
POLITICAL MONITOR NO. 10

PARLIAMENT FORMS COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSES MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS, INCLUDING RELEASE OF PRISONERS & RIGHT TO FORM ASSOCIATIONS

The Burmese Parliament began its sessions devoted to dealing with motions and questions on the morning of 9 March 2011, with the completion of the bulk of its organization of committees and appointment of officers and members. Both the Upper and Lower houses formed committees for scrutinizing the government's obligations and treaties. Four committees have now been formed in each house, each committee comprising 15 members. Other committees include the Bill Committee, the Public Accounts Committee and the Parliament Rights (Privilege) Committee.

After taking a recess on 8 March, parliament sessions resumed to discussions of motions and questions related to farmer's rights, the formation of associations, providing health services, and the release of all political prisoners and other areas were taken up in the Upper House and the Lower House. The National Democratic Force (NDF) party has submitted a number of motions and questions, including a motion to grant amnesty and free all political prisoners, said NDF leader Khin Maung Swe. Shan Nationalities Development Party (SNDP) MP Sai Hsaung Hsi has also submitted motions on farmland issues, to provide free medical service to low income people and establishing a simplified procedure in forming private associations and organizations. In the Upper House, discussions on communication issues, improvement of roads, education, health services and regional development were queries raised in the Upper House discussions.¹

MPs ENCOURAGED BY COMMITTEES

The composition of 8 permanent committees formed in the national legislatures in the past weeks has given opposition groups hope that they can play an effective role in the parliamentary system, according to sources. About one-third of the representatives selected to sit on each of the committees – 4 in both the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw – were not from the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), which has about 75% of all seats in Nay Pyi Taw. The relatively large number of non-USDP representatives assigned to each of the committees – which include the Bill Committee, Public Account Committee, Hluttaw Rights Committee and Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee – surprised many observers. The committees were formed by the speakers of the Hluttaws from 1 to 7 March. As permanent committees, they will work even while the Hluttaw sessions are in recess, said Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Myat Nyarna Soe, who is on the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee. "When there are no Hluttaw sessions, the four committees will be working on parliamentary issues. They are the active face of the legislature, while the president and ministers play a similar role for the executive," said the National Democratic Force (NDF) member. The speakers will decide when to call the next Hluttaw meeting based on the reports and advice of the 4 permanent committees.²

PYITHU HLUTTAW RIGHTS COMMITTEE FORMED

Under Pyithu Hluttaw Law Section 21 and 22 and Rules 33 and 54, a 15-member Hluttaw Rights Committee has been formed in the Pyithu Hluttaw. The Rights Committee is tasked with scrutinizing

¹Parliament to discuss prisoner's release, right to form associations -<http://www.mizzima.com/news/inside-burma/4975-parliament-to-discuss-prisoners-release-right-to-form-associations.html> (Mizzima) 8 March 2011

²MPs encouraged by committees -<http://www.mmtimes.com/2011/news/566/news55605.html> (Myanmar Times) 14 March 2011

cases concerning breaches of duties, powers and rights of the Hluttaw, a Hluttaw Committee or a Hluttaw representative. The members include:³

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Party</i>
1	U Nanda Kyawswar	Dagon Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
2	U Nelson (a) U Saung Si	Kyaukme Constituency	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
3	Daw Mi Myint Than	Ye Constituency	All Mon Region Democracy Party
4	Dr Than Win	North Okkalapa Constituency	National Democratic Force
5	U Saw Thein Aung	Hlaingbwe Constituency	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
6	U Aye Pe	Coco Island Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
7	Dr Soe Yin	Kamayut Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
8	U Hla Myint Oo	Pyinmana Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
9	U Min Swe	Daik U Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
10	U Thein Lwin	Chauk Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
11	Dr San Hlaing	Taungup Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
12	U Peik Htwe Kama	Kama Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
13	U Tin Maung Oo	Shwepyitha Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
14	U Myint Soe	Pyawbwe Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
15	Daw Nan Nun	Shadaw Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party

Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, U Nanda Kyawswar, will serve as the Committee Chairman, and U Hla Myint Oo, the current member of the Public Services Commission (PSC) and the USDP candidate for Pyinmana Constituency, will serve as Secretary.

