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PYITHU HLUTTAW SPEAKER THURA SHWE MANN MAKES GOODWILL VISIT TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION

A parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann left on 25 June on a goodwill visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of Speaker BV Gryzlov of the State Duma Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. Thura U Shwe Mann was accompanied by Chairman U Aung Tun of the Public Accounts Committee of the Amyotha Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U T Khun Myat of the Bill Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U San Tun of the Bill Committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw, Secretary U Maung Toe of the Public Accounts Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U Hla Myint Oo of the Hluttaw Rights Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, Secretary U Than Myint of the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw, member of Public Accounts Committee of the Pyithu Hluttaw Dr. Win Myint, as well as members of the Hluttaw Rights Committee of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Nyunt Tin and U Nay Win Tun. During the visit, the delegation met the Speaker of the State Duma Federal Assembly B.V. Gryzlov, the Vice-Chairman of the Federation Council of Russia Ilyas Umahanov, and the Speaker of St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly Vladim Tyulpanov. The delegation returned to Rangoon on 2 July.¹

PRESIDENT MEETS VISITING AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

President U Thein Sein received an Australian delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs the Honourable Kevin Rudd MP at the President's Office on 1 July. Also present were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Minister at the President's Office U Soe Maung as well as departmental heads. The Australian Foreign Minister also met his counterpart, U Wunna Maung Lwin, and held discussions on promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation. Also during the visit the delegation met the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein and other Hluttaw representatives and officials.²

PRESIDENT U THEIN SEIN AND GOVERNMENT MINISTERS RECEIVE TIMOR-LESTE FOREIGN MINISTER

A Timor-Leste goodwill delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa paid a courtesy call on Burma's new president U Thein Sein at the Office of the President in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 June. The delegation also met the Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Energy, Forestry as well as National Planning and Development and discussed bilateral cooperation between the two

¹ Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura Shwe Mann makes goodwill visit to Russia - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-26.pdf> (NLM) 26 June 2011 (p. 9),
Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Speaker of State Duma Federal Assembly of Russian Federation - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-03.pdf> (NLM) 3 July 2011 (p. 8),
Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holds discussion with Vice-Chairman of Federation Council of Russia - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-03.pdf> (NLM) 3 July 2011 (p. 8), &
Myanmar delegation meets Speaker of Legislative Assembly, visits museums in St. Petersburg - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-03.pdf> (NLM) 3 July 2011 (p. 9)

² President U Thein Sein meets Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Honourable Kevin Rudd MP and party - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 1),
Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Australian FM - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 2), &
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives Australian FM - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 8)

countries. During the visit the Minister from Timor-Leste also called on the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint at the parliamentary building in the new capital Nay Pyi Taw. Also present were Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein as well as Hluttaw committee members and officials.³

JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY VICE-MINISTER VISITS BURMA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Ms Makiko Kikuta and party at the Minister's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 June. The two exchanged views to promote bilateral relations and cooperation between Burma and Japan. During the visit, the Japanese Vice-Minister also called on the Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw (People's Parliament) U Nanda Kyaw Swa. Those present included the Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Thurein Zaw, Pyithu Hluttaw Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Chairman U Win Sein as well as other officials.⁴

STATES/REGIONS GOVERNMENT MINISTERS RESHUFFLED

After convening the First Special sessions of Regions/States parliaments, the following orders were issued by the President's Office regarding the appointment and reshuffling of Ministers and Ministries in the 14 Regions/States.

