

Pyithu Hluttaw

MPs discusses appointing female admins, speeding vehicles, one stop services

IN yesterday's seventh-day meeting of the 9th regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw, the Speaker announced that the Pyithu Hluttaw will put on record and observe the motion tabled by U Tin Ko Ko Oo (a) U Athut of Bilin constituency concerning the upgrading and implementation of One Stop Shops and One Stop Services for supporting the implementation of the democratic reforms and strengthening trust between the people and the government by providing effective services from government departments.

Appointing female administrators in government departments

During the meeting, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu replied to a question raised by U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency asking whether there are plans to appoint female administrators in township, district, state and regional level general administration departments un-



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

der the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Deputy Minister replied that female staff will receive their due promotions and benefits in line with the National Civil Servant Law and regulations and thus it is possible for current female staff to eventually be promoted to an administrator position.

Effective measures against speeding, accidents on highways

U Maung Maung Oo of In-

sein constituency raised a question asking what measures are taken to identify, arrest and act against vehicles driving past the speeding limit on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

The Deputy Minister replied that they raise awareness on road safety by publishing information in state newspapers and broadcasting them on SkyNet Up To Date programs. He said the highway police force use modern red flax (radar system)

equipment to capture images of vehicles going past the 100 km/hr speed limit.

The images are shared via the Viber communication system to the Highway Preservation and Management Group at toll gates and mini toll gates, the highway police force, the Fire Services Department (Highway), and the respective administrative bodies in wards and villages, so that they may take appropriate legal action against the perpetrators. According to Section 58-A of the Motor Vehicle Law, a maximum prison sentence of one month, a penalty of Ks50,000, or both, can be charged against perpetrators, explained the Deputy Minister.

The National Road Safety Council led by Vice President U Henry Van Thio supervises affiliated state and regional organizations and committees to effectively act against vehicles driving past the speed limit. Penalties fined from the cases are added into the Union Budget, said the Deputy Minister.

The Deputy Minister also replied to questions raised by U Sai Ngaung Sai Hein of Mauk-mai constituency, Daw Aye Aye Mu (a) Daw Shar Mee of Kalay constituency, Dr. U Aung Naing of Thabeikkyin constituency and Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency.

One Stop Services for the public

U Tin Ko Ko Oo (a) U Athut of Bilin constituency tabled a motion for the upgrading and implementation of One Stop Shops and One Stop Services by government departments, and the motion was discussed by six Hluttaw representatives.

Dr. Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency said the one stop shops opened in township administration offices will be more effective if improvements and upgrades were made according to the four objectives laid down, but added that the objectives did not specify clear policies and guidelines.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

MPs suggest additional amendments to 2017 land confiscation law

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session held its seventh-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. At the meeting, asterisk-marked questions were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin, a bill sent back with amendments from the Pyithu Hluttaw was submitted and two other bills were discussed.

Q&A session

U Sai San Aung of Shan State constituency 12 raised a question as to whether a bridge over the Thanlyin River will be constructed to directly connect Hopong Township in the Wa Self-Administered Division and Lashio in Shan State. Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin replied there are no plans for constructing a new bridge in the area as there are already two existing bridges over the Thanlyin River and a new one is being built with the People Republic of China's facilitation. Similarly, U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State constituency 4 raised a question as to whether the Konthedan-Bandula wooden bridge in MraukU Township, Ra-



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

khine State will be upgraded to a concrete bridge with steel beams. The Deputy Minister replied the costs for the upgrade has been included in the Rakhine State government's budget proposal for fiscal year 2019-2020, and further action will be considered depending on whether the funds for the upgrade are allotted or not.

The Deputy Minister also replied to a question raised by Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State constituency 8.

Speaker notifies bill for discussion

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker

Mahn Win Khaing Than notified the assembly that the Pyithu Hluttaw has sent back Myanmar Tourism Bill, with amendments, and called for MPs interested in discussing the bill to enroll their names.

MPs discuss second bill amending Myanmar Pearl Law

U Han Win Thein of Taninthayi Region constituency 4 suggested amendments for the Second Bill Amending the Myanmar Pearl Law. His suggestions included (1) adding the line 'providing support to regional

development operations in the respective state and region', (2) amending a line to read 'specifying oyster diving areas with official announcements after attaining confirmations and remarks from the regional and state governments and the Union Government', (3) adding the line 'forming a committee with respective regional representatives, led by a Managing Director, for reviewing and specifying the size of the area for oyster diving spots', (4) and amending a line to read 'the ministry, after obtaining the remarks from the respective regional or state government and the confirmation from the Union Government, can alter or invalidate the entire area or a section of an oyster diving spot.' U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region constituency 10 also discussed the bill.

MPs discuss 2017 Land Confiscation Bill

Hluttaw representatives then discussed a motion tabled by U Ba Myo Thein of Yangon Region constituency 5, who is also Chairperson of the Committee for Farmers' Affairs, concerning

the 2017 Land Confiscation Bill.

