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Daw Nang San San Aye (Tsipaw 1: SNLD) submits the motion (Photo: John Chit Nyein)

Motion Passed To review Shan State Municipal Law

23rd March 2017

During the fifth regular session of the Shan State Hluttaw, the motion for reviewing Municipal Law and for drafting by-laws was passed.

On 20th March, Daw Nang San San Aye (Hsipaw 1: SNLD) submitted the motion, and two MPs discussed in support of the motion. "We already have the Municipal Law but it does not elaborate much on regulations and proce-

dures. That is why I submitted the motion," Daw Nang San San Aye.

"For example, without by-laws, there are no equal opportunities for candidates running for municipal committee. There is no criteria or age limits. If we have by-laws and procedures, frictions between government departments and the public will disappear," she added.

(Ref: <http://www.7daydaily.com/story/>)

Motion to Turn Myitkyina Golf Course into Public Park Failed

23rd March 2017

The motion to turn the Myitkyina Golf Course into a public park failed during voting in the Kachin State parliamentary session.

The motion was submitted by U Zaw Win (Tanai Constituency 2) on the third day of the 6th regular session.

The Kachin State Minister of Development Affairs replied that there are already Karennaw Resort, Ayeyar Oo Park and Sein Mya Ayeyar Park for recreational purposes. Plus, Ayeyar Oo Park is going through renovations.

The course is 40 acres wide and is owned by the president of the gold course. Remaining two acres are leased to private investors. If the municipal body is to turn the gold course into a park, an agreement from the gold club is required, the Minister answered.

The golf course has been in Myitkyina for long and large amount of money was spent for establishment. Relocation will bring financial and land issues. Thus the Minister requested the motion to be recorded.

Upon the answer by the Minister, U Zaw Win asked for voting. Only 19 out of 45 MPs voted for and the Parliament decided that the motion failed.

(Ref: <http://www.myitkyinanewsjournal.com/>)

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MPs Want Info on Projects that Will Receive Fund from Departments Surpluses

23rd March 2017

The Mon State government departments have returned over 1,361 million kyats of surplus funds to the State Government from their 2016-2017 budget. The return was prompted by a directive from the Union government and represents the first time that surplus money has been returned, according to U Wunna Kyaw, the Mon State Minister of Planning and Finance.

The Minister, who also holds the cabinet portfolio for Immigration and Population, said that 13 departments had returned funds to the government, which came from both state revenue and funds allocated by the Union Government.

"We will use the surplus on 234 regional development projects throughout the state, including the 158 million kyats from tender surpluses," he said, referring to the under-budget projects. The funds will be allocated by March 31

which is the last day of the current fiscal year in Myanmar.

Even as the funds were being returned, an effort to account for the surplus was underway in the Mon State Parliament. During the 5th regular session, U Zaw Zaw Htoo (Paung Constituency: NLD) asked how the surplus was being allocated now that it has been recalled from the departments. He demanded that the government should provide information to MPs on development projects that will receive funds.

Some MPs raised the question, about why the departments ran such high surpluses to begin with.

"I demanded that next year's departmental budgets be submitted to the Hluttaw so that the MPs can review them and ensure that departments do not end up with large surpluses again," U Zaw Zaw Htoo said.

(Ref: Extracted from Mon News Agency <http://www.bnionline.net/>)

Sagaing Region Hluttaw Cancelled over 50 Gov' projects

30th March 2017

During the parliamentary session on 30th March, Sagaing Region Hluttaw decided to approve only 3 out of 56 projects submitted by the local Government, and cancel the rest.

After discussion on 56 projects submitted by the Ministry of Planning and Finance U Soe Oo, the Parliament decided to approve the sewage project in Shwe Min Won 23 x 25 Streets and the equipment purchase for flood recovery by Water Resource Management Department.

"We cannot allow spending large sums of money on government staff residence when people in rural areas have to take off their shoes because roads and bridges are in poor conditions," said U Wanna (Ayadaw-2)

Fifty million kyats out of the estimated budget from these 53 projects will be allocated to the Daung Myu Creek Project, which causes flooding. The rest will be spent on development projects in 37 townships of Sagaing Region, said U Kal who is a representative of Naga Self-Administered Zone. *(Ref : Extracted from he Voice Daily)*

Yangon Parliament Cut Down 420 million kyats from Flyovers Maintenance and City Golf Course Renovation Projects

30th March 2017

Yangon region Hluttaw cut down over 420 million kyats from flyovers maintenance and the City Gold Course renovation projects which will be implemented in 2017-18 fiscal year.

