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Most Answers at Mandalay Region Hluttaw Turn Into Pledges

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Mandalay Region Hluttaw Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Committee reported that most of the regional government's answers to questions submitted by MPs turn into pledges. So far four regional hluttaw sessions have been held under the new government.

Most of the questions concern with access to water in water-scared areas; educational issues such as school construction; and roads and bridges development. The reason behind why there are many pledges is that these issues can only be implemented next fiscal year, said U Aung Min, the Committee Chairperson.

"We found out that feasible issues are being tackled immediately. For example, land issues and logging," he said.

He went on saying that, compared with the previous term, there would be more questions and more follow-up actions.

The Deputy Speaker, Dr. Khin Maung

Htay stated that the answers by the Government to MP's questions were not satisfactory. Till now there are 124 questions and 4 motions submitted during the three regular sessions and one special session.

The Regionl Hluttaw Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Committee mentioned most questions are into account in the 2017-2018 budget estimate and 25 per cent of the motions are now being handled.

(Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily)

Rakhine State Hluttaw MPs Makes Field Investigations In Maungdaw



28th October 2016

It is reported that Rakhine State Hluttaw MPs are conducting field investigations after Boarder Police Force in Maungdaw was assaulted which caused thousands of locals to flee their places.

The investigation commission was formed by the Rakhine State Hluttaw on 24th October, and the commission has been enquiring in Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung since 25th October.

The commission aims to protect Rakhine people from future terror attacks, to find out who was behind the attack, and to develop livelihood of the locals and security, said U Aung Win, a representative of Myebon.

(Ref: Extracted form Rakhine News Agency)



Poor Cooperation from Departments for revised budget

3rd November 2016

Bago Region Hluttaw Public Budget Review Committee claimed that government departments did not perform duties in a timely manner and the cooperation with the hluttaw was relatively poor.

"The report to the Speaker describes a delay in hluttaw budget re-

view process. Other states and regions have already finished revised budget process but Bago Region was able to submit only in the last week of September. Revised budget requested 12 billion kyats" said U San Myint, the Committee Chairperson.

Due to the surplus in 2016-2017 budget allocated by the Union Government,

the revised budget was requested at the emergency session of the Second Bago Region Hluttaw (2/2016).

According to the revised budget proposal by the Bago Region Government, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation requested the largest amount of capital and expense.

(Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily)

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Kayah State Hluttaw Public Budget Oversight Committee investigates Union Road, Lauda Ward, Loikaw on $26^{\rm th}$ October 2016.

(Ref: Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

Short News

4th November 2016

■ Yangon is deteriorating from every possible side and rule of law is weak. Thus it has become nearly an abandoned city, outcried Daw Sandar Min (Seikgyikanaungto 1) dur-ing the parliamentary session on 4th November. She said so while discussing the motion submitted by Daw Kyi Pyar (Kyakutada 1), urging to provide facilities to street vendors in Yangon public streets so that they could continue their business in line with systematic urban features.

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Ayeyarwady Region Parliament Building Proposed Site Might Change

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The proposed site for Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw building, which is worth of 2.8 billion kyats, might change although the finalist design was chosen through an architecture design competition, said the Speaker U Aung Kyaw Khaing.

"It was chosen on 29th October and the chosen architect team is already working on the details. We are going to call for tender by section based on the blueprint," he explained.

According to the Hluttaw Office, an architecture design competition was held instead of calling for tenders and allowing the company who won the tender to construct. At the competition, 40 companies and architects submitted 22

designs and 3 were nominated on $25^{\rm th}$ October.

The selection board consists of the Speaker, 4 MPs, the Director of Hluttaw Office, Minister of Transportation, 1 expert from Myanmar Architecture Council. And the design submitted by Amenity Design Group was chosen on 29th October.

The 13-acre-wide location, which is near Pathein entrance roundabout and is right beside the government housing, was proposed by the previous government. But due to its proximity to the Pathein Airport, potential disturbance to parliament session due to aviation training of Tatmadaw and commercial airlines usage, the site might change.

(Ref: Extracted from The Voice Daily)

Short News



3rd November 2016

■ The Second Mon State Hluttaw commenced in February and by the end of October the Hluttaw received 706 complaint letters, most of which concern land issues, environment damage and personal matters, according to hlutaw office. "Most complaint letters are about land issues. Once we receive a letter, we inform the government and then make some suggestions. Implementation is mainly their duty. Personally, I think the government have taken actions only for one fourth of the compliant letters," said Dr. Aung Naing Oo, the Deputy Speaker.

(Ref: Extracted from 7 Day Daily)

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Dr. Saw Nyo Win (Tanatbin 1) attends "Coordination Meeting" at the township administrator's office on 4th November. The meeting is for emergency relief of over 300 Acres of Land in Kokko Village Being Submerged. (*Ref: Bago Region Hluttaw Facebook Page*)