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Tanintharyi Region Parliament building is seen following its opening ceremony on November 22, 2017.

(Photo: Tanintharyi Region Hluttaw/Facebook)

Hluttaw Institution bill should not be enacted, say some MPs and Tatmadaw representatives

October 26, 2017

Tatmadaw representatives and some Hluttaw representatives objected to the proposal of the Hluttaw Institution bill. Since it would violate the [2008] Constitution.

At the Amyotha Hluttaw Session on October 26, in response to the bill discussion, as stated above, 3 Rakhine representatives, 2 Tatmadaw representatives, and 1 independent representative raised objections to it whereas 2 representatives of the National League for Democracy (NLD) supported it.

Tatmadaw representative Colonel Kyaw Kyaw said that the Hluttaw institutions, which were independently and freely founded, would be formed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by having

upper and lower institution which is against the 2008 Constitution. It's necessary to consider whether such a bill can be beneficial or not and whether it should be drafted or not, since it's now the time of building national reconciliation, federal union and peace, according to U Soe Thein, an independent representative from Kayah State.

The bill, which will keep a check on the state and region Hluttaws, should not be enacted if the country practices a federal system, said U Kyaw Kyaw, MP (of Rakhine State constituency- 4)

Major Zaw Win Oo said that the bill, which will grant union power and influence, should not be enacted when the government and ethnic armed groups are building trust, and both sides are working for peace and working on the establishment of the

union based on a federal system.

However, other MPs, who are members of the NLD, stated that in the Constitution, the matters that are not stated in the legislative list of the Pyidaungsu, Regions and Self-administered Zones, the residual power to pass the law is granted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The MPs also pointed out that per the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, in order for the house speaker to be able to carry out Hluttaw matters more effectively, Hluttaw institution can be formed, with the agreement taken from the Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee would (hear again) about the discussed points by the representatives.

Reference - The Voice Daily

Proposal to re-take over buildings and land plots as Gov't property must be mainly carried out by Union



October 26, 2017

9 MPs have the discussion over the proposal submitted by U HLa Htay, Hluttaw representative (of Mingalar Taung Nyunt constituency -1) to the parliament, at the fifth regular session of Yangon Region Parliament, on its 7th day.

The proposal is that “Yangon Region Government is urged to re-take over the government owned buildings and land plots as the government’s belonging since the projects are not implemented yet and being carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations.”

However, Daw Nilar Kyaw, Minister of Electricity, [Yangon] Industry and Infrastructure, suggested that Yangon parliament take record of the proposal since the projects are union-level [and involved with many sectors].

Daw Nilar Kyaw also said that the union government had rented out and sold the public buildings in Yangon Region to private owners. Likewise, the regional government had also rented [with contracts] some public property. Such case would be inspected and transferred into the hand of private owners by the union [level government].

MP U Hla Htay stated that upon this [above] response, this must be submitted to the Union level government, and pointed out that it’s now, with the existing law, the time to inspect and find the solutions.

U Hla Htay continued the discussion that with the help from Hluttaw representatives from respective townships, the projects – land plots and buildings – which have not been implemented yet must be listed and then Hluttaw must keep eyes on them.

The proposal was then recorded by the [Yangon Region] Parliament.

Reference – Yangon Hluttaw/Facebook

Ayeyarwady Region Hluttaw voted to decide the proposal to set yearly floor price of crops

October 26, 2017

U Myo Nyunt, representative of Yekyi Township Constituency-1 submitted the proposal to the Regional Government to set the annual floor price of the crops at Hluttaw on October 16. The Hluttaw voted to decide whether the motion should be accepted or discussed at

Hluttaw due to some MPs’ objection to the proposal.

“The proposer’s objective is good. But it will be a burden for the [union] government to set the floor price. It is also not matched with the market economy. Hence, this should be carried out by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw,” said U Ba Hein, Region Minister

of Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources and Environment Preservation.

There were 53 votes against, 5 votes in favor, 1 neutral vote and 1 spoilt vote on whether the motion should be discussed at Hluttaw. As a result, the Hluttaw decided not to carry out the proposal.

Reference – The Voice Daily.

Restructuring Committees of Magway Region Hluttaw

October 14, 2017

Magway Region Hluttaw approved to restructure the remaining five committees of the Hluttaw committees formed at

the sixth regular conference on its 10th day of Hluttaw session on October 11.

Upon the wishes of the [former committee] members from other committees, they are permitted to join other committees.

Restructuring The Second Magway Region Hluttaw's Committees

No.	Committee Name	Members			Total
		MPs	Military MPs	Non-MPs	
1	MPs, Government Guarantees, Pledges, Undertakings Scrutiny Committee	5	1	-	6
2	Education, Health and Social Development Committee	6	1	-	7
3	Legislative Committee	9	1	-	10
4	Ethnic Affairs Committee	5	1	-	6
5	Public Account Committee	8	1	-	9
6	Judiciary, Legislations, Complaint and Plea Letters Verifying Committee	8	1	-	9
7	Construction and Transportation Committee	8	1	-	9
8	Natural Resources, Environment, Electricity and Energy Committee	8	1	-	9
9	Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Development Committee	8	1	-	9
10	Planning, Finance and Development Affair Committee	8	1	-	9

Reference - Magway Region Hluttaw Facebook Page: U Win Myint Hlaing (or) U Hlaing Hlaing, A committee member

Shan State Development Committee's by-law not complied with democratic system

October 24, 2017

The Shan State Municipal [Development] Committee's By-law does not adhere to the democratic standards, according to

U Khaing Nyi Nyi Kyaw (representative from Yatsawk Township constituency -1).

As stated before, MP U Khaing Nyi Nyi Kyaw said that at the multiple parties [Workshop], the meeting for electing Shan State Development Committee was held at Royal Star Hotel in Shan State's Taunggyi Capital on October 22-23. At that time, the representatives from 15 ethnic political parties and township development committee were present.

"What I have learnt from this workshop is that the drafted law is not good. The Hluttaw representatives, including me, have supported in order to have this by-law. But when this by-law came out, it was not written by those who should write. Instead, it was written by someone from the department or his/her advisor. What they wrote for the by-law is not really being free and fair. It is not compatible with democratic rights," said U Khaing Nyi Nyi Kyaw.

Dr. Daw Nyo Nyo Thinn (of Yangon Watch), who was part of the group of assisting in technical support of the



workshop, commented that officials of Township administration, home affair department and township management committee are allowed to get involved in the Shan State Development projects. But the votes of the public are not recognized.

Time is needed for the discussion over the by-law that would be again conducted at the forthcoming Shan State Parliament Session, and if necessary, it would be removed, amended or rewritten as a new draft, according to U Khaing Nyi Nyi Kyaw.

Reference - Shan Herald Agency for News

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