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW RIGHTS COMMITTEE FORMED

Similarly, a 15-member Rights Committee has been created in the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House). The committee has similar tasks, including assessing bills submitted to the Hluttaw in detail and deciding if further discussions are warranted in the house. The members include:⁴

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Party</i>
1	U Mya Nyein	Yangon Region Constituency (7)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
2	U J Yawwu	Kachin State Constituency (12)	National Unity Party
3	U Bo Yel	Kayah State Constituency (3)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
4	U Saw Tawpale	Kayin State Constituency (7)	Kayin People's Party
5	U Hui Yein	Chin State Constituency (11)	Chin Progressive Party
6	U Naing Tun Ohn	Mon State Constituency (5)	All Mon Region Democracy Party
7	U Myat Ko	Sagaing Region Constituency (12)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
8	U Tin Maung Myint	Taninthayi Region Constituency (3)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
9	U Ye Myint	Bago Region Constituency (4)	Union Solidarity and Development Party

³ First Pyithu Hluttaw Regular Session continues for fourth day - 15-member Hluttaw rights committee formed - Hluttaw rights committee formed to scrutinize cases concerning breaches of duties, powers and rights of Hluttaw, Hluttaw committee or Hluttaw representative - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-05.pdf> (NLM) 5 March 2011 (p. 1, 6-7)

⁴ Amyotha Hluttaw carries on first regular session for fourth day - 15- member Hluttaw Rights Committee formed - Suitable number of members, nominations for members, chairman and secretary will be submitted to the Hluttaw for approval - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-05.pdf> (NLM) 5 March 2011 (p. 16, 8-9)

10	U Aung Nyein	Magway Region Constituency (2)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
11	U Win Maung	Mandalay Region Constituency (2)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
12	U Nyunt Tin	Yangon Region Constituency (2)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
13	U Nu Yangon	Yangon Region Constituency (10)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
14	U Kyaw Kyaw	Rakhine State Constituency (2)	Rakhine Nationals Development Party
15	U Nay Win Tun	Shan State Constituency (9)	Pa-O National Organization

U Mya Nyein, Deputy Speaker of the Lower House, will serve as the Committee Chairman and U Aung Nyein will serve as Secretary.

PYITHU HLUTTAW GOVERNMENT'S GUARANTEES, PLEDGES AND UNDERTAKINGS VETTING COMMITTEE FORMED

Under to Pyithu Hluttaw Rules 33 and 67, a 15-member Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee has been formed. Under Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 71, the Committee has been mandated to check and report whether or not guarantees, pledges and undertakings assigned occasionally at the Hluttaw by the Union Government are implemented, it shall record words, pledges and guarantees by Union level organizations in response to questions asked by representatives at Pyithu Hluttaw and examine work progress, and it shall also cover guarantees, pledges and undertakings presented according to bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government. The members of the committee include:⁵

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Party</i>
1	U Sai Saw Tin	Mongyawng Constituency	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
2	U Shein Kyaw Win	Seikpyu Constituency	National Unity Party
3	Daw Khin Saw Wai	Yathaedaung Constituency	Rakhine Nationals Development Party
4	U Saw Nay Kawgyi	Thandaunggyi Constituency	Kayin People's Party
5	U Win Sein	Kawa Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
6	U Than Myint	Salingyi Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
7	Daw Su Su Hlaing	Dagon Myothit (South) Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
8	Dr. Maung Maung Wint	Bahan Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
9	U Ko Ko Lwin	Mawlamyinegyun Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
10	U Myint Tun	Kawthoung Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
11	U Than Tun	Dabayin Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
12	U Aung Sein	Manaung Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
13	U Htay Win	Lewe Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
14	U Win Than	Thabaung Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party
15	U Aye Mauk	Mahlaing Constituency	Union Solidarity and Development Party

U Win Sein of Kawa Constituency will serve as Committee Chairman and U Than Myint of Salingyi Constituency will serve as Secretary.

