Pyithu Hluttaw calls for preparedness, response plans for El Niño

THE second Pyithu Hluttaw’s first regular session entered its tenth day, with parliamentarians holding discussions on the El Niño urgent motion submitted by Dr Maung Than of Myaynmar Constituency. A total of 14 MPs discussed the urgent motion calling on the Union government to adopt risk mitigation strategies against ill-effects of El Niño which is expected to hit Myanmar this year.

In his discussion, Dr Hla Moe of Aungmyay Thasan Constituency stressed the need of launching emergency response and preparedness drills in order to mitigate possible losses in the event of disasters. The MP pointed out that such drills are not conducted yet in the country despite plans had been drawn up by the ministries concerned. He also called for necessary policies to be formulated to purchase rice for State reserves.

U Naing Htoo Aung of Ngahtooegyi Constituency also called on officials concerned to gear up for coming El Niño’s impacts, warning that the situation is likely to get worse during this summer as some parts of the country have started suffering droughts and fire outbreaks are reported frequently.

In his discussion, Dr Sein Mya Aye of Dala Constituency emphasised the importance of taking necessary measures to guarantee the socioeconomic status of the people including farmers as agricultural outputs and fishery exports will likely be limited by consequences of El Niño.

Defense Services Personnel Pyithu Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Moe highlighted the leadership role of the Union government in the fight against El Niño effects in cooperation with regional governments, non-governmental organisations and the people. During the tenth day session, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint read out messages sent by Mr. Serge E Nayshkin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, and Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung, Chairman of the National Assembly of Viet Nam. Two other messages were documented, Pyithu Hluttaw session continues today. — Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets foreign ambassadors

SPEAKER of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Thant received Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Nicholas Coppel separately in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the calls, the Speaker held talks with the foreign ambassadors on education promotion program and interparliamentary relations. Also present at the calls were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, chairmen and secretaries of parliamentary committees and officials from Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

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Amyotha Hluttaw approves one committee, forms another

THE second AmyothaHluttaw first regular session entered its 10th day with the formation of a parliamentary committee yesterday.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Thant announced parliamentary approval of the proposed formation of the Public Complaints Committee with 15 members including chairman U Hsan Myint of Ayeyawady Region Constituency 3 and secretary U Hla Myint (a) of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Next, the Speaker informed the Parliament of the creation of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee, proposing Dr Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State Constituency 11 and Dr Win Myint of Bago Region Constituency 11 as chairman and secretary of the committee. The AmyothaHluttaw session continues today.

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Union, regional speakers approve formation of Myanmar Parliamentary Union for second term

MPs discuss formation of Myanmar Parliamentary Union in Nay Pyi Taw. Photo: MNA

SPEAKERS of Union and Regional State Parliaments approved the formation of Myanmar Parliamentary Union for the second parliamentary term following a coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Thant said that the meeting was to hold discussions with the speakers of regional/state Hluttaws on formation of the Union for the second term of Hluttaw. In his address, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint highlighted the importance of the Union to facilitate the functions of respective Hluttaws in the implementation of the country’s democratization process.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Speakers of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw. — Myanmar News Agency