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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session covers land disputes, labour issues
[incl. labour laws+bill to exempt tax for bomile phone subscribers]

Nay Pyi Taw, 21 May — The Central Committee for Management of Land Use will cooperate with parliament to resolve some 8,000 outstanding land disputes, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on Thursday. The deputy minister was reporting on work done by the central committee to prevent losses to the public due to confiscation of land including farms. The central committee is handling all complaints on land confiscation including those sent to the president and the vice presidents, according to the deputy minister. The central committee looked into a total of 10,225 land disputes, with 119,328.678 acres of land returned to former owners as of 15 May, 2015 in addition to 224,403.079 acres released by ministries and private companies, the deputy minister said.

Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security Daw Win Maw Tun reported to the session on work of the ministry, saying the labour organizations law of 2014, the social security law of 2012, the minimum wage law, the employment and skills development law, and the law amending the leave and public holiday law (1951) have been enacted while four other laws have been repealed. She added that efforts are also being made to complete new bills for foreign workers and worksite health and safety. The ministry is also taking measures for state and private sector workers in special economic zones and industrial zones, as well as to protect Myanmar migrant workers in other countries.

A representative of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw submitted a motion during the session urging the combined houses of parliament and the union government to submit and approve a bill to exempt mobile phone subscribers from a 5 percent commercial tax on their prepaid phone charges in fiscal 2015-2016.

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