⁵ First regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for fifth day - 15-member Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee formed - Government's guarantees, pledges and undertakings shall be implemented within fixed period and on schedule - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-08.pdf> (NLM) 8 March 2011 (p. 1, 8-9)

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW GOVERNMENT'S GUARANTEES, PLEDGES AND UNDERTAKINGS VETTING COMMITTEE FORMED

Under Amyotha Hluttaw Rule 33 and 67, a Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee has also been formed to vet guarantees, pledges and undertakings in connection with bills, resolutions, statements or reports presented by the Union Government, and answers for queries at Amyotha Hluttaw. The members include:⁶

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Party</i>
1	U Gam Sai	Kachin State Constituency (2)	National Unity Party
2	U Za Khun Ting Ring	Kachin State Constituency (4)	Independent Candidate
3	U Hla Maung	Kayah State Constituency (11)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
4	U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Sha Bu Phao	Kayin State Constituency (1)	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
5	Dr. Banya Aung Moe	Mon State Constituency (7)	All Mon Region Democracy Party
6	U Kan Nyunt	Sagaing Region Constituency (5)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
7	U Than Swe	Taninthayi Region Constituency (2)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
8	Dr Soe Tun	Mandalay Region Constituency (1)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
9	U Hmat Gyi	Mandalay Region Constituency (9)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
10	U Win Naung	Yangon Region Constituency (5)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
11	U Nyan Lin	Ayeyawady Region Constituency (3)	Union Solidarity and Development Party
12	Dr Htay Win	Ayeyawady Region Constituency (5)-	Union Solidarity and Development Party
13	Dr Aye Maung	Rakhine State Constituency (1)	Rakhine Nationals Development Party
14	U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than	Shan State Constituency (2)	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
15	U Tun Kyaw (a) U Ai Kyaw	Shan State Constituency (10)	Ta-Aung (Palaung) National Party

Dr. Aye Maung an ethnic Rakhine national and Vice-Presidential nominee of Rakhine State Constituency (1) will serve as Committee Chairman and U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency (5) will serve as Secretary.

MPs RESPOND TO QUESTIONS: EXISTING FARMLAND LAWS MOST APPROPRIATE TO SAFEGUARD PEASANT'S RIGHTS

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives have been responding to questions submitted under Pyithu Hluttaw Rule 116 as part of their regular session, including a question concerning the review of the government's the 1963 Law Safeguarding Peasant Rights, as well as the 1963 Tenancy Law concerning the ownership of farmlands. MPs briefed on the work and activities being carried out and stated that the existing laws and regulations conform and that the necessary and appropriate measures had been implemented in accordance with the existing laws and in the best interest of the people. In responding to the issue of farmlands, Minister Htay Oo stated that all efforts to protect

⁶ First regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw continues for fifth day - 15-member Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee formed - Committee shall present an interim report if Amyotha Hluttaw fails to present a final report on the scheduled day – (NLM) <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-08.pdf> (p. 16, 10-11)

and promote the livelihood of farmers had been made and that the State would do its best to continue to do so.

Another question raised during the session included an application of Mrauk-U archaeological region in Rakhine State to be listed as world heritage site under United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Other motions related to providing assistance in times of disaster, establishing a national health care programme for low-income people, formation of social organisations and the promotion of national races to participate in administrative and management sectors were tabled and approved by the respective elected-MPs for further discussions.⁷

HLUTTAW DISCUSSES QUESTIONS ON SALARY INCREASES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, HEALTH CARE FOR LOW INCOME WORKERS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NATURAL DISASTERS, PROTECTION OF COASTAL AREAS, ET AL

On the 7th day session of the Hluttaws, discussions held in the Pyithu Hluttaw included questions regarding the use of sign language on state-run media programmes, increase of salaries for civil servants, providing direct assistance for rescue and rehabilitation by the federal government in times of natural disasters, providing health care to low-income earners and upgrading the transport facilities in the Chin State were among the key issues raised. In the Amyotha Hluttaw, questions on plans to erect long barriers in coastal areas to prevent tides, modernization of the agriculture sector and land ownership to protect farmers, conservation of the Pharkant mining region, as well as improving and upgrading the current education system were raised by the elected MPs.⁸

75 CANDIDATES BARRED FROM CONTESTING NEXT ELECTION

Because they failed to file their electoral expenses in the 2010 election in time, Burma's Union Election Commission (UEC) has disqualified 75 candidates from running for office in the next election.

