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Rakhine State Hluttaw Approved the Proposal that Should Give the Authority to the State Government to Manage and Use Profits of Natural Resources from Rakhine State

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Rakhine State Hluttaw approved the proposal to urge the Union Government by the State Government to let the State manage the natural resources of Rakhine State and distribute and utilize some of the profits for the local people.

That proposal was submitted by U Aung Kyaw Htwee, Member of Parliament (Pauktaw Constituency- 2), at the session of State Hluttaw held on 28th November and was approved at the session held on 30th November. That proposal also included the fact for managing not to affect the rights of the local people in accordance with the international standard.

"We have to work for the society development based on the human resources or natural resources. Nowadays, there are very few human resources in Rakhine State. Therefore, as the first step, we have to carry out the development of the socio-economic sector relying on the natural resources of the state," said U Aung Kyaw Htwee.

With regard to the proposal, after the thorough discussion over the proposal was made at the Hluttaw, members of military representatives objected to it., He continued that Hluttaw did battle



Attendances to the Sixth Regular Session of Rakhine Hluttaw Held on 26th November. (*Photo – Maung Kan*)

over the proposal and members of parliament (military) objected to it.

He said that as Rakhine State was behind in development in Myanmar, The natural resources shall be allocated for the indigenous people who live in such areas in which the natural resources are produced. According to U Aung Kyaw Htwee, 500 million cubic feet of gas from Rakine Offshore Shwe Natural Gas Project are exported to China daily and Myanmar Government gets over USD 1000 million per year from this project.

Reference : 7daydaily

17 MPs from Rakhine State Accused U Min Aung, Minister of Municipal Affairs of not Holding Accountable to His Duties

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17 members of parliament accused U Min Aung of being unable to undertake his duties and causing the loss of the benefits of the country and its people. The Hluttaw Speaker signed the accusation of an undutiful task and formed Hluttaw Investigative Committee to take his action on 5 December.

Regarding the report of 17 members of parliament on 19th November, the review and investigative committee| including five members of parliament led by U Zaw Zaw Myint (Bu Thee Taung Constituency- 1) was assigned by Rakhine State Hluttaw in accordance with Constitution (Art. 263, section 8) to dismiss U Min Aung, Minister of Municipal Affairs, according to the law.

The investigative committee has to inspect the facts accused in accordance with the existing law and has to report their findings to the Hluttaw on 19th December, 2017 as latest.

(Reference- Development Media Group)

The Proposal to Empower Mon State's Governance Failed in Mon Hluttaw

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The proposal to make an effort to empower Mon State's Governance was voted down due to many objectors.

That proposal was submitted by U Aung Kyaw Thu, State Member of parliament from Thaton Townships, on 6th December and five members of parliament accepted and discussed it on 7^{th} December. When it was decided by voting system, it failed to be approved with 9 votes in favor, 1 spoilt vote and 19 votes against.

Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan who was against that proposal said, "Speaker should consider if the proposal should be submitted or not. It doesn't mean that the administration will have to be better only when that proposal is submitted and approved. We are always making an effort for that. As the people will think that there is a disagreement between the government and Hluttaw, I want to say that it should be suspended."

Chief Minister added that because of some bad guys from the department and the organization, the action that might be harmful to the rest of people should be avoided. The State Governmanet was carrying out the motions and

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pledges. However, the limits of the budget and other situations delayed the implementations.

"Some respective departments are doing against the policy and image of the government in implementing the better policies of the government. The government cabinet should solve the difficulties of the people with stricter rules for those actions," U Aung Kyaw Thu, the one who submitted the proposal, said.

Daw Khaing Khaing Lei, Member of Parliament, also pointed out the fact that only at the time when the questions were asked at Hluttaw, the immigration offices followed the rules about the service for people and asking the fees. Later that, they asked for the fees like before and there were also similar cases.