Surpluses will be spent under different titles in townships where necessary, said the Planning and Budget Review Committee Chair Daw Sandar Min.

The surpluses from 6 flyovers and one square-shaped bridge will be used

for roads and other development projects in 33 townships that are within Yangon municipal area, the Minister of Planning and Budget, explained U Myint Thaug at the parliament.

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Tanintharyi Hluttaw Passed Four Laws



1st April 2017

During the fourth regular session, the Second Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw promulgated four laws: Municipal Law, Excise Duty Law, 2017-2018 Tanintharyi Region Local Planning Law and 2017 Tanintharyi Region Budget Law.

U Khin Maung Aye, who is the Speaker, mentioned that the Bill Committee and Legislation Advisory Commission are reviewing Museums and Libraries Law, and Honorary Certificates and Awards Law.

During its fourth regular session from 28th March to 31st March, the Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw discussed a total of 29 starred questions and one motion.

(Ref: Extracted from *Tanintharyi Journal*)

One-year Performance of Kayah State Hluttaw MPs

| No | Name | Constituency | No. of Questions | No. of Motions |
|----|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Dr. Aung Kyaw Htay | Loikaw 1 | 4 | Nil |
| 2 | U Tin Myint | Loikaw 2 | 6 | Nil |
| 3 | U Thein Aung (a.k.a) Se Reh | Demoso 1 | 10 | 2 |
| 4 | U Bosco | Demoso 2 | Nil | Nil |
| 5 | U Khin Maung Htun (a.k.a) Naw Ee | Hpruso 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 6 | U Ti Reh | Shadow 1 | Nil | Nil |
| 7 | U Aye Shwe | Bawlakhe 1 | 1 | Nil |
| 8 | U Soe Reh | Bawlakhe 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 9 | U Win Myint | Hpasawng 1 | Nil | Nil |
| 10 | U Yan Naing Swe | Hpasawng 2 | 4 | Nil |
| 11 | U Aung Naing Oo | Mese 1 | 16 | 3 |
| 12 | L Paung Sho (Chief Minister) | Mese 2 | Nil | Nil |
| 13 | U Hla Myo Swe | Bamar Ethnic Affairs Minister | Nil | Nil |
| 14 | Colonel Zaw Myo tin | Military Representative | Nil | Nil |
| 15 | Colonel Nay Tun | Military Representative | Nil | Nil |
| 16 | Colonel Aung Khaing Soe | Military Representative | Nil | Nil |
| 17 | Major Min Thu | Military Representative | Nil | Nil |
| 18 | Major Myo Myint | Military Representative | Nil | Nil |
| | | Total | 44 | 7 |

| No. | Committee | No. of Meetings | No. of Field Investigations | No. of Reports | No. of Public Hearing |
|-----|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Bill Committee | 11 | - | 1 | - |
| 2 | Legislations Review Committee | 8 | - | - | - |
| 3 | Government Pledges, Guarantees and Undertakings Review Committee | 4 | 9 | - | - |
| 4 | Public Budget Review Committee | 8 | 25 | - | - |
| 5 | Ethnic Affairs Committee | 8 | - | 1 | - |
| 6 | Plea Letters and Complaint Letters Review Committee | 8 | - | - | 8 |
| | Total | 47 | 34 | 2 | 8 |

Ref: *Kayah State Hluttaw Facebook Page*

Ayeyarwady Chief Minister Asked MPs to Be Patient

25th March 2017

The Ayeyarwady Region Chief Minister U Mann Johnny asked MPs to be patient with motions and recommendations submitted by the Hluttaw since the parliament and the government work in different ways.

He stated that while he was at a meeting with Ayeyarwady Region NLD executives from 6 districts and 26 township at City Hall, Strand Road, Patheingyi on 23rd March.

“We are now facing challenges posed by organizations that act under the names of social, religious, ethnic issues and democracy. We have to be careful of their intentions which are in disguise as goodwill. We need to be cautious about responses.”

MPs of Ayeyarwady Region are not satisfactory with government performance in realizing Hluttaw motions such as tackling illegal breweries; improving justice system; overseeing ward administrators and staff; handling issues in department of education and penalizing companies that offend rules in tender contracts.

(Ref: Extracted from *The Voice Daily*)