All candidates were required to submit their election expenses before 12 January and candidates who failed to meet the deadline were barred from the current term of Parliament and contesting in the next election.⁹

The following three notifications have been issued by the Union Election Commission (UEC) in declaring those who were found not have complied according to the existing Hluttaw election laws and rules with regards to submitting election expenses within the time stipulated.

Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification¹⁰

The Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.6/2011
10th Waxing of Tabaung, 1372 ME
14 March 2011

Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit election expenses in the prescribed period declared as persons of distorted qualification

⁷Existing farmland laws most appropriate to safeguard peasant's rights - Pyithu Hluttaw continues first regular session for sixth day - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-10.pdf> (NLM) 10 March 2011 (p. 1, 7-9)

⁸Information, knowledge and entertainment programmes provided - Depending on progress of the nation, the government increased salaries of the personnel and pensions and allowed extra cash assistance and living allowance - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-11.pdf> (NLM) 11 March 2011 (p. 1, 6-9)

⁹75 candidates barred from contesting next election - <http://mizzima.com/news/election-2010-/5041-75-candidates-barred-from-contesting-next-election.html> - (Mizzima) 21 March 2011

¹⁰Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-15.pdf> (NLM) 15 March 2011 (p. 5)

1. According to Section 55 of respective Hluttaw Election Laws, and Rules para 77, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held on 7 November 2010 are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the laws during 60-day as of the date the name of representatives-elect are announced.
2. To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be designated as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals and ordered them to check with them.
3. The Election Tribunal found that the following Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit the election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with the respective Hluttaw Election Rules Paragraph 83 (a), designated them as persons of distorted qualification.

Sr.	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency	Party
1	U Tun Shwe	U Win Hlaing	Kantbalu Township Constituency No.1, Region Hluttaw Sagaing Region	National Unity Party
2	U Saw Miral	U Nay Myo Kyaw	Htantabin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region	Kayin People's Party
3	U Tin Soe	-	Phyu Towship Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region	Democracy and Peace Party
4	U Tin Oo	U Thein Kyaw	Thanatpin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region	National Unity Party
5	U Saw Sinbad	-	Shwegyin Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Bago Region	National Democratic Force
6	U Aung Thein	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.3 Bago Region	National Unity Party
7	U Win	U Hla Win	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.11 Bago Region	National Unity Party
8	U Saw Tun Tin	U Saw Thomas	Bago Township Constituency No.2 Region Hluttaw Bago Region	Kayin People's Party
9	U Bo Win Shein	U Salaing Nay Min Shein	Okpo Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Bago Region	National Democratic Force
10	U Htay Win	-	Mindon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region	National Democratic Force
11	U Tin Wan	-	Myothit Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region	National Unity Party
12	U Thein Nyunt	U Myint Zaw Nyunt	Natmauk Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region	National Unity Party
13	U Myo Myint	-	Myaing Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Magway Region	National Unity Party
14	U Sein Tun	-	Gangaw Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Magway Region	Union Of Myanmar Federation Of National Politics
15	U Aung Kyi Than	-	Gangaw Township Constituency No.2 Region Hluttaw Magway Region	Union Of Myanmar Federation Of National Politics
16	U Sein Win	-	Myaing Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Magway Region	National Unity Party
17	Dr Than Myint	U Nyi Nyi Kyaw	Amarapura Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Mandalay Region	Independent candidate

18	U Saw Ketnet	-	Kyaiklat Township Wai Thaw Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Ayeyawady Region	Kayin People's Party
19	U Ohn Lwin	U Ye Naing Lin	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.11 Ayeyawady Region	National Political Alliances League
20	U Chit Win Aye	-	Bogale Township Constituency No.1 Region Hluttaw Ayeyawady Region	National Democratic Force

- The Union Election Commission announced that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to para 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.
- It is hereby announced that Hluttaw candidates and the election agents who are declared as persons of distorted qualifications, in accord with the Section 88 of the respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate from the date of this declaration in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

Sd/ Thein Soe
Chairman, Union Election Commission

Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification¹¹

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.7/2011
11th Waxing of Tabaung, 1372 ME
15 March 2011

Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit election expenses in the prescribed period declared as persons of distorted qualification

- According to Section 55 of the respective Hluttaw Election Laws and paragraph 77 of Rules, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held on 7 November 2010 are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the laws during 60- day as of the date the name of representatives-elect are announced.
- To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be designated as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals and ordered them to check with them.
- The Election Tribunal found that the following Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit the election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with the respective Hluttaw Election Rules Paragraph 83 (a), designated them as persons of distorted qualification.

