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## POLITICAL MONITOR NO. 13

### **BURMESE HLUTTAW DELEGATION TAKES PART IN ASEAN SEMINAR IN CAMBODIA**

At the invitation of the President of the National Assembly of Cambodia, Samdech Akka Moha Ponhed Chakeri Heng Samrin, a Burmese parliamentary delegation paid a visit to Cambodia from 3 to 6 April to take part in a Seminar on the Role of Parliamentarians on the Protection and Promotion of Migrant Workers in ASEAN (sponsored by ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)). The Burmese delegation was led by Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein (USDP - Yangon Region (7)) and included U Hla Myint Oo (USDP - Pyinmana, Mandalay) of the Hluttaw Rights Committee, U Khat Htein Nan (Unity Democracy Party of Kachin State - Myitkyina, Kachin State) member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee and U Maung Maung Than (not an MP), Director-General of the Immigration and National Registration Department.

During the visit, U Mya Nyein met with Mr Heng Samrin, the Speaker of Cambodian National Assembly, who is also an alternate President of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, and presented the letter of confirmation for Burma to join AIPA as a full-fledged member. Mr Heng Samrin extended a warm welcome to the Burmese delegation and expressed his delight at hearing the recent political developments taking place in Burma. He expressed thanks for sending a high-ranking delegation and said that the approval for Burma to become a full-fledged member of the AIPA will be sought at this year's assembly to be held in Cambodia. On 5 April at the Cambodian National Assembly, the Burmese delegation also met with the chairmen of commissions led by the President of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly as well as the National Assembly Commission leader Dr Cheam Yeap and discussed bilateral cooperation between the two Hluttaws and work programmes related to full-fledged membership. The Burmese delegation also met with Mr Chhean Vun, Chairman of the Commission on Foreign Affairs, International Relations and Information of the Cambodian National Assembly, and discussed cooperation between the two countries' parliaments.<sup>1</sup>

### **RNDP CALLS FOR DECENTRALIZATION IN STATES, REGIONS**

Members of the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP) say more decentralisation of authority by the central government is needed to give regions more autonomy and control of their local affairs. In the recently formed Rakhine State Government, the RNDP was given three ministerial posts. However, according to RNDP General Secretary Oo Oo Hla Saw, "we still don't know yet how much power and authority we will get. Fulfilling the election promises given to our people depends on this. If central government officials control all power despite the existence of state governments, there will be no difference." The 9-minister Rakhine State Government is led by Rakhine Chief Minister Hla Maung Tin (a former colonel) and includes three ministers from the RNDP, five from the USDP and one defence services' nominee. Since the formation of the new government, restrictions on transportation of farm produce from state to state in the agriculture sector has been reduced, Oo Oo Hla Saw said. He also added that the RNDP believes that pointing out corruption in governance is a sign of progress and a benefit to the state. One significant feature of the Rakhine State Government is that it is the only state with 3 ministers from a single ethnic political party.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Myanmar Hluttaw delegation takes part in seminar in Cambodia - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-04-09.pdf> (NLM) 9 April 2011 (p. 10)

<sup>2</sup> RNDP Calls For Decentralization In States, Regions - <http://mizzima.com/news/inside-burma/5134-rndp-calls-for-decentralization-in-states-regions.html> (Mizzima) 9 April 2011

## 21-MEMBER FINANCIAL COMMISSION FORMED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Notification No. 2/2011

11<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Formation of Financial Commission

In accord with Sub-Section (a) of Section 229 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-Sections (a) and (b) of Section 11 of the Union Government Law the Financial Commission was formed with the following persons.<sup>3</sup>

Sr.	Name	Title	Portfolio
1.	U Thein Sein	President	Chairman
2.	Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo	Vice President	Vice-Chairman
3.	Dr Sai Mauk Kham (a) Maung Ohn	Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
4.	Dr Tun Shin	Union Attorney-General	Member
5.	U Lun Maung	Union Auditor-General	Member
6.	U La John Ngan Hsaing	Chief Minister of Kachin State	Member
7.	U Khin Maung Oo (a) U Bu Yei	Chief Minister of Kayah State	Member
8.	Brig-Gen Zaw Min	Chief Minister of Kayin State	Member
9.	U Hong Ngai	Chief Minister of Chin State	Member
10.	U Ohn Myint	Chief Minister of Mon State	Member
11.	U Hla Maung Tin	Chief Minister of Rakhine State	Member
12.	U Aung Myat (a) Sao Aung Myat	Chief Minister of Shan State	Member
13.	U Tha Aye	Chief Minister of Sagaing Region	Member
14.	U Phone Maw Shwe	Chief Minister of Magway Region	Member
15.	U Ye Myint	Chief Minister of Mandalay Region	Member
16.	U Nyan Win	Chief Minister of Bago Region	Member
17.	U Khin Zaw	Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region	Member
18.	U Myint Swe	Chief Minister of Yangon Region	Member
19.	U Thein Aung	Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region	Member
20.	U Thein Nyunt	Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council	Member
21.	U Hla Tun	Minister of Finance & Revenue	Secretary

<sup>3</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 2/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 14)

