Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw approves emergency motion, formation of three committees

THE second Pyithu Hluttaw’s first regular session continued for its sixth day with discussions on an emergency motion and the approval process for the formation of three committees yesterday.

On their discussions on the motion calling for an immediate end to fighting in Shan State and prompt measures to be taken to aid war-affected local people, parliamentarians including Defence Services personnel representatives stressed the need of ensuring national reconciliation for building a genuine federal Union and moving towards lasting peace through cooperation of all including ethnic armed organisations.

On discussions, Union Minister U Aung Min and Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Soe, Rear Admiral Myint Nwe and U Phone Swe made clarifications.

Union Minister U Aung Min said that RCSS has been urged through the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee to adhere to the terms and conditions of the nationwide ceasefire agreement that it signed while dealing with civilians.

Regarding TNLA that has no state-level agreement with the government and did not ink the NCA, the Union Minister called for resolving conflicts through negotiations.

In his clarification, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe said that affected people have been accommodated at 17 relief camps with the provision of food, clean water and health care services. Teachers and students who fled the clashes between RCSS and TNLA have been kept at a monastery to continue learning and teaching there.

The motion was approved, and an approval process for formation of three committees—the International Relations Committee, the Farmers, Workers and Youth Affairs Committee and the Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee—with 15 members each was carried out.

— Myanmar News Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw

Second Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for sixth day

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw’s first regular session continued for its sixth day, approving the formation of three parliamentar y committees and proposing to create three more yesterday.

Following the parliamentar y approval, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that the International Relations, Interparliamentar y Relations and Cooperation Committee was formed with 15 members led by chairman U Zon Hlyan Htan of Chin State Constituency 4 and Daw Htu May of Rakhine State Constituency 11.

Likewise, U Min Oo of Bago Region Constituency 6 will lead the Committee on Local and International Non-gov ernmental Organisation formed with 15 members including Dr Pyae Phyo of Ayeyawady Region Constituency 7 as secretary.

Moreover, Dr Than Win of Mandalay Region Constituency 1 will serve as chairman of the 15-member Committee on Harmony and Reconciliation.

Mr. Tateshi Higuchi and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Daw Htu May of Rakhine State Constituency 7 as secretary.

Next, the Speaker proposed the formation of the Ethnic Affairs Committee with 15 members, naming Daw Shila Nan Taung alias M Nan Taung of Kachin State Constituency 2 chairperson of the committee and U Khun Thein Pe of Shan State Constituency 9 as the committee’s secretary. Likewise, U Ba Myo Thein of Yangon Region Constituency 5 and U Soe Win of Rakhine State Constituency 12 were proposed as chairmen and secretaries of Women and Children’s Rights Committee.

The Amyotha Hluttaw session continues today. — Myanmar News Agency

Japan announces $10.8 million in aid for recovery of flood-affected schools in Myanmar

THE Japanese government yesterday announced a US$10.8 million donation in a grant aid package for the reconstruction of flood-affected schools in Myanmar with the signing of a memorandum of understanding in Nay Pyi Taw. Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Tateshi Higuchi and the Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Lei Lei Thein signed the MoU and exchanged notes at the ceremony.

According to a statement released by the Embassy of Japan, the grant aid will contribute to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of schools in areas affected by the floods and landslides of July last year.

— GNNM

Yangon Region Hluttaw

Yangon Region Hluttaw forms two committees

THE Yangon Region Hluttaw yesterday won parliamentary approval to form two committees on its third day session.

The Bill Committee and the Finance, Planning and Economic Committee were formed as proposed by the speaker, with 11 members each.

The Bill Committee will be chaired by U Thein Myint of the Tamwe constituency and the Finance, Planning and Economic Committee by Daw Sandra Min of the Seikkyi-Khaukngto constituency. — Ko Moe

Deputy speakers of two Houses receive former East Timor counterpart

DEPUTY Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Thar Aung and Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Ti Khun Myat received former deputy Speaker of East Timor parliament Mr Aderito Hugo de Costa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two parliaments.

They also exchanged views over parliamentary works.

Also present at the meeting were Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Daw Su Su Lwin.— Myanamar News Agency

Mariners’ reminder issued for watercrafts

THE Fisheries Department issued a reminder for small and large vessels including cargo boats and fishing boats to stay 4 km away from AD-7 block from 10 March to 30 April 2016 as a 3D seismic survey would be conducted by MV Polarcus Nila.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and Daewoo International Corporation (Myanmar E & P) is jointly carrying out exploration of oil at the block.— MNA