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Yangon Region Government Not Different from the Previous Term, Daw Sandar Min Criticizes

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Yangon Region Government is diminishing the role of the regional parliament, and is not much different from the previous government, criticized Daw Sandar Min, who heads the Planning and Economic Committee. The regional government was criticized for not reporting public projects to respective parliamentary committees.

“The parliament shall check and balance with the government. According to the Article 251 of the Constitution, the regional government shall implement projects with the approval of the regional hluttaw. It is important to report to all the corresponding MPs in case of mega projects in Yangon Region and to the Hluttaw in case of public projects and obtain approval from the Hluttaw. Till now we have not received comprehensive explanation of Yangon Urban Development Plan, the most important project in Yangon. We do not have a clue: when the urban planning will start off, how it is designed and what the features are. Does the plan involve any land confiscation? Of course, we want to know whether the plan will start off with the release of confiscation permit,” said Daw Sandar Min.

Neither has the current government reported on Yangon Urban Development Plan by the previous government nor the Yangon Public Transportation System and Yangon circular railway which are to be implemented under this government, she added. Those actions lack transparency in a similar manner with the previous government and are against the Constitution.

“There are even projects that we learned only after they are mentioned in news journals. We do not know anything when people ask,” she went on saying.



(Photo - Tomorrow Journal)

She later said that she would report this gap between the regional government and the Hluttaw to the Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw and continue to take actions.

(Ref - Tomorrow Journal)

Photo News



(Photo - U Chang Dang Hken's_ Nawngmun Constituency 1_ Facebook Page)

Kachin State Hluttaw MPs meeting Ms. Heater A. Peters (Ph.D) from UNESCO on 7th September for Khakaborazi region to be included on the World Heritage List

Shan State New Parliament Building to be Built to the West of the Current Hluttaw Office



6th September 2016

On 5th September, Shan State Government announced the proposed site for the new parliamentary building and the site is stated to be to the west of the current Hluttaw Office.

The newly chosen site is on the Eain Taw Yar Street, Thittaw Ward, Taunggyi and is to the west of the current

hluttaw office. The site has only 4 old trees, 2 dry trees and 1 small tree so probably the site with the minimum impacts, said the Planning and Economic Minister U Soe Nyunt Lwin.

On 5th September, Shan State Government had a press conference at the Government Meeting Hall to where Taunggyi-based CSOs, the groups that opposed the previously proposed site and the media were invited.

The new site, which will have the least impact, has been chosen since the locals rejected the previously proposed site which is home to a lot of aged pine trees, said the Chief Minister Dr. Linn Htut.

The newly proposed site by the Shan State Government has very few aged trees that the locals approve without any objections, said Daw Cherry Kyaw, a chairperson of Living Earth Green Network.

(Ref: www.7daydaily.com)

Ayeyarwady Offshore Transport Plan Submitted at the Regional Parliament

7th September 2016

During the second regular session of the 2nd Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw, the Ayeyarwady Offshore Transport Plan, worth \$400 Million, was proposed. SIM Company first submitted the proposal to Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and later to the regional government and the Hluttaw in compliance with MIC rules, said U Hla Kyaw, who is the regional Minister of Planning and Finance.

“The proposal is merely a summary and does not

elaborate. It only describes benefits, not negative impacts. Any projects have both positive and negative impacts. Public opinion is crucial. We have to disclose the proposal to the public and listen to the opinions,” said U Phyo Zaw Shwe, a representative from Ngapuda Constituency 1.

The Speaker, U Aung Kyaw Khine, has instructed the Economic and Industrial Development Committee of the regional hluttaw to review the SIM Company’s proposal, submitted by the Planning and Finance Minister, and to submit the review findings to the hluttaw on 28th September.

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Short News

➤ The Second Mandalay Region Hluttaw which has been taken a 3-month-long recess will commence the third regular session on 20th September. Since MPs have a lot of questions, the session is likely to take a week, said U Aung Kyaw Oo, the Speaker.

(Ref: *Extracted from the 7 Day Daily*)

➤ During the third regular session of the Kayah State Hluttaw on 6th September, a total of 14 questions on local transport and education were submitted, and the Curriculum Law drafted by the Kayah National Literature and Culture Committee was discussed. The session also discussed for the budget and surplus of the Kayah State Day celebration during the previous government term to be handed over to the current government and reimbursed to the Kayah State fund.

(Ref: *Extracted from <http://www.tachileik.net>*)

➤ During the emergency session of the Second Kayin State Hluttaw on 7th September, the Minister of Planning, Finance and Development Affairs submitted 2016-2017 Kayin State Budget and 2016 Kayin State Amendment to the Budget Law, which were discussed by U Min Ko Khine (Kawkareik Constituency 2) and U Thant Zin Aung (Myawaddy Constituency 2) on the second day of the session.

(Ref: *Kayin State Hluttaw Facebook Page*)



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The Second Rakhine State Hluttaw's Committee

No.	Committee Name	Members			Total
		MPs	Military Representatives	Non-MPs	
1	Legislative Committee	4	1	–	5
2	Ethnic Affairs Committee	4	1	–	5
3	MPs Scrutinizing Committee	4	1	–	5
4	Citizens' Fundamental Rights and Special Affairs Investigation Body	5	–	–	5
5	Security, Administration and Rule of law Body	4	1	–	5
6	Rakhine State Legislation and Other Affairs Advisory Body	–	–	17	17
7	Development Affairs, Rural Development and Economic Body	5	–	–	5
8	Education, Health, Sports and Social Welfare Body	4	1	–	5
9	Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Irrigation Body	4	1	–	5
10	Construction, Transportation, Electricity and Industry Body	4	1	–	5

The Second Kayah State Hluttaw's Committee

No.	Committee Name	Members			Total
		MPs	Military Representatives	Non-MPs	
1	Public Budget Monitoring Committee	1	–	9	10

Remark: The committees of the Second Kayah State Hluttaw are mentioned in the Issue 12. The above table is the formation of "the Public Budget Monitoring Committee" newly formed on the first day of the third regular session (September 6) of the Second Kayah State Hluttaw.

Hluttaw Committees of Kayin, Chin and Mon States are mentioned in Bulletin No.13.

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

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