

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Ninth regular session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw commences

THE 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw began the first day of its ninth regular session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than addressed the assembly, noting that during the ninth regular session the members will primarily focus on discussing and approving the National Planning Bill and the Union Budget Bill for Fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Speaker said members of parliament should keep in mind the immediate and long-term benefits for the public, while avoiding unnecessary spending



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

of public funds when reviewing and approving plans proposed by the Union Government. He added that MPs need to consider whether the plans have relevance

to the current state of affairs, and to approve them on time when reviewing the budget phase in the implementation process.

The Speaker said MPs

should be mindful of the existing laws and bylaws when reviewing, in conjunction with set policies, the plans to fulfill the immediate requirements and long-term

development of the country and its people. He said MPs have to collaborate with officials from union-level departments and organizations in discussing the respective numbers in the plans related to them. He added that MPs should keep in mind the objectives of union-level departments and organizations, the all-round equal development of states and regions, and the emergence of opportunities for future generations.

The Speaker noted that within days the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will have been held for 30 months;

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## Pyithu Hluttaw

First-day meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyithu Hluttaw's 9<sup>th</sup> regular session held

The first-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning, where the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered a message of greeting, asterisk-marked questions were raised and answered and a bill was tabled.

At first, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said that during the ninth regular session, there were 23 bills to be discussed. On bills, four submitted during the eighth regular session and three more would be discussed and in the asterisk-marked question, 137 transferred from the eighth regular



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTO: MNA**

session to the ninth regular session, as well as 156 more would be raised.

Now is the time when special emphasis is placed on the Union Peace Conference-21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong. Therefore,

the State has set stages for the peace process and is implementing them vigorously, while with regard to national reconciliation work, our Hluttaw representatives are to cooperate and work together in conducting political

discussions through agreements based on proposals of the government, Hluttaw, Tatmadaw and ethnic armed organisations.

Before the start of the third session of the Union Peace Conference on 10 July, the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker and deputy speaker met with Pyithu Hluttaw committee chairmen and representatives from the two Hluttaws who are attending the conference and assigned duties to five groups to effectively conduct coordinated discussions. The groups were formed to include multi-party and multi-ethnic members, and our Hluttaw representatives were found to participate in the discussion

enthusiastically. Our Hluttaws are to participate in achieving eternal peace, said the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

Being a Hluttaw that reflects the voice of the people, Hluttaw representatives are required to perform their roles and legislative duties so that it becomes a legislative sector that the people depend on. The laws enacted by our Hluttaw need to improve the physical and mental safety and security of the people. Motions tabled in the Hluttaw need to reflect the voices of the people and questions raised are to indicate the thoughts of the people.

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## Amyotha Hluttaw

First-day meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Amyotha Hluttaw's 9<sup>th</sup> regular session held

THE ninth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw held its first-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw's meeting hall yesterday morning, where Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivered a message of greeting, asterisk-marked questions were answered and a bill sent back with amendments by the Pyithu Hluttaw was discussed.

In his message of greeting, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than said the term of the Hluttaw had reached over 2 years, close to two-and-a-half years, and the Hluttaw representatives had obtained a certain degree of experience. As such,

they were expected to serve the people better, said the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker.

## Asterisk-marked questions

U Myint Naing of Rakhine State constituency 5 posed a question on a plan to clear the silt and sand bars along the rivers and creeks and at the mouth of the rivers and creeks in Rakhine State. Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo replied that it is a massive undertaking to clear silt and sand bars along the rivers and creeks and at the mouth of the rivers and creeks in Rakhine State and depending on the importance of a river/creek, the

removal of silt and sand bars will be done based on the availability of funds.

Replying to a question raised by Dr. Khin Ma Gyi of Kachin State constituency 8 on increasing the number of Putao-Myitkyina flights during the summer holidays for the convenience of teachers serving in difficult places such as Khaunglanphu, Nagmon, Machanbaw and Putao townships, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo said Myanmar National Airlines of the Ministry of Transport and Communications is increasing the number of round-trip flights from four times to five times a week starting 5



U Myint Naing of Rakhine State constituency 5. **PHOTO: MNA**

June 2018.

Myanmar National Airlines is an airline working with its own funds outside of government funding and operates regular flights to Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay international air-

ports and 23 other local airports and it can only increase the number of Myitkyina-Putao round-trip flights when there is an increase in demand.