Sr	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency	Party
1	U Saw Nwe Shwe Maung	-	Putao Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Kachin State	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
2	U Kyaw Oo	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.9 Kachin State	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
3	U Hla Ngwe	-	Mogaung Township Constituency No.1 State Hluttaw Kachin State	National Unity Party
4	U Aung Ni	U Win Naing	Phakant Township Constituency No.1 State Hluttaw Kachin State	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
5	U Tun Tun Oo	-	Bhamo Township Constituency No.2 State Hluttaw Kachin State	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
6	U PS Khan Do Nan	-	Tiddim Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Chin State	Chin Progressive Party

¹¹ Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-16.pdf> (NLM) 16 March 2011 (p. 5)

7	U Lain Kee	-	Kanpetlet Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Chin State	Chin National Party
8	U Byat Kham	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.4 Chin State	National Unity Party
9	U Lan Zman	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.6 Chin State	Chin National Party
10	U Lun Kho Han	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.7 Chin State	National Unity Party
11	U Htan Kee	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.8 Chin State	National Unity Party
12	U Lain Paing	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.10 Chin State	Myanmar Federation of National Politics
13	U Kyaw Kyaw Phyu	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No.11 Chin State	National Democratic Force
14	U Hon Htan	-	Kanpetlet Township Constituency No.1 State Hluttaw Chin State	Chin Progressive Party
15	U Hla Mar	-	Haka Township Constituency No.2 State Hluttaw Chin State	Ethnic National Development Party
16	U Lyan Chun	-	Haka Township Constituency No.2 State Hluttaw Chin State	National Unity Party
17	U Kan Llyan Htan	-	Tiddim Township Constituency No.1 State Hluttaw Chin State	Chin National Party
18	U Htwan Gohtan	-	Tiddim Township Constituency No.1 State Hluttaw Chin State	Chin Progressive Party
19	Daing Lyan Paung	-	Tonzang Township Constituency No.1 State Hluttaw Chin State	National Unity Party
20	U Twar Dopaung	-	Tonzang Township Constituency No. 1 State Hluttaw Chin State	National Unity Party

- The Union Election Commission announced that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to Paragraph 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.
- It is hereby announced that Hluttaw candidates and election agents who are declared as persons of distorted qualifications, in accord with the Section 88 of the respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate, from the date of this declaration, in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

Sd/ Thein Soe
Chairman, Union Election Commission

Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification¹²

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No.8/2011
12th Waxing of Tabaung, 1372 ME
16 March 2011

Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit election expenses in the prescribed period declared as persons of distorted qualification

- According to Section 55 of the respective Hluttaw Election Laws and paragraph 77 of Rules, Hluttaw candidates and their election agents who run for Multi-party Democracy General Election held on 7

¹²Hluttaw candidates, election agents declared as persons of distorted qualification - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-17.pdf> (NLM) 17 March 2011 (p. 5)

November, 2010 are to submit election expenses to the respective sub-commissions in line with the laws during 60-day as of the date the name of representatives-elect are announced.

- To be able to decide whether those who fail to submit election expenses in accord with the law should be designated as persons of distorted qualification or not, the Union Election Commission formed election tribunals and ordered them to check with them.
- The Election Tribunal found that the following Hluttaw candidates and their election agents failed to submit the election expenses during the prescribed period, and in accord with the respective Hluttaw Election Rules Paragraph 83 (a), designated them as persons of distorted qualification.

