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Local authorities fail to address land confiscation issues: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's commission

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 Sept — Authorities are not doing enough to address land grab problems as recommended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, a representative who is a member of the investigation commission for land confiscation issues reported on her findings to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session on Monday.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw commission recommended that land owners should be compensated for land confiscated for expansion of regiments at prevailing prices, that land should be confiscated just as much as the expansion of regiments and units required, that confiscated land should not be rented instead of returning to land owners and the confiscated land that does not share borders with regiment compounds should be returned to land owners.

It also recommended that land owners should be compensated for land confiscated for urbanization and industrial zones at prevailing prices and that confiscated land that is no longer needed as the intended projects have been cancelled should be returned to land owners.

The representative said that authorities are required to tackle the problem as recommended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, but the problems persist as the recommendations approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw are not implemented by local authorities.

The commission forwarded 2,689 complaints over land confiscation to the Ministry of Defence and 6,559 complaints to region/ state governments. Among them 583 complaints about the Ministry of Defence and 299 complaints about state/ region government have been addressed so far, according to the representative.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session today approved the labour dispute resolution bill, the political parties registration amendment bill and the Myanmar architecture bill.

At today's session, U Ye Htut and Dr Than Aung assigned duties as Union Minister for Information and Union Minister for Health, took oath in the presence of the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. – MNA

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