If the relevant ministry informs and coordinates with the Ministry of Transport and Communications about its requirements, special flights and special ticket fares can be arranged, said the deputy minister.

Next, Dr. Khin Maung Win of Taninthayi Region constituency 11 asked whether there was any plan to provide electricity at a reasonable price to Kawthoung Township, Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Region.

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## Health care and food provided for people in Kayin State flood relief camps

TOWNSHIP-wise flood relief camps were opened in Kayin State for people affected by flooding and inundation following continuous heavy rain. People in the camps were provided with health care and food assistance, according to the state government.

Eight camps opened in Hpa-an were occupied by

818 households. Meanwhile, 12 camps in Hlaingbwe Township were occupied by 321 households, two camps in Kawkareik Township by 65 households, two camps in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township by 122 households and nine camps in Myawady Township by 448 households. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Kayin State government staff visit people in relief camps affected by flooding in the state. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing replied that the Pachan Kawthoung region electricity production and distribution public company had won the tender to provide electricity 24 hours a day at a reasonable price in Kawthoung Township and arrangements are underway to do this with ten 630KVA diesel generators.

In addition to this, to reduce the price of electricity, a memorandum of understanding was signed between

Taninthayi Region government and Royal Eagle Myanmar Development Group Co. Ltd. on 2 February 2018 to conduct a preliminary feasibility study on implementing a medium-sized 30MW wind power electricity generating and distributing project atop a mountain near Kawthoung, said the deputy minister.

Similarly, questions raised by U Saw Chit Oo of Kayin State constituency 3 and U Aung Thein of Bago Region constituency 12 were answered by Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Myo

and Dr. Tun Naing.

Discussion of the Bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017)

Later, U Kyi Win of the Ayeyawady Region constituency 12 discussed the Bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017) sent by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.

The second-day meeting of the second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session will be continued today, it is learnt.—Aung Ye Thwin (MNA) ■

## Mandalay tax collection sees Ks24 billion

THE Mandalay Region gained Ks24 billion in tax, two months before the designated six-month budget period this year, according to the Department of Internal Revenue in Mandalay.

"The overall target amount was Ks33 billion over a six-month budget period. Now, Ks24 billion has been received over a four-month period. During the remaining two months, arrangements are being made to hit the financial target. Public awareness discussions on paying tax were held," said an official from the Department of Internal Revenue in Mandalay Region.

The overall amount of tax was based on the previous tax collections. Although the designated amount was Ks140 billion in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, over Ks160 billion had been received.

In the 2017-2018 FY, the targeted amount was Ks176 billion. However, Ks140 billion had been collected. —MDN ■

## Myanmar National Airlines to provide charter flight services

Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) is planning to provide Yangon-Gaya charter flight services, from September to April 2019, it is learnt.

A negotiation to operate the Yangon-Gaya charter flight services had been un-

derway since 2017, and arrangements are being made to provide Charter Flight Services for Popular Star, Nay Yaung La Yaung Thorn, Shwe Taw Win, Myat Bodhi, MTM Travels & Tours, Thit Shwesin, Tharkeenwe, Nilar Trav-

els & Tours, May Thu Maung Buddhagaya, Amazing Land Tours, and Aung Chan Thar Co. Ltd.

The Boeing 737-800 flight will begin operations in September, three times a week.—Shin Min ■

## Yangon's remote village gets access to fresh tube well water after nearly a century

LOCATED in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Region, Uyin Village now has access to fresh water through a 740-foot tube well, thanks to well-wishers, water experts and the government.

U Thein Myint, Assistant Director of Kyauktan Township Rural Development Department, said, "The village, with its 1,800 residents from

200 households, has access to fresh drinking water after nearly a century.

It has been said that the village had been under the sea for more than 100 years. It emerged as an island after sandbank formation and only saline groundwater was available in the village and nearby areas for nearly a century. Villagers mainly relied on

rainwater through reservoirs, but it was insufficient for their daily use because of the population growth."

Water experts tried to dig several tube wells with a depth of 400 or 500 feet in some parts of the village. Fortunately, technicians successfully found freshwater at a depth of 740 feet.

