Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves third amended election laws

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the third amended Pyi-thu. Amyotha, region/state Hluttaw elections bills yesterday.

At the 27th day session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw the parliament also invited MPs to enlist their names for discussion on the letter sent by the President concerning the appointment of the Union Auditor-General.

Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw clarified a draft on short-term five-year projects from the 2016-2017 to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. A total of 553 MPs attended the parliamentary meeting. — Myanmar News Agency

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives delegation of Centre of Constitutional Democracy

SPEAKER of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Mr David C Williams, Executive Director of the Centre of Constitutional Democracy, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Also present at the meeting at a hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw were U Mya Nyein, Vice Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and Chairman of Hluttaw Rights Committee, U Thein Win, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw, U Khet Htein Nan, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs, Ending Conflicts and Peace-making Process Committee, Banya Aung Moe, Chairman of Rural Area Development and Poverty Reduction, U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo, Chairman of the committee for non-governmental local and foreign organisations, U Khin Maung Htay, Member of Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting and other officials of the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.— Myanmar News Agency

MPF advises gold shops on crime prevention

THE Myanmar Police Force gave an educative talk on criminal law in connection with gold jewelry sales at the UM-FCCI yesterday.

Police Brig-Gen Win Naing advised gold shops to install two-layer glass which cannot be easily broken by thieves and most importantly to install alarms.

He also suggested thoroughly documenting transactions and sales with customers.

Finally, he advised shop owners to hire security from private companies, install CCTV cameras, display the phone numbers of police stations in visible places and inform the police if they see a suspicious stranger.

There are 701 registered gold and jewelry shops in Yangon Region.

In one case of burglary in June of last year 150 pairs of ear rings were stolen from a shop in Pazuntaung Township.—GNLM

Magway residents demand renovation of nationalist hero statues

MAGWAY residents have demanded that the statues of revolutionary peasant Saya San and labour leader Thakin Pho Hla Gyi at a local public park be renovated.

The “Saya San Rebellion” is a well-known anti-colonial movement in Myanmar. The two nationalist figures are remembered as heroes who led the masses against British imperialism from 1930 to 1932.

We want the authorities to renovate the park and maintain the statues for the good of the region,” the resident said.— Kyaw Swa

Affordable housing project in Haka 50 per cent complete

AS part of the plan to provide accommodation to disaster-hit residents living at temporary shelters in Hakha in Chin State, 200 affordable houses have been established along Haka-Phalan Road, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Oo said.

Under the guidelines of the President and the arrangements of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, the project has been tasked with building more than 400 homes in the area, half of which are ready to be used. The development scheme is being implemented by two construction companies—Myat Noe Thu and Tin Win Tun—under the supervision of the state government.

Deputy Commissioner of Haka District U Soe Naing and Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Oo have supervised the work, urging those companies to promote safety in the project area.

Landslides triggered by torrential monsoon rain continued to cause severe damage to Hakha, the capital of Chin State in June and July last year, leaving major roads and households destroyed.—District IPRD

A minor damage to the embankment occurred in Nyaungdon on 2 January. Officials are still monitoring it and carrying out the maintenance of the embankment. Photo: District IPRD

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint welcomes Mr David C Williams, Executive Director of the Centre of Constitutional Democracy, Indiana University Maurer School of Law. PHOTO: MNA

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