AYEYAWADY REGION
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 38/2011
1st Waxing of Waso, 1373 ME
1 July 2011

Reshuffle of Ministers of Ayeyawady Region

The following Ministers of Ayeyawady Region submitted by the Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.⁵

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Col Maung Maung Win | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Win Ko Ko | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Finance and Revenue</i> |
| 3. | U Tin Soe | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Planning and Economics</i> |
| 4. | U Soe Myint | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Social Welfare</i> |

³ President U Thein Sein receives delegation led by Timor-Leste Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Zacarias Albano Da Costa - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 June 2011 (p. 16), Timor-Leste goodwill delegation calls on Union Ministers - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-28.pdf> (NLM) 28 June 2011 (p. 10), & Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives Timor-Leste guests - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 June 2011 (p. 11)

⁴ Myanmar, Japan encourage bilateral cooperation - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 June 2011 (p. 10) & Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Japanese guests - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 June 2011 (p. 10)

⁵ Ayeyawady Region Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 7)

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| 5. | U Hla Khaing | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics and Commerce</i> |
| 6. | U Than Tun | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport</i> |
| 7. | U Saw Mya Thein | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Construction</i> |
| 8. | U Kyaw Win Naing | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Information and Culture</i> |
| 9. | U San Maung | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Electric Power</i> |

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President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

BAGO REGION

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 34/2011

14th Waning of Nayon, 1373 ME

30 June 2011

Reshuffle of Ministers of Bago Region

The following Ministers of Bago Region submitted by the Bago Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.⁶

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | Col Thet Tun | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Myint Lwin Oo | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Finance and Planning</i> |
| 3. | U Tin Soe | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding</i> |
| 4. | U Kyaw Htay | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Energy, Electric Power, Mines and Forestry</i> |
| 5. | U Kyaw Myint | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Tun Wai | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport, Communications and Construction</i> |
| 7. | U Baby Ohn | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Industry</i> |
| 8. | U Ye Myint Tun | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Management</i> |
| 9. | Dr Kyaw Oo | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Social Welfare</i> |

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CHIN STATE

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 31/2011

14th Waning of Nayon, 1373 ME

30 June 2011

Reshuffle of Ministers of Chin State

⁶ Bago Region Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-01.pdf> (NLM) 1 July 2011(p. 1 + 7)

The following Ministers of Chin State submitted by the Chin State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.⁷

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | Col Zaw Min Oo | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Nan Za Mon | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Finance and Planning</i> |
| 3. | U Van Thoung | Chin Progressive Party | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture</i> |
| 4. | U Kyaw Nyein | Chin Progressive Party | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Energy, Electric Power, Mines and Forestry</i> |
| 5. | U Ram Mann | Chin National Party | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Ciin Lyan Paung | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport, Communications and Construction</i> |
| 7. | U Nein Nine | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Management and Industry</i> |
| 8. | Dr Ba Maung | Retired Civil Servant | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Social Affairs</i> |

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KACHIN STATE
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 29/2011
13th Waning of Nayon, 1373 ME
29 June 2011
Reshuffle of Ministers of Kachin State

The following Ministers of Kachin State submitted by the Kachin State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.⁸

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Col Than Aung | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Nyunt Aung | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 3. | U B Htaw Zaung | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i> |
| 4. | U Aung Naing | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Mines</i> |
| 5. | Dr Khin Maung Tun | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Health</i> |
| 6. | U Kaman Du Naw | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport</i> |

⁷ Chin State Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-01.pdf> (NLM) 1 July 2011 (p. 1 + 7)

⁸ Kachin State Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-30.pdf> (NLM) 30 June 2011 (p. 1)

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| 7. | U Sai Maung Shwe | Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Industry</i> |
| 8. | U Alay Pah | Unity Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS) | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Development Affairs</i> |
| 9. | Daw Bauk Ja | National Democratic Force (NDF) | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education, Social, Religious and Cultural Affairs</i> |

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KAYAH STATE
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 32/2011
14th Waning of Nayon, 1373 ME
30 June 2011
Reshuffle of Ministers of Kayah State

The following Ministers of Kayah State submitted by the Kayah State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.⁹

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Col Tin Soe | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Than Kyaw Soe | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Finance and Revenue</i> |
| 3. | U Po Yei Yan Aung | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Construction</i> |
| 4. | U Ye Win | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 5. | U Tawt Yei | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Planning and Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Chit Hla | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport</i> |
| 7. | U Saw Hu Hu | USDP | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Electric Power</i> |
| 8. | U Aung Naing Oo | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Information and Culture</i> |
| 9. | U Koe Yei | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Social Affairs</i> |

