

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 8<sup>th</sup> regular session holds ninth-day meeting

AT the ninth-day meeting of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's eighth regular session held yesterday morning, the Hluttaw made a decision on the second amendment of the Public Servant Bill and Explosive Material Bill, and the Hluttaw representatives discussed the Revenue Appellate Tribunal Bill.

Hluttaw decision on two bills

At the meeting, based on the bill committee's remarks, the decision of the Hluttaw on the second amendment of the Public Servant Bill, sent back with remarks from the President, and the Explosive Material Bill were obtained section by section, and the approval of the Hluttaw was announced.

Discussion on Revenue Appellate Tribunal Bill

Next, the Revenue Appellate Tribunal Bill, sent by the union government, was dis-



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

cussed by the Hluttaw representatives.

Dr. Khun Win Thaug of Kachin State constituency (11) discussed changing the name of the bill and U Myo Win of Mon State constituency (8) discussed setting the term of the tribunal to three years instead of five. The

bill was also discussed by U Soe Thein @ U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region constituency (10).

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker said the discussion on the bill included amendments and additions to the bills, and it would be more appropriate for the joint bill committee, and if

necessary, joint public accounts committee, relevant union-level organisations and the Hluttaw representatives to coordinate and discuss to obtain better amendments.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker announced that if necessary, the bill committee would

explain it further and the approval by section will be conducted in the forthcoming Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting.

Discussion on National Education Policy Commission report

Later, a report on the work conducted by the National Education Policy Commission during the six-month period (2017 October to 2018 April) was discussed by Hluttaw representatives Dr. Thet Thet Khaing of Dagon constituency, Dr Hla Moe of Aungmyay Tharzan constituency, U Kyaw Naing of Yangon Region constituency (12), Dr. Than Aung Soe of Minhla constituency, Dr. Than Win of Mandalay Region constituency (1), U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency, U Sein Han of Kanma constituency, U Tin Tun Naing of Seikkyi Khanaungto constituency and Dr. Tin Tin Win of Bago Region constituency (5).—Myo Myint, Hmwe Kyu Zin (MNA) ■

## Second Kayah State Hluttaw's 10<sup>th</sup> regular session holds second-day meeting

THE second Kayah State Hluttaw's 10<sup>th</sup> regular session's second-day meeting was held yesterday morning at the Kayah State Hluttaw meeting hall. 95 per cent of the State Hluttaw representatives, including 14 state Hluttaw representatives, four Tatmadaw representatives, a Bama ethnic national representative, totalling 19 Hluttaw representatives attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the State Hluttaw Speaker U Hla Htwe put on record the matter of a Tatmadaw representative leave request made for the day's meeting after the Hluttaw approved it.

In the following question-and-answer session, the Hluttaw representatives raised questions on the plan against foreigners travelling illegally in Kayah State and the action planned against officials manning the inspection gates through which illegal teakwood is being transported.

State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col. Myint Wai replied to the questions. The

questions on the rental fees of Skat Dumper bought by the state government in 2014 and a plan to construct Dawnoku-Dawtama Biluchuang River crossing bridge were answered by State Minister for Road, Communication and Electricity U Khin Maung Phyu. The questions on the state government's action over the demonstration against land confiscation held in Loikaw, Kayah State, on 23 April 2018, and the status of the goats, bought and raised by Kayah State fund, and the place from where the goats were purchased was answered by State Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Boss Ko.

A question on the plan to employ an additional specialist in Loikaw People's Hospital was answered by State Minister for Development and Social Affairs Dr. Aung Kyaw Htay. A question on the expenditures incurred under the state government rural development account heading was answered by State Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U

Teerei on behalf of the State Minister for Planning and Finance.

Next, the Kayah State budget was discussed by six Hluttaw representatives. Hluttaw representative U Aung Naing Oo of Meisei constituency (1) requested the discussion to be continued on the third-day meeting and State Hluttaw Speaker postponed the discussion to 15 June.

Later, the Hluttaw approved the appointment of Tatmadaw representative Maj. Myo Min Htat in place of Maj. Nay Htun, who has been transferred to the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee.

The assigning of Tatmadaw representative Capt. Zaw Min Tun as an additional member to the legal study and advisory committee due to a requirement was submitted and approved by the state Hluttaw.

A legal study youth group with 37 persons visited the Hluttaw on a study tour, while the Hluttaw was in session.—Kayah State IPRD ■

## Writer apologises for false information in UEC article

IN the 17 May 2018 edition of the *Bullet News Journal* (Vol: 2 – No: 44), an article on page 15 with the title “Predictions for the 2018 By-elections, *Bullet Hla Swe*” written by U Hla Swe contained false information concerning the Union Election Commission (UEC).

U Hla Swe has given false information in the aforementioned article, such as stating that “the budget proposal of Ks1,600 million for the 2018 by-elections seemed to have an excess proposal for Ks616 million included in it”; “the Tatmadaw objected to an NLD member's inclusion in the UEC because the candidate did not have the necessary

skills”; and “the UEC did not form an Election Dispute Tribunal to review a complaint letter submitted by the USDP and other 13 political parties”.

The UEC called in U Hla Swe at the UEC office building yesterday. At the meeting, U Hla Swe apologised for the false information in his article.

An official apology from U Hla Swe will be included on page 15 of the 14 June 2018 (Thursday) edition of the *Bullet News Journal* as well.

U Hla Swe also guaranteed that he will not include false information concerning the UEC in the future.—Myanmar News Agency ■