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## Pyithu Hluttaw holds 13<sup>th</sup>-day Meeting

Motion against formation of independent enquiry commission with one international person rejected by vote



Pyithu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

**T**HE 13<sup>th</sup>-day meeting of the eighth regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw was held yesterday morning, where a motion against Announcement 3/2018 of the Office of the President to form an Independent Commission of Enquiry with three members, including an international person, as part of the national initiative to address reconciliation, peace, stability and development in Rakhine, was voted down.

Earlier in the meeting, the approval of the Hluttaw on adding, transferring and removal of the Pyithu Hluttaw committee members was obtained, questions raised and answered. After the debate and vote on the motion

against Announcement 3/2018 was conducted, an announcement on the bill amending the Television and Broadcasting Law was made.

Addition, transfer and removal of committee members

The Hluttaw approved the adding of U Sai Win Aye @ U Sai Tun Aye of Mongshu constituency, U Lu Htae Han @ U Aung Shwe of Laukkai constituency, U Soe Htay of Kawkaeik constituency, U Sai Aung Kyaw of Kehsi constituency, Dr. Daw Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency, U Mya Sein of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) constituency, U Aung Kyi Thein of Chaungzon constituency, U Win Min of Hlinethaya constituency and U Nay Kyaw of Dagon

Myothit (East) constituency as committee members, transfer of U Sai Pho Myat of Muse constituency to the Citizens Fundamental Rights Committee, and the removal of U Tin Htwe of Waw constituency from Citizens Fundamental Rights Committee, as he will be assigned another duty.

**Question and answer session**

Next, in the question and answer session, a question by U Maung Maung of Htigyaing constituency on expanding and transferring Htigyaing Myoma market in Htigyaing Township was answered by Deputy Minister of Commerce U Aung Htoo.

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## Union Minister for Office of the State Counsellor participates in 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Future of Asia in Japan

A Myanmar delegation led by U Kyaw Tint Swe, the Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor attended the 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Future of Asia in Japan yesterday.

As the bilateral components, the Union Minister had met with His Excellency Mr Taro Kono, Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Yoshihide Suga, Chief Cabinet Secretary, H.E. Mr Hiroshige Seko, Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry and Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of Nippon

Foundation.

During the courtesy calls, matters related to the progress of Myanmar's peace process, Myanmar's democratization process, the latest developments in Rakhine State, and Myanmar Government's in Rakhine State, particularly signing of the MoU between the Government of Myanmar, UNDP and UNHCR as well as announcement of formation of an Independent Commission on Enquiry were discussed.

The delegation departed for Japan from Yangon International Airport on 10 June.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe shakes hands with Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Taro Kono in Japan. PHOTO: MNA

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A question by U Min Kyi of Thandwe constituency on the designation of Ngapali dam area was answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw. Another question by Dr. Than Aung Soe of Minhla constituency on the export of live cattle and buffaloes was also answered by the deputy minister for agriculture, livestock and irrigation.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw responded to questions posed by U Tin Ko Ko Oo @ U A Tut of Bilin constituency, Daw Wint War Tun of Shar Tau constituency and U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin constituency.

## Motion against Office of the President announcement 3/2018

Later, 21 Hluttaw representatives discussed the urgent and important motion by U Sai Kyaw Moe of Mongpan constituency to deliberate/reconsider the formation of an Independent Commission of Enquiry with three members, including an international personal as part of the government's national initiative to address reconciliation, peace, stability and development in Rakhine. In consideration of the sov-

ereignty of the nation, trust and respect, the honour of the people of the country, the urgent and important motion instead urges the union government to decide on formation the commission of enquiry with only local experts.

In his discussion, U Ba Shein of Kyaukpyu constituency spoke about considering this as an internal affair of the country and to handle it as an internal affair. As the necessary steps were already being taken by the commission led by Vice President U Myint Swe, the commission of enquiry included in the Office of the President announcement 3/2018 shouldn't be formed. He added that if the commission is to be formed due to necessity, it should be formed with local experts.