## SUPREME COURT JUDGES APPOINTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Notification No. 3/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Formation of Union Supreme Court

In accord with Section 294 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (c) of Section 9 of the Union Government Law and Section 7 of the Union Judiciary Law the Union Supreme Court was formed with the following persons.<sup>4</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Tun Tun Oo	Union Chief Justice
2.	U Tha Htay	Union Supreme Court Judge
3.	U Soe Nyunt	Union Supreme Court Judge
4.	U Mya Thein	Union Supreme Court Judge
5.	U Myint Aung	Union Supreme Court Judge
6.	U Aung Zaw Thein	Union Supreme Court Judge
7.	U Myint Han	Union Supreme Court Judge

## FORMATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL TRIBUNAL

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Notification No. 4/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Formation of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union

In accord with Section 320 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (d) of Section 9 of the Union Government Law and Section 3 of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Law the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union was formed with the following persons.<sup>5</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Thein Soe	Chairman
2.	Dr. Tin Aung Aye	Member
3.	Daw Khin Hla Myint	Member
4.	U Tun Kyi	Member
5.	U Soe Thein	Member
6.	U Khin Tun	Member
7.	U Hsan Myint	Member
8.	U Myint Kyaing	Member
9.	Daw Mi Mi Yi	Member

<sup>4</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 3/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 14)

<sup>5</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 4/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 14)

## UNION ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICIALS APPOINTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Notification No. 5/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

#### Formation of Union Election Commission

In accord with Sub-Section (a) of Section 398 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Sub-Section (e) of Section 9 of the Union Government Law the Union Election Commission was formed with the following persons.<sup>6</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Tin Aye	Chairman
2.	U Myint Naing	Member
3.	U Aung Myint	Member
4.	U Tha Oo	Member
5.	Dr. Daw Myint Kyi	Member
6.	U Win Kyi	Member
7.	U Nyunt Tin	Member
8.	U Win Ko	Secretary

## CIVIL SERVICES BOARD APPOINTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Notification No. 6/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

#### Formation of Union Civil Services Board

In accord with Sub-Section (a) of Section 246 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (f) of Section 9 of the Union Government Law and Section 4 of the Union Civil Services Board the Union Civil Services Board was formed with the following persons.<sup>7</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Kyaw Thu	Chairman
2.	U Khin Maung Aye	Member
3.	Dr. Win Myint	Member
4.	Dr. Myint Aung	Member
5.	Dr. Kyaw Kyaw Htay	Member
6.	U Soe Oo	Member

<sup>6</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 5/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 14)

<sup>7</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 6/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 14)

## 10-MEMBER NAY PYI TAW COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Notification No. 7/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Formation of Nay Pyi Taw Council

1. In accord with Paragraph-1 of Sub-Section (b) of Section 285 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 21 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (a) of Section 3 of the Nay Pyi Taw Council law, the Nay Pyi Taw Council was formed with the following persons.<sup>8</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Thein Nyunt	Chairman
2.	U Than Htay	Member
3.	U Than Aung	Member
4.	Colonel Myint Aung Than	Member
5.	U Kan Chun	Member
6.	Dr. Paing Soe	Member
7.	U Saw Hla	Member
8.	U Myint Swe	Member
9.	U Myint Shwe	Member
10.	U Myo Nyunt	Member

2. The Head of Nay Pyi Taw General Administration Department is the Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Council under Sub-Section (c) of Section 3 of Nay Pyi Taw Council Law.

## APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND DEPUTY AUDITOR-GENERAL

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

### Order Nos. 14 & 15/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Appointment of Deputy Attorney-General

In accord with Section 239 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, paragraph (10) of Sub-section (b) of Section (16) of the Union Government Law and Section 6 of the Union Attorney-General Law, U Tun Tun Oo has been appointed as Deputy Attorney-General.<sup>9</sup>

### Appointment of Deputy Auditor-General

In accord with Section 244 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, paragraph (11) of Sub-section (b) of Section (16) of the Union Government Law and Section 6 of the Union Auditor-General Law, U Myo Myint has been appointed as Deputy Auditor-General.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 7/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 15)

<sup>9</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 14/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p.11)

<sup>10</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 15/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p.11)

**REGION AND STATE HLUTTAW REPRESENTATIVES VETTING COMMITTEES FORMED**

The regular sessions of First Region and State Hluttaws took place in respective Regions and States yesterday morning. Speakers of respective Region and State Hluttaws sought the approvals for the numbers and nominations of Region or State Hluttaw Representative Vetting Committee of respective Region or State Hluttaws.<sup>11</sup>

**KACHIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Soe Nwe	Mogaung (1)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Kyaw Swe	Bhamo (1)	Secretary	National Unity Party (NUP)
3.	U Zaung Khaung	Sawlaw (1)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)
4.	U Ah Ri	Putao (1)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)
5.	U Li Paw Re	Putao (2)	Member	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP)
6.	U Khin Lay Phon	Khaunglangphu (2)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)
7.	U Za Khon Yein Hsaung	Chipwe (2)	Member	Unity Democracy Party of Kachin State
8.	U Kwam Hsaung Sam Aong	Tanai (2)	Member	USDP
9.	U Mabuda Gon	Nagmon (2)	Member	USDP
10.	U Tun Kyaing	Mansi (1)	Member	USDP