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KAYIN STATE
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 42/2011
5th Waxing of Waso, 1373 ME
5 July 2011
Rearrangement of Ministers of Kayin State

The following ministers of Kayin State submitted by Kayin State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic

⁹ Kayah State Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-01.pdf> (NLM) 1 July 2011 (p. 1)

of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹⁰

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|---|---|--|---|
| 1. | Col Aung Lwin | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Saw Win Htein | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding</i> |
| 3. | U Saw Christopher | Kayin People's Party | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Social Affairs, Education and Health</i> |
| 4. | U Saw Hsa Lawla | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Mines</i> |
| 5. | U Min Soe Thein (a) Naing Min Soe Thein | All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP) | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Energy</i> |
| 6. | U Saw Khin Maung Myint | Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport</i> |
| 7. | U Saw Kyi Lin | Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Forestry</i> |
| 8. | U Than Daing | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Industry and Communications</i> |
| 9. | U Chit Hlaing | Kayin State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP) | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |

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MAGWAY REGION
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Reshuffle of Ministers of Magway Region

The following Ministers of Magway Region submitted by the Magway Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹¹

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|--------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Col Arnt Zaw | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Kyi Min | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Planning and Finance</i> |
| 3. | U Aung Naing | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i> |
| 4. | U Thein Tun | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Industry and Mines</i> |

¹⁰ Rearrangement of Ministers of Kayin State - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-06.pdf> (NLM) 6 July 2011 (p. 6)

¹¹ Magway Region Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 7)

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| 5. | U Myint Naing | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Win Pe | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Construction</i> |
| 7. | U Win Myint Maung | USDP | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Electric Power</i> |
| 8. | U Nay Shin | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Transport and Communications</i> |
| 9. | U Aung Kyaw Min | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education and Health</i> |

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MANDALAY REGION
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office

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1 July, 2011

Reshuffle of Ministers of Mandalay Region

The following Ministers of Mandalay Region submitted by the Mandalay Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹²

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Col Aung Kyaw Moe | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Aung Moug | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Labour</i> |
| 3. | Dr Myint Than | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i> |
| 4. | U Than Soe Myint | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Social Affairs</i> |
| 5. | U Aung Zan | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Kyaw Hsan | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport and Communications</i> |
| 7. | Dr Myint Kyu | USDP | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Industry</i> |
| 8. | U Phone Zaw Han | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Mayor and Ministry of Development Affairs</i> |
| 9. | Dr Win Hlaing | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education and Health</i> |

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¹² Mandalay Region Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 16)

8th Waxing of Waso, 1373 ME
8 July 2011
Reshuffle of Ministers of Mon State

The following Ministers of Mon State submitted by the Mon State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹³

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. | Col Htay Myint Aung | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | Dr Khin Maung Thwin | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 3. | U Myo Nyunt | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry Agriculture and Livestock Breeding</i> |
| 4. | U Win Maw Oo | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Forestry</i> |
| 5. | Dr Min Nwe Soe | All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP) | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Social Affairs and Culture</i> |
| 6. | U Tun Hlaing | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Religious Affairs and Labour</i> |
| 7. | Naing Lawi Aung (a) U Naing Myint Swe | All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP) | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Energy and Electric Power</i> |
| 8. | Dr Toe Toe Aung | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Industry</i> |
| 9. | Dr Hla Oo | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education and Health</i> |

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Reshuffle of Ministers of Rakhine State

The following Ministers of Rakhine State submitted by the Rakhine State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹⁴

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | Col Htein Lin | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Soe Aye | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Transport</i> |
| 3. | U Kyaw Thein | Rakhine Nationals Development Party | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Meat, Fish, Mines and Energy</i> |

¹³ Mon State Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-09.pdf> (NLM) 9 July 2011 (p. 1 + 9)

