

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses legal protection for two Myanmar nationals accused of murder in Thailand and peace process



Representatives attending Monday's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Oct — The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session on Monday discussed human rights and legal protection for two Myanmar nationals accused of murdering two tourists in Thailand and the progress of the peace process in My-

anmar and international assistance for it.

Representative U Khin Maung Yi submitted the motion calling upon the speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to send a message to the speaker of the National Assembly of Thailand to provide human rights and legal protection for two Myanmar nationals accused of murdering two tourists on Koh Tao Island in Thailand and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session approved the motion.

As for the peace process, Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min said that it is difficult to predict whether success will be achieved or not as the peace process is delicate.

The government

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formed the international donors' organization with Norway, Britain, Australia, the European Union, the United Nations and the World Bank on 12 June 2012 in order to get international assistance for the peace process, he added.

In addition, the union minister said that the member countries has a policy to contribute financial assistance fully only when the nationwide ceasefire has been reached.

The office building of the MPC worth US\$ 1.2 million was offered by Japan while the EU has intended to spend 5 million euros on the peace process of Myanmar. UN Peace Building Fund provided 7 vehicles, two generators and communication equipment worth US\$ 40,4600 for the MPC, according to the union minister.

Nippon Foundation has provided 57,399 bags

of rice and medicines for 14 ethnic groups and the local people so far and negotiations are underway to donate basic food items worth US\$ 6.3 million to about 100,000 local people. Arrangements are being made to donate a medicated mosquito net and a solar lamp each to 17,552 households.

The union minister said that all the funds for the MPC came from aid and grant programs and no loan has been taken for the MPC.

The union minister said that challenges and difficulties in the peace process are a reality as the government has to negotiate with large armed groups and small armed groups at the same time adding that political and economic reforms being carried out simultaneously with the peace process will give strength to overcome the challenges and difficulties. —MNA

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