

# **State and Region Parliaments** News Bulletin

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# **2017 By-election**

### 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

The State and Region Parliaments vacant seats for 2017 by-election are: Hpruso Constituency 1, Kengtung Constituency 2, Kyethi Constituency 1 and 2, Nyaungshwe Constituency 1, Monghsu constituency 1 and 2.

The 2017 by-election has about 2.2 million eligible voters and more than 300 overseas voters who can cast advance votes.

According to Union Election Commission, six female candidates are running in seven vacant state/region parliaments constituencies.

(Ref: http://www.news-eleven.com )

## Additional Budget Requested for Mandalay Region Hluttaw Building

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

An additional budget would be requested for Mandalay Region Hluttaw building, said the Speaker U Aung Kyaw Oo.

The constructions, which began in 2015 under the previous government, were planned to be complete by January 2017. Unfortunately, there are some features unfinished, so additional budget is to be submitted.

It is learned that audio and electricity of the new Hluttaw building are yet to be installed.

"The roads are in need of repair. An elevator will be installed. Otherwise, it is difficult to go up and down everyday. So the budget for the roads and the elevator is requested," added U Aung Kyaw Oo.

The region parliament will make a decision on the requested budget at the 4<sup>th</sup> regular session, according to Hluttaw office personnel.

Although the timeframe was within 2015-2016 budget year, the construction was not complete in time. Thus the



U Aung Kyaw Oo.(Photo: The Myanmar Times)

companies were penalized to pay 5 million kyats per day for delay and a total of 100 million kyats was paid for 20 days out of 83-day delay. The remaining days were considered recess, which the companies had appealed for, according to MPs.

(Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily)

### **Short News**

■ Chin State Parliament website will be launched in the next year budget, said U Aung Than, the Deputy Speaker. The website is a necessary feature because it is useful not only for informing public of the hluttaw performance, MPs' activities but also for learning public desires timely. So the hluttaw office is already working on the website development. (*Ref: The Voice Daily*)

■ U Hoon Khae, a representative of Madupi Constituency 1, passed away at Mindat Public Hospital at 3:40 am on 6<sup>th</sup> January after an accident, declared Chin State cabinet.

(Ref: http://www.irrawaddy.com)

■ During the Rakhine State Hluttaw session on 26<sup>th</sup> December, the motion, which urged the Union Government via the State Government that the government should appoint the disabled with university degrees, was submitted. The motion was approved and discussion will continue. (*Ref: The Voice Daily*)



## Tanitharyi Region Hluttaw Special Session to be Held in Early January



### 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw will hold a special session (1/2017) on 9<sup>th</sup> January, said the Deputy Speaker U Kyi Soe.

At the session, 2016-2017 Taninthary Region Supplementary Budget Law (Draft) will be discussed. The session will hold for two days. On the first day, the draft will be submitted and MPs will be asked to discuss it. The Hluttaw will make a decision on the second day of the session.

MPs can ask starred and non-starred questions at the session and the questions are to be submitted by  $30^{\rm th}$  December.

(Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily)

### **Photo News**



Kachin State Hlutaw holds an emergency session (1/2017) on 1<sup>st</sup> January. *(Photo: Kachin State Hluttaw Facebook Page)* 

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U Saw Hla Myint (Photo: Kayin State Hluttaw Office)

## Kayin State Hluttaw Holds Emergency Session

#### 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

The Second Kayin State Hluttaw held an emergency session (2/2016) on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016. On the first day of the session, U Than Naing, Minister of Planning, Finance and Development Affairs, submitted "2016-2017 Supplemented Budget and Adjusted Budget" and "2016-2017 Kayin State Supplementary Budget Law". On the second day, U Min Ko Khine (Kawkareik 2) and U Saw Hla Myint (Thandaunggyi 1) discussed the submitted budget and law. Then the Hluttaw made an approval after the MPs agreed.

(Ref: Kayin State Hluttaw Office)

### Budget Requested for Constructing Chin State Hluttaw Building

#### 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

A budget is requested in 2017-2018 budget in order to build Chin State Hluttaw building in a two-acre field of Chin-oo-si Ward, Hakha which was renounced by the township municipality, claimed U Aung Than, the Deputy Speaker.

A total of 5.5 billion kyats is requested and once it is allocated , the new building will be constructed within 2017-2018 with the intention for the Hluttaw to be independent and to have enough space, he explained. "In order for the parliament and the cabinet to check and balance each other, the parliament should be independent. Currently, it is not the case. It is not right that two roles which are fundamentally different are put together in one office and there are not enough rooms for the Hluttaw," he said.

The current building used by the Hluttaw is in Chin-oo-si ward, Hakha. It was formerly a primary school yard where the Chin State Cabinet later built the office from 2012-2013 to 2014-2015, spending 7.7 million kyats. (*Ref: Extracted from the Voice Daily*)

## Photo News

Kayah State Hluttaw holds an emergency session (3/2016) on 30<sup>th</sup> December. (Photo: Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