After laboratory testing,

the well water was found to be at PH level 8.46 and villagers can now use it as drinking water. The new tube well is situated within the compound of Myatshwegu, the village's monastery. Lucky Gold Shop and Golden Legend Co. provided funds for the construction of the tube well and related water facilities.—Pwint Thitsa ■



## Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets new officers of Anti-Narcotics Task Force



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets with Anti-Narcotics Task Force officers yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe met senior officers and 44 officers transferred to the Anti-Narcotics Task Force at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday afternoon. The union minister said that the new officers were specifi-

cally recruited from other police force branches in order to reorganise the Anti-Narcotics Task Force so that the task force can conduct its work and take action against those involved in drug-related cases, regardless of their status and stature.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo, senior police officers, transferred senior officers and officers, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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At the same time, Hluttaw representatives are to follow the laws and rules enacted by the Hluttaw and follow the ethics and regulations of the Hluttaw representatives. Only when the capability of the people's representatives is high can they serve for the benefit of the people, and Hluttaw representatives are urged to work towards increasing their capabilities, said the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker in his greeting speech.

### Informing the Hluttaw about trips and registration

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker then informed the Hluttaw and put on record the 13<sup>th</sup> Study Tour of the Legal Project in Japan conducted by Dr. U Aye Kyu of Labutta constituency from 1 to 14 July, study tour to the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by a Myanmar delegation led by U Phyo Zeya Thaw @ U Zeya Thaw of Zabuthiri constituency from 9 to 13 July 2018, study tour of the policy and work of the Netherlands on HIV prevention and reduction of risks for needle users by a Myanmar delegation led by Dr. Daw Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency from 20 to 27 July 2018 and a trip to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> International AIDS conference.

### Question and answer session

In the question and answer session, first, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency raised a question on the management, account and record system of licenced sellers of stamps and action taken against them for failure to follow set procedures, which was answered by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.

Next, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw responded to a question raised by Daw Nan Htwe Thu of Pasawng constituency about a plan on deploying tractors, powered tillers and combined harvesters in Pasawng Township.

Later, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied to a question regarding taxation on registration of deeds, paying registration fees and valuation of stamp fees posed by U Saw Thalay Saw of Shwegyin constituency.

Similarly, questions raised by Daw Aye Mya Mya Myo of Kyauktan constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin constituency and Dr. U Lin Lin Kyaw of Myittha constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

### Motion tabled

Following the question and answer session, U Sein Win of Maubin constituency tabled a motion urging the government to prevent the export of draught cattle and buffaloes before agricultural machineries can be fully utilised and to correctly support and resolve the matter. The motion was supported by a Hluttaw representative.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the agreement of the Hluttaw to discuss the motion after the Hluttaw voted 231 for, 104 against and four abstained from voting on the motion.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then announced that Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the motion should enroll their names.

### Receipt of rule and bill

This was then followed by the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announcing the receipt of the condominium rules, returned with amendments by the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill, and a further announcement was made for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to submit an amendment motion to enroll their names.

The second-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session will be held on 24 July, it is learnt.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

## President's Office announces a series of arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs given by the people

THE Office of the President issued Press Release No.6/2018 yesterday, making public the Home Affairs Ministry's arrests and seizures in fight against illicit drug trafficking between 27 June and 21 July.

The ministry made the arrests, acting on information sent to the Drug Abuse Reporting Department of the Office of the President from 27 June to 21 July.

The full text of the press release will be covered in the 25 July issue of the *Global New Light of Myanmar*. — GNLM

## LPDR Minister of Foreign Affairs and party arrive in Nay Pyi Taw



LPDR Foreign Minister Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith arrives at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A DELEGATION led by Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith arrived by air in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

The delegation led by the LPDR Minister of Foreign

Affairs was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Protocol Department Director General U Thant Sin, Deputy Director General U Aung Kyaw Oo, Laos Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Lying Sayaxang and officials. —MNA ■

## First field visit to Buthidaung, Maungtaung townships in Rakhine State, by Technical Working Group

TECHNICAL Working Group (TWG) visited some potential projects sites in Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships from 21 to 23 July 2018. It was the first field visit by TWG conducted before effective implementation of the MoU signed between Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population (MLIP), UNDP and UNHCR on 6 June 2018. The field visit was led by TWG, consisting of representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Rakhine State Government, UNDP and UNHCR.

