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# Kayah State Hluttaw Urges Government to Tackle Violations in Public Projects

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Kayah State Hluttaw urged the State Government to tackle violations in public projects and, to prosecute companies and staff that are not accountable.

The motion was submitted by U Soe Reh who is a representative of Bawlakhe Constituency-2.

During field investigations into 122 public projects such as roads and bridges constructions, the Public Bud-

get Review Committee of the State Hluttaw witnessed poor quality and weak management.

The report by the Committee says that some of these construction projects lack accountable key figures, engineers and thorough supervision of government departments.

In addition, the report mentions that some of the ministries are not taking enough actions on the Hluttaw's motions.

U Khin Maung Phyu who is the Min-

ister of Transportation and Electricity responded that companies which violate rules and regulations of tender contracts will be blacklisted and will not be considered for future tender invitations.

The Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Review Committee also urged the Government to implement the pledges.

(Ref: Kantarawaddy Extracted from http://burmese.bnionline.net/)



#### Magway Region Hluttaw Speaker and Deputy Speaker Attended Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Public Budget

27th February 2017

On 26<sup>th</sup> February, "Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Regional Budget" was held in Yin-Taing-Se Village, Inn-Yaung Village Tract, Myaing Township. The Magway Region Chief Mininster Dr. Aung Moe Nyo, the Speaker U Tar, the Deputy Speaker U Zaw Myo Win, MPs, representatives from ActionAid Myanmar and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) attended. Altogether there were about 120 participants.

A dialogue was held under the topic of "How to prioritize development projects in union budget and regional budget," and the participants shared their thoughts, questions and suggestions.

Then the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the MPs observed activities of Eco-tourism projects supported by Action Aid Myanmar, and discussed further with the locals.

(Ref: Extracted from Magway Region Hluttaw Facebook Page)



### Deputy Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw Criticizes Regional Government

4th March 2017

U Kyi Zin, the Deputy Speaker of Bago Parliament criticized Bago Region Ministers for not having enough communication with departments and for falling behind pledges. He said so while he was attending a fund-raising event for establishing Youth Center.

Fact and information prepared by departments for the Ministers are not

accurate and this shows that the communication between the ministers and the departments is weak. "Pledges Review Committee of the Hluttaw will analyze all the pledges made by the Government so far, and will submit a motion based on that," he added.

The fact that regional MPs can obtain accurate information is because there are two MPs in one township and there are party offices at all level, even

in villages.

"I accept the fact that cabinet members do not communicate enough with departments. MPs come up with the needs in their constituencies whereas the government have to allocate budget, which is approved by the Union, equitably to all parts of the region. Thus sometimes frictions arise," said U Nyunt Shwe who is the Minister of Planning and Budget. (Ref: Extracted from The Voice Daily)

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#### Mon Hluttaw Objected the Motion for Combining Ministry of Development Affairs and Construction with Another Ministry

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Mon State Hluttaw objected the motion by the Government for shuffling the Ministry of Development Affairs and Construction.

During the parliament session on 1st March, the Government asked for Parliament's approval to combine the Ministry of Development affairs and Construction with Ministry of Planning and Budget.

U Htun Min Aung (Paung Constitu-

ency 1) objected the motion while the Deputy Speaker Dr. Aung Naing Oo suggested that an approval from the President was required before any changes in the formation of ministries.

Since the Ministry of Development Affairs and Construction has to deal with public very often, benefits for the public and for the region, the public image of the Parliament and the government should be taken into account prior any changes, recommended Colonel Win Naing Oo who is the Minister of

Security and Boarder Affairs.

The motion was recorded and will be discussed after instructions from the President. According to Article 248 (a), (b) and (c), any changes to the title of ministries shall be carried out only by the President. Thus, the decision of the Government is not proper and the Parliament will approve only with President's notification.

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

#### **Photo News**



Dr. Aye Zan (Kyaikto Constituecny 2) who is the newly appointed Chief Minister of Mon State takes an oath at the Mon State HLuttaw on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

(Ref: Mon News Agency https://burmese.monnews.org/)

## **Short News**

■ During the fourth regular session of the Second Kayah State Hluttaw was held on 27th February, the Speaker U Hla Htwe submitted the Notification by the President on appoitment of Minister of Security and Border Affairs. Later Colonel Myint Wai, the newly appointed Minister of Security and Border Affairs took an oath.

(Ref: Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook Page)

■ Mandalay Region Parliamentary Building is fully finished and relocation will begin at the end of May. In addition, negotiation with the regional government has been going on to build a guest house behind the new parliamentary building for MPs who are not from Mandalay.

(Ref: The Voice Daily )