio of the households and the population for one teacher and one head of the health center. We should not apply

such ration. Rather, if a village has a sub-health center with a midwife, this will particularly be able to help provide health care services for both newly- born babies and their mothers," said U Kal.

"It is necessary to present for the clinics, rural health centers as fast as possible, as the union government allocates them. I recommend Naga zone is given special priority," said Dr. Zaw Win, Social Affair Minister of the Sagaing Region. Dr. Zaw Win continued that the matters of education and health are provided not as in the constitution but as necessary for Naga region.

Reference: 7daydaily