During the field visit, TWG team went on site visits to the villages of Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships, namely Ka Kyet Kan Pyin, Tatyar, Zayditaung, Da Pyu Chaung, Inn Gyn Myaing, Nga Khu Ya, Naung Chaung, Shwe Yin Aye and met the local people.

The purpose of the mission is for the TWG to familiarise with the situation on the ground, including visiting some of the potential project sites of the region. The visit of the TWG team will be immediately followed by assessment teams from the Government of Myanmar, UNDP and UNHCR to the Village Tracts being considered.—MNA ■



# Press conference held in Loikaw over Bogyoke Aung San statue

A PRESS conference was held at the Kayah State government office meeting hall over the setting up of a statue of Bogyoke Aung San in Kandar Hay Wun Park, Loikaw, Kayah State. The press conference was attended by Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, State Hluttaw Speaker U Hla Htwe, deputy speaker, state government ministers, departmental officials, region-based civil society organisations and 25 reporters from 10 news media houses.

At first, Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho said three meetings were held at the Kayah State government office meeting hall on 3 February 2018, at the state hall on 30 April 2018 and at the Kayah State government office meeting hall on 20 June 2018 for setting up a bronze statue of Bogyoke Aung San in Kayah State, Loikaw, according



Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho. **PHOTO: STATE IPRD**

to the wishes of a majority of the people. Comments and opinions were taken at these meetings and the work continued, said the state chief minister. He added that the statue of Bogyoke Aung San was set up as there was no statue of Bogyoke Aung San in Kayah State and for future generations to emulate Bogyoke, the benefactor of 135 ethnic nationals in Myanmar, architect of

the country's independence, his union spirit and his selfless act for independence.

He added that, according to the Constitution, there only exists Kayah State. Kayah State came into existence in 1952 and Kayah State Day had been commemorated yearly for 66 years. Names should be used as described in the Constitution. Any word usage that disintegrates the Union and creates disunity among ethnic nationals should be avoided. Speaking and writing words that strengthen the establishment of a federal union are welcome. All need to be aware of maintaining the sovereignty. A demonstration, against the setting up of the Bogyoke Aung San statue, held on 3 July 2018 by the Karenni Students Union (UKSY) and Kayah State Students Union (KSSU) was handled compassionately according to Peaceful Assembly and Peace-

ful Procession Law, said the chief minister.

As UKSY and KSSU protested against the setting up of the Bogyoke Aung San equestrian statue by the Kayah State government, they were called for a meeting on 20 July 2018. However, UKSY and KSSU made one-sided accusations and left the meeting. The meeting continued with the remaining people where the public and civil society organisations willingly supported the setting up of the statue. The Bogyoke statue organising committee formed by the State government was disbanded and a people-based committee, based on the wisher of the people, and a committee formed with persons elected by the people will be formed and the state government will provide the necessary assistance.

A video clip of the meeting was shown, where there was

enthusiastic support on setting up the Bogyoke statue. Kayah State government secretary U Khin Maung Win then explained that the announcement issued by UKSY and KSSU was different from what the state government had discussed. Head of State Police Force Police Colonel Win Kyi explained the action taken over the demonstration event. Later, questions raised by the media were answered by the state chief minister, state Hluttaw speaker, state minister for development and social affairs, state minister for planning and finance and officials. The press conference concluded at 11.45am.

The press conference was attended by the state media, as well as Skynet, Eleven Media Group, DVB, Kandalayawadi Times, Democracy Today, Shwe Trigan, 7 Day, Karenni Times, etc.—U Sai Nyan Lin Htut, State IPRD ■

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marking the completion of the first half of the Hluttaw term; and, therefore, the role of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Deputy Speaker will be transferred to the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, as stated in the Constitution, making the ninth regular session unique in the assembly's history.

Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than added that MPs will have to assume more responsibilities than in previous sessions, so it is important to systematically organize the available time to complete the increased workload. He urged MPs to ensure the public fund is in line with the respective laws, bylaws, rules and regulations, as it is used for the benefit and development of the nation and its people.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced that the Hluttaw has put on record President U Win Myint and his delegation's state visit to Thailand, having received the invitation of Thailand's Prime Minister.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced the Hluttaw has also put on record executive orders from the President's Office appointing Dr. Mya Lay Sein as Deputy Minister for Health and Sports, and Colonel Hla Oo as Shan State Minister for Security and Border Affairs.