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Reference- 7daydaily/Mon News Agency

Short News



■ Mandalay Region Hluttaw approved the proposal to urge the regional government to legislate the bill for selling and renting the things owned by the Region or State. That proposal was submitted by U Tin Aung, Member of Parliament from Chan Mya Thazi Township. Mandalay Region Hluttaw asked the Constitutional Court about whether the bill can be legislated. The Court had already replied to the Hluttaw that that the Court was not responsible for making such a decision. *Referance- www.rfa.org*

■ At Kachin State Hluttaw Session on 4 December, In Gyan Yan MP Daw Maran Jar Seng Hkawn questioned the actions of the government about the rising crime which had never happened before in Myitkyina, Kachin State. Colonel Thura Myo Tin, Minister of Security and Border Affairs of Kachin State, answered that Myanmar Police Force, Tatmadaw, Departments, Administrative Associations and Elder and Respected People has been cooperating and patrolling daily to prevent local people from the crime in Myitkyina. He added that a police has been taking responsibility for the security of over 1000 people in Myitkyina and the number of the police forces will be added to provide security.

Reference- www.rfa.org





Tatmadaw Didn't Inform Anything to Shan State Government about the Road Construction Project in Nothern Mong Hsu, said the Minister of Road Transportation

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At the session of Hluttaw, Minister of Road Construction of Shan State Government said that Tatmadaw was planning the road construction project in Mong Hsu, the conflict area between Government Tatmadaw and Shan State Tatmadaw, without informing the State Government.

At the eighth regular session of Shan State Hluttaw [Second], Daw Nan Kaung Kham (Mong Hsu Constituency- 2), State Member of Parliament, said, "Armed forces are based nearby the region the road construction will be made and there may be armed conflicts if the road construction is made by the respective department." She asked a starred question.

With respect to her question, U Khun Ye Htwe, Minister of Road Transportation of Shan State Government Cabinet, answered that Tatmadaw could renovate the existing original road from Lwal Nai, Wan Lwal in Mong Hsu to Tar Wun Naung jetty nearby the Sanlwin river, but nothing was informed to Shan State Government.

"If the armed forces lead to pave inter-village roads in the group of Lwal Nai and Wan Lwal, there may be armed conflicts between the two sides and it will affect the peace of the area. Therefore, I don't want any armed force to do it. If the roads mentioned are actually to be paved, the people want companies which are community organization, not armed forces to do it," said Daw Nan Kaung Kham.

Information officer from SSPP/SSA once told Shan Than Taw Sint that there were tensions between them as Government Tatmadaw asked SSPP/SSA on the road of Wan Lwal, Lwal Nai and Tar Wun Naung (Salween Jetty) roads from Mong Hsu –Tant Yan road to recede for the road construction project in the beginning of October. *Reference- www.burmese.shannews.org*

Vehicles Control and Supervision (temporary) Committee of Belin to Be Abolished, said Minister of Mon State

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Dr. Khin Naing Oo (Belin Constituency- 1), State Member of Parliament, questioned whether the Vehicles Control and Supervision (temporary) Committee falsely approved by the State Government contrary to the 2012 Private Vehicles Systematic Running Law enacted in Mon State would be abolished. U Htun Htay, Minister of Agriculture, Transportation and Communications of Mon State, replied at the Hluttaw Session on 6 December that the committee would be cancelled.

The Mon State Private Vehicle Systematic Running Law's Art. 16 (A) and (E) is contradictory to the chairperson of the committee who is over 70 years old, the secretary who does not have any vehicle job, the associate secretary who does not have any vehicle license.

That temporary committee was approved as the Vehicles Control and Supervision committee from the temporary committee in the order letter with the date of September 14 2017 by U Htun Htay, Minister of Agriculture and Transportation, Communications of Mon State.

The existing committee blocks the vehicles so as to check the targeted vehicle owners, suspend the vehicle owners from the gate, put up posters with regard to notices and cautions. As a result, over 60 vehicle owners signed and sent the letter to Township Administrator to suspend the function (authority) of the township committee on 13 November, 2017.

Reference- Mon News Agency