U Kyi Win of Ayeyawady Region constituency 12 said Chapter 13, Section 63 of the bill states that entities that obstruct or impede any official work of organizations or individuals will be sentenced to a maximum of 3 years in prison and a fine of Ks500,000 maximum. He suggested adding that physical assault and criminal acts be included in the definition. He suggested adhering to Penal Law 353, which sets the maximum prison sentence to 2 years, and thus amending the prison sentence in the bill from 3 years to 2 years.

U Aung Myo of Sagaing Region constituency 2 said the bill includes forming a field inspection group with appropriate members from the respective state and regional government but does not specify that the group write or submit reports of their operations to any superior authority. He suggested adding that the field inspection group shall submit their reports to their respective state and regional government or the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received outgoing Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Daniel Zonshine at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views and friendly

discussed matters related to Israel-Myanmar bilateral friendship, cooperation between the two Hluttaws, people to people cooperation and development of human resource, agricultural and technical sectors. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat shakes hands with Israeli Ambassador Mr. Daniel Zonshine in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Attorney-General receives outgoing Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo received outgoing Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Peter Lysholt

Hansen at the Office of the Union Attorney-General in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, they cordially discussed mat-

ters related to implementation process of MoU signed by Embassy of Denmark and Office of the Union Attorney-General and cooperation to increase the standard of legislation sector.

They also cordially discussed matters related to conducting legislation trainings, procedures which can solve the investment problems and cooperation in the rule of law activities. Present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, Permanent Secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin and Director-General Dr Thida Oo. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo meets with Denmark Ambassador Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Attorney-General's Office holds monsoon tree plantation campaign

OFFICE of the Union Attorney-General held a monsoon tree plantation ceremony in the compound of its office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, as a campaign of keeping the environment green.

Present at the event were Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, Permanent Secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin, Directors-General and staff.

Union Attorney-General

planted a sapling of Gantgaw (*Mesua ferrea*) and Deputy Attorney-General planted a sapling of Thabyay (*Eugenia*) while the other attendees planted 220 saplings of various trees including Ngu War, Ngu Cherry, Gantgaw, Sein Pan Gyi, Pynma, Swetaw and Tamarind.

The Union Attorney-General and party also observed the tree saplings planted in last year.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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He said there should be consideration for adhering to the democratic system and privatization in designing policies and guidelines.

The one stop services should be relevant to the respective region, cooperation should be strengthened between the people and staff and between individual staff members, providing workshops on simple and effective guidelines for relevant authorities and staff from ministry departments, placing the local anti-corruption commission office in the one stop shop for easy access, as well as choosing a suitable and readily accessible location for the one stop shop.

U Sai Ngaung Sai Hein of Maukmai constituency, U Nyan Lin of Shwepyitha constituency, U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency

and U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mon-gyan constituency further discussed the motion.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu explained that the One Stop Shop Establishing and Implementation Work Committee was founded on 20 May 2015 to provide government services to the public in one location, to promote public trust on government departments, and to provide checks and balances among head departments. The work committee was reformed on 23 August 2016.

One Stop Service is also available in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone for performing company registration procedures with nine different government departments in one location.

A One Stop Service is also available at the 105-mile trading zone in Muse Township for

performing trade license procedures with twelve different government departments in a single location.

The Deputy Minister said there are 94 One Stop Services currently being provided and the remaining 66 services will be gradually provided as the e-government system develops. He said it will take time for them to accomplish all of their set processes and to draft laws for the public one stop services, so therefore asked for the Hluttaw to put the motion on record.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker called for the resolution of the Hluttaw and after receiving it, announced that the Hluttaw has agreed to put the motion on record for observation.

The eight-day meeting of the 9th regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw will be held on 10 August.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

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He also suggested amending a description in the bill to read 'forming a State/Regional Land Confiscation Case Implementation Group and Resettling and Rehabilitating Implementation Group with respective department officials, landowners, representatives of local residents, ethnic representatives and experts.'

He also suggested adding what processes to follow, what information to report after gaining approval for the Land Confiscation Implementation Group to continue the take over the duties of the entity that submitted for the confiscation of land when the aforementioned entity and the landowners cannot reach an agreement. He also suggested adding that should the landowners and the entities confiscating the land have reached an agree-

ment, then the agreement contract should be included in their submission to the implementation group, and the group shall review whether the contract was signed with the consent and agreement of the landowner. U Aung Myo also suggested that the contract signed between the landowner and the entities confiscating the land should be sent to the respective state and regional government or to the Nay Pyi Taw Council, who will in turn appeal to the central committee so that the concerned department confiscating the land acquire the proper grants to the land. U Sai Wam Hlaing Kham of Shan State constituency 3 and U Htay Oo of Yangon Region constituency 2 also discussed the bill. The eighth-day meeting of the 9th regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held on 10 August.—Aung Ye Thwin ■