U Thaug Aye of Pyawbwe constituency supported the motion and commented that countries around the world are protecting their territory, their people, their government and their sovereignty. Non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty are the duties that every citizen has to uphold and this is clearly stated in the Constitution. If the Rakhine issue is handled, we should be aware of the aim of the extremist terrorist groups to



Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw. PHOTO: MNA

obtain a specific land for a specific people, he said. Formation of the enquiry commission is similar to the aim of sending the government, the Tatmadaw and security forces to UN Security Council and ICC (International Criminal Court) taking fake news into consideration, he added. To protect the national sovereignty and the national interest, an enquiry commission with an international personal shouldn't be formed.

Similarly, U Aung Thaug Shwe of Buthidaung constituency, U Hla Htay Win of Zeyathiri constituency, Tatmadaw representative Col. Khin Maung Cho, Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency, U Oo Hla Saw of Mrauk U constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin constituency,

Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Min Thaw Aye, U Tin Htwe of Waw constituency, U Aung Kyaw Zan of Pauktaw constituency, Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung, U Lwin Ko Latt of Thanlyin constituency, Tatmadaw representative Col. Myint Cho, Daw Khin Saw Wai of Rathedaung constituency, Daw Nan Htwe Thu of Pasawng constituency, Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Win, Dr Daw Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency, Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Win Ko, U Tin Tun Naing of Seikkyi-Khanaungto constituency and Dr. U Lin Lin Kyaw of Myittha constituency discussed the motion.

In his discussion on the motion, Deputy Minister for Ministry of State Counsellor's Office U Khin Maung Tin said to counter the suspicion and disbelief of the international community, it is important to respond with an aim of achieving a trustworthy situation that is acceptable by all that is within the frame of sovereignty of the country and international legal response.

All the Hluttaw representatives are aware of growing influence of non-governmental organisations in the international balance of power.

At a time when many Security Council members are putting

pressure, when attempts are made to open a case in International Criminal Court-ICC, when human rights organisations are increasing accusation against Myanmar, all need to understand the extent to which the dangerous situation can be escalated. As all possible outcomes were carefully considered and the best path is selected, the motion to form the commission only with local experts should not be approved, said the Deputy Minister.

## USai Kyaw Moe than submitted his wish to approve the motion.

The motion was put to the vote, and rejected by 251 against, 138 for, with 3 abstention. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the motion is turned down as the majority voted against it.

## Bill amending the Television and Broadcasting Law

Following this, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the receipt of the bill amending the Television and Broadcasting Law without amendment from Amyotha Hluttaw and to proceed further on it.

2<sup>nd</sup> Pyithu Hluttaw 8<sup>th</sup> regular session's 14<sup>th</sup>-day meeting is then announced to be held on 13 June. — Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

# 13<sup>th</sup>-day meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw's 8<sup>th</sup> regular session held

By Aung Ye Thwin  
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session held the 13<sup>th</sup>-day meeting yesterday morning at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall, where a bill to amend the television and video law was approved.

At the meeting, asterisked questions were asked and answered, a bill approved and a report read.

## Questions raised, answers given

U Kyaw Ni Naing of Shan State Constituency (11) posed a question on the plan to construct a new Yanlonkyaing-Laukkai-Mantungpa-Taukshwe-Kunlong road in Shan State, Kokant Self-administered Zone, to which Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut replied

that the road was 47 miles and 6 furlong long and the Yanlonkyaing-Laukkai was being upgraded to an asphalt road by the Ministry of Construction. As for constructing a new Yanlonkyaing-Laukkai-Mantungpa-Taukshwe-Kunlong road, the Yanlonkyaing-Laukkai-Mantungpa-Taukshwe road section will be completed in the first six months of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and the remaining Taukshwe-Kunlong road section, a 5-mile-long earth road section, will be constructed with the union fund in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The 10-mile-long earth road section is being proposed to be constructed with the Shan State government fund, said the deputy minister.

U Baw Rae Soe Wai of Kayah State constituency (3) then asked if there was a plan to pay a one-time lump-sum pen-



Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut. PHOTO: MNA

sion payment to elderly pensioners who had reached the age of 70. Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win said pensioners can get a certain amount of lump-sum pension payment in certain situations, but this would affect the long-term regular pension pay-



Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win. PHOTO: MNA

ment, which will in turn affect their livelihood. Furthermore, when the government adjusts and raises salaries and pensions to cover the cost of living, those who had exchanged a portion of their pension for a lump-sum payment earlier will be entitled to a raise in the remaining por-

tion of their pension, which will not be equal to the raise in the full portion. The government can pay regular pension in the long run but giving a lump-sum pension at the moment would significantly raise the expenditure.

