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The Pyithu Hluttaw approves two standing committees

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First, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint sought parliamentary approval for the lists of the members of the Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee and the Pyithu Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee. He also sought approval for the terms, duties, rights and powers of the two committees.

Next, the speaker announced that the Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee was established with 15 members led by Chairman U T Khun Myat of Kutkai Constituency and Secretary Dr Hla Moo of Aungmyay Thasan Constituency.

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A PUSHE will be made to prioritise the enactment of regional laws in Yangon Region, said Daw Sandar Min, a member of the National League for Democracy (NLD) and regional representative for Seikkyi Khaungto Township.

The regional MP spoke during the second general meeting of the Yangon Regional Hluttaw on 2 February.

“Consultations have been made. There’s been a great deal of discussions. Respective committees will make proposals. This will only be so once committee have been formed. There isn’t any-thing being carried out yet [to enact laws] for the entire [Yangon] Region, only for my township,” said Daw Sandar Min.

She said proposals will be made to solve Yangon’s congestion problems, as well as other problems affecting Yangon residents.

“The most widely felt problems of Yangon residents, such as traffic congestion, must be resolved. Cars were approved for import into Yangon before any proper long-term consideration of the implications the influx of vehicles would have on the city’s congestion. As such, the side-effects of the mass rollout of new vehicles onto Yangon’s streets are not a problem that can be solved immediately. A plan must be drawn up. Various groups must be consulted in order to do so, and discussions must be held. But this problem won’t likely be fixed right away,” said Daw Sandar Min.

The second general meeting of the Yangon Regional Hluttaw, which was convened on 2 February, was chaired by Yangon Region Hluttaw speaker U Tin Oo of the NLD. —Myitsyllu News Agency

Fire victims receive outpouring of public support

MEMBERS of the public have been donating cash and goods for fire victims of Namsam, Shan State, and Labutta, Ayeyawady Region, through the National Natural Disaster Management Committee.

The committee under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement received K115,000 donated by U Yan Naing Tun, the deputy permanent secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, and Daw Ohnmar Hlaing, as well as 30,000 donated by U Kyaw Thu Hein and Daw Su Wai Nwe, yesterday.

Likewise, the Yangon Region Relief and Resettlement Department accepted K100,000 each for Namsam and Labutta fire victims from U Aung Khin and family of Hlaingthaya Township; K30,000 and two bags of clothes from U Tun Aung and Daw Khin Mar Win of Insein Township; and other gifts of cash and goods from other donors.

The Kachin State Relief and Resettlement Department also received K450,000 and clothes worth K100,000 from members of the public. The National Natural Disaster Management Committee reportedly received K30,035,000 (US$23,837) in donations for fire victims between 5 and 8 February. —Myanmar News Agency

10-per cent penalty set for late business tax payments

BUSINESSES that miss deadlines for paying commercial taxes or for submitting tax returns will be fined 10 per cent of the initial value of their commercial taxes, according to the Mandalay Region Internal Revenue Department.

Those who fail to pay taxes within 10 days of the last day of the month and to file tax returns every three months will be charged a fine of 10 per cent of their commercial taxes, said the department’s deputy director, U Tin Htwe.

Commercial tax is an indirect tax paid by those who purchased the goods and services through their businesses, the deputy director said.

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President sends message to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

FOLLOWING is an official translation of the message sent by President U Thein Sein to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

1. On behalf of the State and the people, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to the first meeting the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, which emerged in line with the constitution.

2. Achievements in the past five years in conformity with the constitution has resulted in laying down good foundations, putting the country on the right track to flourishing democracy and development.

3. As peace and stability and the rule of law play a crucial role for democracy to flourish and for the country to develop, it is needed to maintain peace and stability and to keep on working together with the national people for the development of the country.

4. Being the highest legislative body which swear to protect and safeguard the constitution, and to abide by the country’s laws, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is obliged to lay emphasis upon doing things in conformity with the provisions enshrined in the constitution.

5. I wish MPs to enjoy good health and peace of mind, to be able to work for the country and the peoples with added momentum, to be able to promote the country’s peace and stability and the rule of law in line with the constitution and to be able to support the country’s goal of building a peaceful, modern and democratic nation.

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