Yangon authorities warn bus operators of new bus system against breaking rules

TWO days ahead of launching a new bus system, the Yangon Region Government promised swift action against those who violate the rules of the system, including overcharging.

At a press conference in Yangon yesterday, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein warned against breaking the rules, including taking bus fares higher than permitted.

“We will revoke the permission to operate in the system if drivers and conductors break the rules, including getting bus fares higher that the set rate, and those buses would be probably confiscated,” said the Chief Minister.

The new system, called the Yangon Bus Service (YBS), was formed to help reduce traffic jams that currently plague Yangon and to streamline the bus system, according to the Yangon Region Government.

The new system will launch Monday with 61 bus lines serving the city’s 5.2 million residents. New vehicles and a digital payment system will follow.

Bus lines currently plying routes will be abolished and replaced by new bus lines which are part of the system of public-owned bus lines in which the government will be partial stakeholders.

Vacant female teacher positions in Maungtaw filled with more than 500 male teachers

MORE than 500 male teachers have been posted to Maungtaw District, filling positions formerly held by female teachers, according to the Rakhine State Education Department yesterday.

The vacancies occurred after the department allowed female teachers to transfer to their hometowns as the townships in Maungtaw were not easily accessible.

Since then more than 280 male teachers have been posted to schools in Maungtaw Township and 253 to Buthidaung Township. All the teachers who were appointed are initially daily-waged. They will be appointed as permanent teachers after receiving teaching training and after a one-year probationary period, said U Aung Kyaw Tun, Rakhine State Education Department.

The education officer met with the newly-appointed teachers recently at Basic Education Primary School-1 in Maungtaw.

“I am delighted to teach children and to undertake the duty of a teacher who plays a role in shaping their future,” said U Aye Tun, who was recently appointed at the Basic Education Primary School in Tayin Village in Maungtaw Township.

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