Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses Union Budget Bill for next FY

THE Public Accounts Committee and the joint bill committee of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discussed the Union Budget Bill for the next fiscal year.

In his discussion, U Maung Toe, Secretary of the Public Accounts Committee, made his suggestion to submit plans for the fulfilling of the budget deficiency when the Union budget is submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

He also suggested not including state-owned enterprises in the State’s budget and to submit their plans for running their business on a commercial base.

The joint bill committee suggested that permission for borrowing money be assigned to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw where the budget is insufficient in implementing national projects.

Regarding the banking and financial institutions bill which was sent back after disagreement of both parliaments on some parts of the bill, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved 12 points suggested by the Pyithu Hluttaw and four points by the Amyotha Hluttaw.

MEP steps up construction to complete Shweli-3 hydropower project in 2020

While generating power from Shweli-1 hydropower Plant which was completed in May 2009, the Ministry of Electric Power is stepping up its efforts to finish Shweli-3 hydropower project in 2020.

Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe oversaw the construction of the plant on the Shweli River in northern Shan State on 2 January.

The 520-MW Shweli-2 hydropower project and the 1050-MW Shweli-3 hydropower project are also under construction.

Upon completion, Shweli-3 Hydropower Project which will be installed with four 262.5 MW generators is expected to generate 3,400 KW hours.

The power produced by the Shweli-3 will be transported to the national grid.—Myanmar News Agency

MNDAA insurgents denounced in Laukkai

MNDAA insurgents were denounced at a ceremony held at 9 am yesterday in Laukkai, a Kokang Self-Administrative Zone in northern Shan State.

The ceremony was attended by indigenous people numbering about 8,000 from Laukkai and nearby villages.

The denunciation ceremony was organised by towns elders and the Kokang Youths Association.

An indigenous person tabled a motion to denounce the atrocities of MNDAA insurgents and two local people seconded the motion. The ceremony came to a close with the shouting of anti-MNDAA insurgent slogans.—MinLwin

Aircraft from India makes emergency Landing

An aircraft from Jet Airways flying from Mumbai, India, to Bangkok, Thailand, had to make an emergency landing at 13:50 hours yesterday at Yangon International Airport as the oxygen system failed while flying over Myanmar territory. The flight had over 180 passengers on board.

“The aircraft made an emergency landing as it feared suffocation on the part of the passengers as the plane lacked oxygen,” said an official from the Department of Civil Aviation at Yangon Airport. The airline has not yet made contact with Yangon Airport, it has been learnt.—Zaw Gyi (Panita)