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Photo News



"Red Cross Knowledge Sharing Workshop" being held at Kachin State Hluttaw on $17^{\rm th}$ and $18^{\rm th}$ November.

(Ref: Kachin State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

Ethnic Affairs Ministers Attended the Workshop on Federalism

17th November 2016

A workshop on federalism was held by Euro-Burma Office (EBO) at Royal President Hotel, Naypyidaw. U Naing Thet Lwin, the Union Minister of Ethnic Affairs and, the state and region ethnic affairs ministers attended the workshop. U Naing Thet Lwin urged participants to discuss openly on power sharing and needs if federalism shall be put into practice. During the two-day workshop, the participants claimed that historical and fundamental factors have to be taken into account so that compatible federalism can be established.

(Ref: Extracted from www.7daydaily.com)

Concerns over Metal Panels Around the North of Pine Forest to Build Shan State New Parliament Building

21st November 2016

Taunggyi-based environmental groups are concerned over the metal panels being set up around the north of pine forest, in Eaintawyar Street, Taunggyi. The metal panels have been installed since 17th November and the surrounded area has more than 100 pine trees, claimed the groups.

"Shan State cabinet members pledged that the new hluttaw building will be

built in a site which does not require any trees to be cut down. We are worried because the company has set up metal panels. We will oppose if they plan to cut down any trees," said Ko Thet Paing Soe who is involved in environment protection activities.

The Hluttaw Office is arranging for the new parliament building and the metal panels are only to protect trees during construction period, said a person-in-charge from the hluttaw office. The Shan State Cabinet would not allow to build the new parliament in the pine forest which the locals have been opposing, but in the site which does not require any cutting down of tress, mentioned Dr. Linn Htut, the Chief Minister during the press conference. A person-in-charge from the company at the construction site refused to say anything about the metal panels.

(Ref: Extracted fromt www.7daydaily.com)



Opinions on 9-month-old Mandalay Region Hluttaw

20th November 2016

Major Thein Han (Defence services Personnel Region Hluttaw Representative)

"I submitted two questions: FDA, improving Sports Ground and making it accessible for free. The Chief Ministers gave answers on both questions, including his opinions. I also see some investigations related to FDA in the market."

U Aung Kyaw Oo (Speaker)

"Both the hluttaw and the government have just started. So we, the parliament, will try not to put our government in a difficult situation."

U Kyaw Myint (Yamethin 2: USDP)

"According to the Article 11 (The 2008 Constitution), the fact that MPs are on investigation teams and are interfering with the executive is not proper. But my question on this issue was cancelled. Questions and answers are not satisfactory. To be honest, there are times that I



am not happy attending the parliament. Check-and-balance will be lost if we support the government. We have to watch over the government. The relation (between the cabinet and the hluttaw) should not be a brotherly bond."

U Aung Shwe (Chanayethazan 2: Democratic-Myanmar)

"I submitted a question to restore the public land occupied by USDP Regional Office. The answer I got was not derived from the ground-level situation."

Daw Thida Nyein (Mahlaing 2: NLD)

"We inform the cabinet on issues and

needs of our region. We will have to wait for their actions and see if they are up to the mark."

U Moe Myint Thein (Thazi 1: USDP)

"Some MPs' questions are more like motions in a sense. They are ambiguous. Questions should be concise."

U Myo Thit (Natural Resources and Environment Conservation Minister)

"Dissatisfactions with the government tend to arise. We are striving for more cooperations."

(Ref: Extracted from The Voice Daily)



Photo News

On 20th November Kayin State Hluttaw MP, U Thant Zin Aung (Myawaddy 1), investigated development projects undertaken in Myawaddy by the Rural Development Department in 2016-2017. Assistant Director U Ngwe Soe and Staff Officer U Myo Aung Soe went along with him and negotiated with the village administrator.

(Ref: Daw Nan Thuzar Win's Facebook Page)

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5000-kyat Shops to Be Investigated

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Booming 5000-kyat shops in Yangon which are run by foreigners will be investigated. The investigation is not to penalize, but to find out whether these shops have applied for license, whether they are pay-

ing taxes and so forth, said MP U Than Naing Oo (Pepadan 1). He went on saying that the Municipal Body, Immigration Department, General Administration Department and Police Force would cooperate during the investigation.

(Ref: Extracted from www.7daydaily.com)

Thirty Defence Services Personnel State and Region Hluttaw Representatives Substituted

15th November 2016

According to the Notification (3/2016) of the Union Election Commission (UEC), 30 defence services personnel State and Region Hluttaw representatives are subtsituted except in Kayah and Chin States.

| State/Region | No: of Defence Services Personnel State and Region Hluttaw Representative Substituted |
|--------------|--|
| Kachin | 1 |
| Kayin | 2 |
| Mon | 2 |
| Rakhine | 2 |
| Shan | 7 |
| Sagaing | 3 |
| Tanintharyi | 1 |
| Bago | 3 |
| Magway | 2 |
| Mandalay | 2 |
| Yangon | 3 |
| Ayeyarwady | 2 |

(Ref: The Mirror 15th November 2016)

Yangon Region Cabinet and Hluttaw not Well Engaged, Criticized an MP

20th November 2016

Engagement between the Yangon Region cabinet and hluttaw is not quite right, criticized U Kyaw Zeya (Dagon 2) during the parliament session on 16th November.

He said so after the hluttaw office passed only two of his questions though he planned four.

"The point I am trying to make is that the cabinet and the parliament is not well engaged. The parliament does not allow my questions on urban development claiming that they are overlapping. I was going to ask about squatters," said U Kyaw Zeya.

According to the agenda distributed by the hluttaw office, there were only two questions by U Kyaw Zeya. However, the Minister of Security and Border Affairs Colonel Tin Aung Htun answered all four questions. U Kyaw Zeya expressed his gratitude for this as well.

"The answers do not fit the questions. Answers would not be appreciated unless they are precise. We ourselves do not find them good enough. Next thing, the facts become weak if someone answers on behalf. Prompt questions make things worse. It is crucial that the questions are answered properly," commented U Yan Aung (Mingalartaungnyunt 2).

(Ref: Extracted from www.7daydaily.com)

Short News

■ In order to consider public opinions and suggestions concerning Mon State Municipal Draft Law, "Public Hearing" sessions will be held in Mawlamyine on 21st November and Thaton on 26th November. Anyone interested can check details on www.monhluttaw.com.

(Ref: www.monhlutttaw.com)