¹⁴ Rakhine State Ministers Reshuffled- <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 7)

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| 4. | U Aung Than Tin | Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNDP) | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Culture, Social Welfare and Relief</i> |
| 5. | U Mya Aung | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Kyaw Khin | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Irrigation</i> |
| 7. | U Tha Lu Chay | Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNDP) | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Industry, Labour and Sports</i> |
| 8. | U Hla Han | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Religious Affairs and Immigration</i> |
| 9. | Dr Aung Kyaw Min | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Health and Education</i> |

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SAGAING REGION

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

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29 June 2011

Reshuffle of Ministers of Sagaing Region

The following Ministers of Sagaing Region submitted by the Sagaing Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹⁵

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Col Kyi Naing | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Saw Myint Oo | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Forestry</i> |
| 3. | U Sein Win | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture</i> |
| 4. | U Than Htaik | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Energy, Mines and Industry</i> |
| 5. | U Sein MOUNG | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives</i> |
| 6. | U Tin Ngwe | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Communications and Construction</i> |
| 7. | U Kyaw Win | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Social Welfare</i> |
| 8. | U Tin Win | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education</i> |
| 9. | Dr Myint Thein | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Health</i> |

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¹⁵ Sagaing Region Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-06-30.pdf> (NLM) 30 June 2011 (p. 1)

SHAN STATE
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 40/2011
1st Waxing of Waso, 1373 ME
1 July 2011
Reshuffle of Ministers of Shan State

The following Ministers of Shan State submitted by the Shan State Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹⁶

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1. | Col Aung Thu | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | U Khun Thein Maung | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Planning and Finance</i> |
| 3. | U Sai Sa Lu | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i> |
| 4. | U Sai Aik Paung | Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Industry and Mines</i> |
| 5. | U Thaug Shwe | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 6. | U Sai Naw Kham (a) U Tin Tun Aung | Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Construction</i> |
| 7. | U Sai Tun Yin | USDP | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Electric Power</i> |
| 8. | U Tu Maung | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Transport and Communications</i> |
| 9. | Dr Myo Tun | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education and Health</i> |

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President Office
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1st Waxing of Waso, 1373 ME
1 July 2011
Reshuffle of Ministers of Taninthayi Region

The following Ministers of Taninthayi Region submitted by the Taninthayi Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹⁷

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|-----|--------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. | Col Zaw Lwin | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |

¹⁶ Shan State Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 7)

¹⁷ Taninthayi Region Ministers Reshuffled - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-02.pdf> (NLM) 2 July 2011 (p. 16)

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| 2. | U Myat Ko | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Economics</i> |
| 3. | Dr Win Aung | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</i> |
| 4. | U Thein Lwin | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Social Welfare and Information</i> |
| 5. | U Than Aung | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Industry and Mines</i> |
| 6. | Dr Kyaw Hsan | USDP | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Construction and Communications</i> |
| 7. | Dr Win Aung | USDP | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Meat, Fish and Energy</i> |
| 8. | U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo | USDP | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Culture</i> |
| 9. | U Win Swe | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Education and Health</i> |

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14th Waning of Nayon, 1373 ME
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Reshuffle of Ministers of Yangon Region

The following Ministers of Yangon Region submitted by the Yangon Region Chief Minister were appointed at the ministries shown against each in accord with the Paragraphs (e) and (f) of Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Paragraph (c) of Article 19 of the Union Government Law and Paragraph (g) of Article 8 of Region or State Government Law.¹⁸

| SR. | NAME | PARTY | NEW PORTFOLIO | PREVIOUS PORTFOLIO |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | Col Tin Win | Defence Service Representative | Ministry of Security and Border Affairs | <i>Ministry of Security and Border Affairs</i> |
| 2. | Daw San San Nwe | USDP | Ministry of Finance and Revenue | <i>Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs</i> |
| 3. | U Soe Min | USDP | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding | <i>Ministry Agriculture, Economics, Commerce and Labour</i> |
| 4. | U Kyaw Soe | USDP | Ministry of Forestry and Mines | <i>Ministry of Electric Power, Energy, Industry and Construction</i> |
| 5. | U Than Myint | USDP | Ministry of Planning and Economics | <i>Ministry of Finance, Forestry, Meat and Fish</i> |
| 6. | U Aung Khin | National Unity Party (NUP) | Ministry of Transport | <i>Ministry of Transport, Communications, Posts and Telegraphs</i> |
| 7. | U Nyan Tun Oo | USDP | Ministry of Electric Power and Industry | <i>Ministry of Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration</i> |

