



## Shan State Gov't granted with authority for more implementation

September 1, 2017

The Shan State Parliament approved the proposal submitted by the state government at the 7<sup>th</sup> regular session of the parliament meeting. The proposal was to substantially consider the authority for the state government and designated vision, mission and policy and then implement them effectively.

The proposal was submitted by MP Sai Tun Nyan (KyaukMe Constituency-2) on August 30, the third day of the parliament.

MP Sai Tun Nyan said that the state government had the authority to do only as stated in the Schedule 2 of Constitution. According to the act of electricity, which was passed in 2014, the state could only use 30 mega watt of the electricity, and the state could only implement the project that's valued not more than 5,000,000 ( 5 million) USD.

"The difference is that the Yangon Region government is importing thousands of vehicles (buses) for the public. But he never speaks out for it's con-



cerned with the union when it's proposed for the state here to get provided sufficiently for electricity [meter sec-

tor]. So, it does not seem to be satisfying," said U Sai Tun Nyan.

*Reference: Shan Herald Agency for News (SHAN)*

### Short News

■ Rakhine State Parliament held an emergency meeting on August 29. At the meeting, U Tun Thar Sein proposed the state parliament to urge Pyidaungsu parliament to provide humanitarian assistances to the villagers immediately, who fled their homes, from Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung townships, due to the violent attacks by the Begali terrorists [extremists] since Aug 25. U Tun Thar Sein's proposal was supported by U Aung Win (Myay-pone Constituency-1), and having no objections, the proposal was then approved.

*Reference: Eleven Broadcasting*

## Implementations of Bago Region Gov't's commitments were heard at the Parliament

August 30, 2017

The three days of hearing, led by the government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee, was held with the presence of minister of the Bago Region government group and other departments officials from Au-

gust 28 to 30 at the Bago Region Parliament Affair Committee Hall. There the participants were informed about the government the answered proposals, starred questions and non-starred questions for whether the projects have been implemented, being implemented or not implemented yet.

The following is the chart that shows the promises made by the respective ministers for the starred questions at the 7<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Bago Region Parliament meeting.

*Reference: Bago Region Parliament's Facebook, Zin Moe Hteik's Facebook*

No.	Times	Holding dates		Duration (Date)	Security and border affair	Agriculture, livestock and irrigation	Natural resource and forestry	Industry, electricity, and infrastructure	Municipal and social affairs	Planning and finance	Government	General administration	Judicial	Ethnic Affairs	Total
		From	Till												
1	7 <sup>th</sup> times	3.7.2017	7.7.2017	5	9	13	1	6	31	1	-	-	-		61



## 125 million USD to be spent for Yangon City Development, says Yangon Hluttaw

August 31, 2017

125 million USD of the World Bank loan will be allocated into three parts; and spent on the flood mitigation work in Yangon and other city's development projects, according to Dr. Maung Maung Soe, the minister of Yangon City Development.

It's, as stated by Dr. Maung Maung Soe on August 30 at the Yangon Region Parliament meeting, the response to the question of MP Daw Sandar Min (Seik-kyi Kanaungtoe Constituency) on how the loan from the World Bank would be spent for the flood mitigation work.

Dr. Maung Maung Soe [Yangon Mayor] explained that it [the Yangon City Development Committee] planned to spend the loan for 2016-17 financial year. And 77 million USD will be spent for the prevention of water flooding in 31 urban townships, and 22 million USD for the safety of buildings, while 20 million USD will be used to establish a funding for Southeast Asia Natural disaster insurance, and one million USD for the cost of public awareness raising and projects management.

According to the upgrading project of ponds and drainages, six urban townships will have benefits directly, and other related townships will indirectly benefit, while a 6 year-project plan is still being drawn for the flood prevention for other townships.

"The minister did not explain explicitly how the loan from the World Bank will be spent, but he only mentioned the targeting sectors in short. It's important how 125 million USD would benefit the public," Daw Sandar Min responded to the questions of reporters, after the parliament meeting.

Reference: *The Voice*

## Shan Parliament's Complaint Scrutiny Committee met with farmers

August 31, 2017

Shan State Parliament's Complaint Scrutiny Committee had a meeting with local farmers to urge together for the return of their confiscated farmland. The meeting took place at Aung Myay

Bonesan temple in, Taunggyi, on August 29. About 150 affected farmers from 7 townships attended.

"The main issue is that the state government does not allot time for the farmers' complaints or conduct field trips. We want the government to prioritize the farmland issue, and find solutions for it. So, we requested the parliament for help. Two committees are willing to help and see the farmers. Thus we organized this meeting". said U Tin Maung Toe, a member of the Shan State Political Group.

U Tin Maung Toe also said that more than 40 complaints about land confiscation were submitted to the complaint scrutiny committee by the farmers from Taunggyi, Nyaungshwe, Hopone, Pindaya, Ywarngan, Kalaw and Hsi Hsai. The most of land seizure was committed by the Tatmadaw, followed by private companies as in second, and the government departments and native militiats as in third.

MP Sai Lon from Namhsan township and MP Sai Myo Myint from Moe-Ne township, who are also members of the parliament's Rule of Law and Peace Committee, took the records of the farmers' complaints.

Reference: *Shan Herald Agency for News (SHAN)*

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## Shan State Gov't has no say about gas pipeline passing through the northern Shan State

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Shan State Parliament's government team is not entitled to ask the questions regarding the gas firms passing through the northern Shan State. According to the schedule 2 of constitution, [the project] is directly concerned with the Union Government; hence such questions must be asked at the Union parliament, according to Dr. Nyi Nyi Aung, minister of Natural Resource and Environment Preservation.

At the 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Shan State Parliament meeting, on August 28, U Aung Htun (Nansang township Constituency 2) questioned whether 5% of the profits from the Myanmar and China's natural gas revenue can be allocated to Shan State's budget, and how the union government will prevent from having negative impacts from the gas pipelines.

"There are no accountability and responsibility. We cannot submit the questions directly to the Union Parliament. This is not only one township's issue, but the whole Shan State's," said U Aung Htun.

MP Nan Kham Aye (Nangmatu Township Constituency) used to bring up the similar question during the first term whether 5% of profits from the gas pipeline operated by Myanmar and China could be shared to the budget of Shan State.

Reference: *Shan Herald Agency for News (SHAN)*

## Four pillars met in Mon State

September 1, 2017

The meeting of four pillars ( Executive (Government); Legislature (Parliament and State Assemblies); Judiciary (Supreme Court); and Media) being led by the Myanmar Journalist Council was held at the State Hall of Mon State's Mawlamyine Capital, on September 1.

The meeting in Mon State, is the state and region level meeting, while

the first meeting was held in Sittwe, Rakhine State in June. The objective of the meeting is to find the solutions regarding the rights to information among four pillars .

At the meeting, the members of Myanmar Journalist Council, Mon State's Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan and other ministers from the state government, Chief Justice and Judge advocate and reporters participated.

Reference: *www.burmese.bnionline.net*

## Short News

■ The construction of Chin State's Parliament building has started in Zay Thit Quarter, Hakha, with the funding capital from 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Aroma Rose Co.ltd will implement the project, with the funding capital of 5508.720 million Kyat. A three- storeyed building will be developed on 25,000 ft sq ground.

Reference: *State ministry of information and communication, The Voice*



## Photo News

Legislative Committee of Bago Region Parliament was scrutinizing supplementary funding of 2017-18 fiscal year, requested by three ministries of the government departments on August 28.

Reference: *Zin Moe Theik/Facebook*