

Motion to fight terrorism, to provide security in Rakhine approved

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THE second Pyithu Hluttaw's eighth regular session held its 15th day meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, debating a motion on fighting against terrorism in Rakhine in accordance with the Anti-Terrorism Law in attempts to prevent terrorist attacks in the state.

The motion submitted by U Thaung Aye of Pyawbwe Constituency has urged the government, in cooperation with international organizations, to crack down the ARSA terrorists who attacked Rakhine State in 2016 and 2017 and to prevent further terrorist attacks especially in Rakhine State as part of efforts for peace and stability, and the rule of law in the state.

Discussing the motion, Lt-Col Ye Min Oo, Tatmadaw Representative, said Myanmar's sovereignty is under threat from terrorists as the United Nations and other international organizations have made an attempt to intervene the internal affairs of Myanmar by citing groundless news and information.

The current situation in Rakhine State demanded special measures to systematically respond to alleged accusations in the state, to restore the rule of law and to prevent further terrorist attacks in the state, said Lt-Col Ye Min Oo.

"It is urgently required a national security strategy which can guarantee the security to the live and property of the people, the sustainable development which can bring about perpetuation of the national characteristics," said Lt-Col Ye Min Oo.

The Tatmadaw representative continued to say that it is required to review the Defence White Paper, which was released in 2015, in accordance with the constitution to be able to adopt a national security strategy as part of efforts for restoring the sovereignty which was violated in Rakhine State.

Afterwards, Daw Pyone Kathy Naing of Kalaw constituency discussed, "Terrorism makes a threat to national security based on humanitarianism and basic human rights.

"We understand that it is needed to safeguard the inter-



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

vention of great Powers by means of strategic diplomatic cooperation," said Daw Pyone Kathy Naing, "In order to maintain stability and sovereignty of the state, it is very important to tackle the root of the problem."

As for the small countries which are weak in military and economy, it is hard to resist the international influence, without taking legitimacy and the rule of law into consideration, she added.

"All can cooperate with the incumbent government in making efforts for the rule of law without doubt," said the lawmaker.

Regarding the motion, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papun constituency, U Aung Thaung

Shwe of Buthidaung constituency, U Hla Tun Kyaw of Maungdaw constituency, Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung constituency, Dr. Maung Thin of Meiktila constituency, Tatmataw representative Lieutenant Colonel Toe Lwin, Tatmataw representative Major Kyaw Min Han, Tatmataw representative Colonel Tun Than Ohn, U Aung Kyi Thein of Chaungzon constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency, U Oo Hla Saw of MyaukU constituency, U Myint Wai of Gwa constituency, Daw Zin Mar Aung of Yankin constituency, U Pe Than of Myaypon Constituency, Daw Ni Ni May Myint of Taungup constituency and U Bo Bo Oo of Sanchaung

constituency discussed it.

Then, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Thu answered that the government formed a Central Committee for the Implementation of Peace and Development in Rakhine State, which is led by the State Counsellor.

In order to achieve success in implementation of peace, stability and development, the four working committees namely Security, Peace and Stability and the Rule of Law Working Committee, Immigration and Citizenship Scrutinizing Working Committee, Settlement and Socio-economic Development Working Committee and Working Committee on Cooperation with UN Agencies and International Organizations have been formed.

The government is working together with international organizations to bring the terrorists who attacked Rakhine State to court while stepping up its efforts for development and restoring the rule of law in Rakhine State.

Finally, the motion was sought for approval by the Hluttaw. The parliament approved the motion. ■

Amyotha Hluttaw holds Q&A session, discusses bill

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A question-and-answer (Q&A) session on starred questions was held, and a bill was discussed, during the 15th-day meeting of the eighth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday morning.

Q&A session

In the question-and-answer session, U Bwe Khane of Chin State constituency (3) first posed a question on the plan to set up nature reserves across all nine townships of Chin State to preserve and protect wildlife. Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win replied that employing more staff (forest rangers), a requirement to expand and construct offices and conduct patrols, was difficult. It is not possible to set up nature reserves in all nine townships. However, plans are underway to set up small nature reserves, such as the 46.875-sq. mile Bwepa mountain area and the 13.104-sq. mile Kyirian mountain area between Haka and Thantlang townships,

as well as in other areas. Once these are completed, attempts will be made to designate more nature reserves, said the union minister.

Regarding plans to prioritise the promotion and transfer of public servants serving in remote and border areas, raised by U Sai San Aung of Shan State constituency (12), Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) Chairman Dr. Win Thein replied that a policy was in place to transfer public servants who had served a minimum one year and maximum two years in remote and border areas. Ministries have been informed that if public servants apply for an early transfer because of family and social problems, the management committee must decide on transferring them to a post closest to the one applied for, if the post applied for is not vacant, said the UCSB chairman.

Ministries and departments follow specified rules and regulations on promotion, which is based on the education level, expertise, years of service, as well as the availability of the position. However, if a relevant assessment board supports a certain



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

public servant for outstanding works, there are related rules and regulations for such cases, and the public servant will be promoted according to such rules and regulations, said the UCSB chairman.

Also, Dr. U Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency (6) asked whether there is a plan to provide information to develop the planting, production and trading of *sterculia versicolour* wall, a source of fibre and gum (locally called *saekalama*).

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied that it was of the highest value, in high demand and the market information about

it had been posted on the Ministry of Commerce's website. The state/region trade centres and officials are also providing information about it, said the deputy minister.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is also providing information on planting techniques, conducting demonstrations on plots and gum collection methods with skilled workers, as well as acquiring high quality seeds and saplings.

The ministry is also coordinating and cooperating with interested persons who want to plant it in their state/region and the state/region government, said the deputy minister.

Similarly, questions raised by U Saw Moe Myint @ Samuel of Kayin State constituency (1), Daw Nang Moe Moe Htwe of Kayin State constituency (4) and U Sai Tun Aung of Shan State constituency (2) were answered by Union Minister U Ohn Win and Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw.

Amendment to fourth bill amending the Anti-Corruption Law approved

Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than obtained the decision of the Hluttaw on the fourth bill amending the Anti-Corruption Law, sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendment. As the Hluttaw agreed to confirm the amendment, an announcement was made accordingly.

Discussion on Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill

Dr. Pyae Phyo of Ayeyawady Region constituency (7) then discussed the Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill.

The 16th-day meeting of the eighth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held on 18 June. ■