The Speaker further an-

nounced the Hluttaw has put on record executive orders from the President's Office on the expansion, renaming, reformation, and abolishment of townships, wards, village-tracts and villages in Kachin State, Mon State, and Bago Region.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win explained to the Hluttaw about the 2018-2019 National Planning Bill.

The Union Minister said the 2018-2019 National Planning Bill was drawn up to reduce current socio-economic challenges, to mitigate consequences from future socio-economic difficulties, to put in place prioritized operations and regional work with relevance to existing state of affairs, and to promote development of the private sector.

The Union Minister said the projected economic growth of Myanmar is 7.6 per cent and the projected gross domestic product-GDP growth will reach Ks 90,269.99 billion. The Per Capita GDP is projected at Ks 1,978,486, he said. The Union Minister said the gross private domestic investment (GPDI) is projected at Ks 8476.3 billion in the government sector; Ks 20,808.0 billion in exports; Ks 21,488.0 billion in imports; and Ks 42,296.0 billion in foreign trade.

Next, U Thein Lwin of Kachin State constituency 10, a member of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint-

Bill Committee, read and submitted to the Hluttaw the Revenue Appellate Tribunal Bill, which had been sent back with remarks from the President's Office. The Speaker announced that those MPs interested in discussing the bill could register their names.

Union Minister U Soe Win explained and submitted to the Hluttaw the Union Budget Bill. He said the GDP for fiscal year 2018-2019 is estimated to include 21.90 per cent from the agricultural sector; 37.27 per cent from the industrial sector; and 40.83 per cent from the service sector. Inflation is estimated to reach 5.91 per cent in FY 2018-2019, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister also said the Ministry of Commerce has projected trading US\$ 15.300 billion in exports, \$ 15.800 billion in imports; a total of \$ 31.100 billion in trade; and a trade deficit of \$ 500 million for FY 2018-2019. The Union Minister said the Central Bank of Myanmar, after taking into consideration the projected economic growth and inflation rate for FY 2017-2018, had worked to increase the monetary base by 16 per cent and the money supply by 23 per cent. As of March 2018, the monetary base has increased by 6 per cent and the money supply by 18 per cent, noted the Union Minister.

The Union Minister added that the projected budget deficit and GDP proportion for FY 2018-

2019 is 4.62 per cent, so, therefore, the Central Bank of Myanmar has calculated reducing 20 per cent of the budget deficit to reduce the Union budget deficit.

The Central Bank of Myanmar has taken into consideration foreign budget acquisitions and increased domestic loans to project the estimated growth of the monetary base by 11 per cent, and the overall money supply by 21 per cent in FY 2018-2019.

To reduce the deficit of states and regions, a subsidy of Ks 1.794 trillion has been proposed for FY 2018-2019, an increase of Ks 87 billion from the original subsidy, calculated with last year's six indexes.

Concerning the revenue allotment for states and regions, Ks 54.255 billion of tax collected from the government sector was divided according to the half-year budget framework. With tax from the private and cooperatives sector not included in the calculation, 15 per cent of tax from commercial tax, 15 per cent of specific goods tax, 5 per cent from personal income tax, and 2 per cent of tax from the stamp duty were divided, based on tax levied from states and regions. The total revenue allotted amounted to Ks 336.918 billion, while Ks 32.200 billion is assigned for the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Development Fund.

Next, U Nyan Win, Chairman of the Union Legal Supporting

Group, read and submitted the group's six-month progress report. U Nyan Win said that on 18 May 2018, they had formed the Project Drafting Executive Committee, Working Committee on Policies, Working Committee on Staff Affairs, Working Committee on Financial Administration, Working Committee on Marking Criminal Offences approved for Legal Support, Working Committee on Rules and Regulations, Working Committee on Verifying Poverty Claims in Requesting Legal Support, Working Committee on Raising Legal Awareness, and Working Committee on International Relations.

The President has received the Union Legal Supporting Group, led by Chairman U Nyan Win, at the Presidential Palace on 4 May 2018, and were instructed about becoming organized in developing strategies to aid the rule of law and the judicial sector.

The Speaker then said that interested MPs should include their names for discussing the report.

Also, the Speaker announced that the Hluttaw has approved the appointment of U Tin Htwe from Waw Constituency as a member of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission.

The second day of the ninth regular session of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will continue on 25 July.—Thura Zaw