Sr.	Hluttaw candidate	Election Agent	Constituency	Party
1	U Ko Ko Naing	-	Tamway Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	88 Generation Student Youths (Union Of Myanmar)
2	U Than Tun	U Maung Win	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Unity Party
3	U Kye Myint	-	Dagon Myothit (East) Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Democratic Force
4	Dr Min Myint	-	Kamayut Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Unity Party
5	U Tun Shwe	U Thawtar	Kyauktada Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	Wunthanu NLD (The Union Of Myanmar)
6	U Lone Sein	U Tun Myint	Mayangon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Unity Party
7	U Tin Lin	-	Kungyangon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Democratic Force
8	U Aung Kyaw Win	-	Dalla Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Democratic Force
9	U Thein Aung	-	Cocogyun Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Democratic Force
10	U Nyunt Shwe	U Mg Mg Nyein	Hmawby Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Unity Party
11	U Khin Maung Htwe	U Zaw Min Htwe	Hlinethaya Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	National Unity Party
12	U Saw Sai Nay Boi	-	Hmawby Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	Kayin People's Party
13	U Moe Tun (a) U Moe Myint Aung	-	Insein Township Pyithu Hluttaw Constituency Yangon Region	Democratic Party (Myanmar)
14	U Tun Min Latt	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 1 Yangon Region	Democracy And Peace Party
15	U Kyaw Kyaw Min	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 1 Yangon Region	Independent candidate
16	U Tint Naing	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 4 Yangon Region	Democratic Party (Myanmar)
17	U Kyaw Thein	U Kyaw Tint Naing	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 5 Yangon Region	National Unity Party
18	U San Myint	-	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 6 Yangon Region	Independent candidate
19	U Thein Zaw	Daw Shwe Moe	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 7 Yangon	National Democratic

	Nyunt		Region	Force
20	U Tint Swe	U Mya Shwe	Amyotha Hluttaw Constituency No. 11 Yangon Region	National Unity Party
21	Daw Yin May	Daw Nu Aye Win	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
22	U Tun Shwe	U Aung Tin	Dagon Myothit (South) Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
23	U Kyaw Hlaing	Daw Thuza Than	Dagon Myothit (East) Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
24	U Tin Win	U Myo Myint	Myothit (East) Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
25	U Nyunt Tin	U Myint Yi	North Okkalapa Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
26	U Oo Kyi	-	Kyimyindine Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
27	U Than Shwe	U Thant Zin Oo	Seikkan Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
28	U Soe Win	U Moe Thu	Mayangon Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
29	U Tun Oo	-	Kyauktan Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	Independent candidate
30	U Tha Noh Aung	U Hla Tin	Htantabin Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
31	U Saw Hlaing	-	Htantabin Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	National Unity Party
32	U Saw Aung Zeya	-	Hmawby Township Constituency No. 2, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	Kayin People's Party
33	U Saw Maung Toke	-	Hmawby Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	Kayin People's Party
34	U Soe Moe Oo	-	Hmawby Township Constituency No. 1, Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	Democratic Party (Myanmar)
35	U Saw Tar Kapaw	U Saw Kaw Htoo Wah	Kayin national constituency Region Hluttaw Yangon Region	Union Solidarity and Development Party

- The Union Election Commission announced that the above-mentioned Hluttaw candidates and their election agents are persons of distorted qualification according to Paragraph 84 of respective Hluttaw Election Rules after judging the decision of Election Tribunal.
- It is hereby announced that Hluttaw candidates and election agents who are declared as persons of distorted qualifications, in accord with the Section 88 of the respective Hluttaw Election Law, shall not contest in the election as a Hluttaw candidate, from the date of this declaration, in the existing Hluttaw term and the next Hluttaw term.

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ANALYSIS

“Convening Hluttaw attended by elected Hluttaw members in accordance with the 2008 constitution,” stated as the sixth step of its Burma/Myanmar Seven Step Road Map to Democracy is nearing its completion. The 3 parliaments, Amyotha (Upper House), Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) and the Regions/States Hluttaws, have been in session and able to establish committees as required by the existing laws. The inclusion of opposition parties in various committees has surprised observers. While a handful of opposition MPs have been drafted onto the respective parliamentary committees, their role and authority still remains very much unclear. This has effectively rendered the opposition toothless in the Hluttaws. However the opposition feels that it may be able to play a positive role by being included.

At the same time, the recent announcements by the Union Election Commission (UEC) declaring that 75 candidates from opposition parties have failed to comply with election rules and regulations is a means of removing or downsizing the opposition in a legal manner. This present announcement will not be the last, as the junta election watchdog will no doubt continue to closely monitor all opposition MPs and candidates, and will already have planned similar tactics for the near future with the aim of removing if not dismantling opposition parties and members by using legal means.