As of 31 March 2018, the country has 938,511 pensioners, and the state is using Ks742 billion for pension, gratuities and other payments. The Ministry of Planning and Finance had conducted studies on providing lump-sum pension payment and found that it can only do this when the financial status of the State has improved. As such, it could not change the pension payment at the moment, and it has no plan to pay a one-time lump-sum pension payment to elderly pensioners who had reached the age of 70.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Thailand Ambassador Mr. Jukr Boon-Long in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Thai Ambassador to Myanmar

SPEAKER of Pyithu Hluttaw U T Khun Myat received the Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr. Jukr Boon-Long at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting matters relating to promoting friendship and cooperation between the governments, parliaments and peoples of the two countries, economy and investment, banking and SMEs (small and medi-

um enterprises) development, cooperating for the development of travel sector; and labour rights of Myanmar workers in Thailand were openly discussed and views exchanged. —Myanmar News Agency ■

## Thura U Shwe Mann receives Thailand Ambassador

Chairman of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Thura U Shwe Mann received Thailand Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jukr Boon-Long at the Hluttaw

Building (I-11) at 3 p.m. in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on legislation, bilateral friendship and cooperation. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Thura U Shwe Mann meets with Thailand Ambassador Mr. Jukr Boon-Long in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Second News Writing Course opened in Nay Pyi Taw

NEWS Writing Course No. (2) was opened at the Assembly Hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 am on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Information Minister U Aung Hla Tun said that in a democratic country the people elect the government and pay taxes as their contributions towards the state funding so they have the right to know how the government runs their country and how the money they contributed is allocated and spent.

"The organizations and departments which are operated with public funding, and private or public business companies which are providing public services have the responsibility to

disclose the information the people would like to know," he said.

"The organizations, departments and business companies which have the responsibility to disclose information to the public have to form information teams to systematically handle information disclosure," he added.

He said this course was specially designed to provide the participants with all necessary knowledge and basic skills required in carrying out systematic information disclosure.

A total of 22 trainees from various ministries and the Office of Union Election Commission are taking part in the course that will last from June 11 to 15. — Myanmar News Agency ■



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the News Writing Course No. (2) in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

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U Tun Tun Oo of Mandalay region constituency (2) on the other hand asked if the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) and the Ministry of Planning and Finance had any plan against cyber attack, data and information leakage of the mobile financial service systems that are rapidly developing so that the public can use them safely and securely.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win replied that mobile financial service providers are required to report regularly to the CBM, and action was being taken against mobile financial service providers who failed to follow regulations, instructions and procedures made by the CBM. If there is a requirement to amend or issue new regulations, instructions and procedures, the CBM will do it in a timely manner, replied the deputy minister.

Similarly, questions raised by U Sai San Aung of Shan State constituency (12), U Saw Sein Tun of Kayah State constituency (4) and U Whey Tin of Chin State

constituency (11) were replied by Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut.

### Bill amending Myanmar Red Cross Society Law

The Pyithu Hluttaw had confirmed and sent back with amendments the bill amending the Myanmar Red Cross Society Law earlier, sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw. After the question and answer session, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced the approval of the Hluttaw on the amendments made by the Pyithu Hluttaw on this bill after obtaining the endorsement of the Amyotha Hluttaw.

### Fourth bill amending the Anti-Corruption Law

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw about the Pyithu Hluttaw sending back with amendments the fourth bill amending the Anti-Corruption Law, which was earlier confirmed and sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw. The Amyotha Hluttaw speaker requested the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss

the amendments to enrol their names.

### Approval of bill amending television, video law

Later, Amyotha Hluttaw speaker announced the approval of the Hluttaw on the bill amending the television and video law, approved and sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw, after obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw.

### Bill committee report on Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill

Amyotha Hluttaw bill committee member U Aung Kyi Nyunt then read the committee's report on Myanmar dental and oral medical council bill that was approved and sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw, so that the Amyotha Hluttaw could discuss it.

Following this, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker requested the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill to enrol their names. The 14<sup>th</sup>-day meeting of the second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session will be held on 13 June. ■