¹⁸ Yangon Region Ministers Reshuffled –
<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-07-01.pdf> (NLM) 1 July 2011 (p. 1 + 7)

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| 8. | U Hla Myint | Retired Ambassador | Ministry of Development Affairs | <i>Ministry of Development Affairs</i> |
| 9. | Dr Myint Thein | USDP | Ministry of Social Affairs | <i>Ministry of Social Welfare and Hotels and Tourism</i> |

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SIX PARTIES TO SEND MEMBERS TO JAPAN

With the aim of promoting friendship and understanding, the Japanese government has invited 20 young politicians from six leading political parties to visit Japan to further bilateral relations between the two countries. Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) General-Secretary U Htay Oo said 10 members of the USDP had been included along with two elected MPs each from the National Unity Party (NUP), National Democratic Force (NDF), Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, All Mon Regions Democracy Party (AMRDP) and Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP). U Htay Oo said the delegation will be led by a USDP member but the trip is being organised by the Japanese government.¹⁹

EX-NDF LEADER APPLIES FOR PERMISSION TO FORM NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) MP Thein Nyunt, who was expelled from the National Democratic Front (NDF), has applied to the Union Election Commission (UEC) in Nay Pyi Taw to form a new political party to be called the "National Democracy New Party." Thein Nyunt, who submitted the application on 4 July, is set to become the chairman of the party, while Lower House MP Kyi Myint of Latha would serve as Secretary and Upper House MP Phone Myint Aung would serve as Information Officer. Initially, the new party would have about 20 leaders including Thein Nyunt, Kyi Myint, Phone Myint Aung, Regional Hluttaw MP Kyaw and San San Myint and celebrity singer Ya Tha, said a party spokesperson. The NDF, a breakaway faction of the National League for Democracy, was founded by Thein Nyunt, Khin Maung Swe and Dr. Than Nyein to contest the 2010 elections. Later, Thein Nyunt was expelled from the NDF for allegedly disclosing controversial financial matters of the party to the media.²⁰

ANALYSIS

Having completed 100 days in office, the Burmese government has embarked upon reshuffling the 14 Region and State governments. The move surprised many and most see it as the central government's attempt to maintain a firm control of the region and state governments. This may have been necessitated by the fact that there is no clear policy on the roles and relationships between the regional and central government on key issues, notably on budgetary and policy matters. While the international community continues to maintain a cautious approach in dealing with the new regime in Burma, the visits by the Japanese Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Australian Foreign Minister will have given the Burmese government a boost. Whereas the debate on pro- and anti-engagement continues, the domestic affairs of the country still remain unresolved. The on-going conflict between the Tatmadaw (Burma Army) and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the military campaign on the Shan State Progress Party/Shan State

¹⁹ Six parties to send members to Japan -

<http://www.mmTimes.com/2011/news/582/news58208.html> (Myanmar Times) 4 July 2011

²⁰ Ex-NDF leader applies for permission to form new political party -

<http://mizzima.com/news/election-2010-/5540-ex-ndf-leader-applies-for-permission-to-form-new-political-party.html> (Mizzima) 4 July 2011

Army (SSPP/SSA) will need to be addressed soon by the government. If left to the Tatmadaw alone, the crisis could become a catalyst in shaping a small-scale civil war. The ideal solution would be for an immediate cease-fire followed by talks that will work towards the inclusion of the ethnic forces as stakeholders in the next election in 2015.