**KAYAH STATE**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Saw Ko Di	Pasawng (2)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Thein Tun	Meisei	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Ree Chap	Prusho (2)	Member	USDP

**KAYIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	Pado U Aung San	Papun (2)	Chairman	USDP
2.	Major Myint Ko	Defence Services Personnel	Secretary	-
3.	U Saw Shar Htunt Phaung	Hlaingbwe (2)	Member	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
4.	U Saw J A Win Myint	Thandaunggyi (2)	Member	Kayin People's Party
5.	U Min Aung Lin	Hlaingbwe (1)	Member	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
6.	Major Nay Lin Oak	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

**CHIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Noe Sun	Falum (2)	Chairman	Chin Progressive Party
2.	U Kwi Thang	Kanpetlet (1)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Lal Maung Kyon	Thantlang	Member	Chin National Party
4.	Major Thet Lwin	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-
5.	Captain Myo Maung Maung Thwin	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

<sup>11</sup> Region or State Hluttaw Representatives Vetting Committees Formed - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-04-01.pdf> (NLM) 1 April 2011 (p. 11-12)

**SAGAING REGION**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Tun Ko Ko	Shwebo (2)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Khin Maung Swe	Homalin (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Soe Myint	Mawlaik (1)	Member	USDP
4.	U Sein Khe	Sagaing (2)	Member	USDP
5.	U Htein Min	Wuntho (1)	Member	USDP
6.	U Maung Maung San	Mingin (2)	Member	USDP
7.	U Aung Zaw Oo	Salingyi (2)	Member	USDP

**TANINTHAYI REGION**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Soe Htwe	Thayetchaung (2)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Tin Soe	Kyunsu (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Tun Aye	Bokpyin (1)	Member	USDP
4.	U Aung San Lwin	Taninthayi (1)	Member	USDP
5.	U Shwe San	Yebyu (1)	Member	USDP

**BAGO REGION**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Khin Maung Lwin	Gyobingauk (1)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Kyaw Hsan Oo	Kyaukdaga (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Tin Maung Myint	Shwedaung (1)	Member	USDP
4.	Daw Khin Nwe	Shwegyin (1)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)
5.	Major Thein Lwin Oo	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

**MAGWAY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Myo Myint	Minhla (1)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Maung Maung Tin	Minbu (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Maung Maung Soe	Sinbaungwe (1)	Member	USDP
4.	U Zaw Moe Thein	Pakkoku (2)	Member	USDP
5.	Major Nyan Lin Aung	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

**MANDALAY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Saw Htay	Meiktila (1)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Pyay Win	Maha-aungmye (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Tauk	Singu (2)	Member	USDP
4.	U Sein Thaug	Singaing (2)	Member	USDP
5.	U Than Htay Aung	Taungtha (1)	Member	USDP
6.	Major Phone Myint Naing	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

**MON STATE**

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Sein Myint	Kyaikto (2)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Chan Myint	Paung (2)	Secretary	All Mon Region Democracy Party
3.	U Maung Lan	Paung (1)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)
4.	U Hla Tun	Kyaikmaraw (1)	Member	USDP
5.	Major Thet Min Tun	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

#### RAKHINE STATE

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Maung Lon	Myebon (2)	Chairman	Rakhine Nationals Development Party
2.	U Tin Aung	An (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	Major Thein Tun	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-
4.	Daw Than Sein	Taungup (1)	Member	USDP
5.	U Maung Hla Kyaw	Kyauktaw (1)	Member	Rakhine Nationals Development Party

#### YANGON REGION

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Mya Ngwe	Kamayut (2)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Tin Hlaing	Dagon (Seikkan-2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Min Thein	Seikkyikhanaungto (1)	Member	USDP
4.	Daw San San Win	Dagon Myothit (South-2)	Member	USDP
5.	U Thet Tun Maung	North Okkalapa (2)	Member	National Democratic Force (NDF)
6.	Dr. Nyo Nyo Thin	Bahan (2)	Member	Democratic Party (Myanmar)
7.	U Soe Win	Lanmadaw (2)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)

#### SHAN STATE

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	U Nyunt Win	Mongphyat (1)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Zaw Zaw	Mabein (1)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Sai Kan	Mongshu (2)	Member	USDP
4.	U Sai Mon (a) U Sai Kyaw Tun	Kunhing (2)	Member	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP)
5.	U Arbya Han	Pekhon (2)	Member	Kayan National Party

#### AYEYAWADY REGION

Sr.	Name	Constituency	Portfolio	Party
1.	Dr. Khin Khin Si	Pathein (1)	Chairman	USDP
2.	U Aung Kyaw Sein	Pathein (2)	Secretary	USDP
3.	U Mahn Thet Tin	Pantanaw (1)	Member	National Unity Party (NUP)
4.	U Hla Myint	Danubyu (2)	Member	USDP
5.	U Yan Win	Maubin (1)	Member	USDP
6.	U Myint Aung	Mawlamyinegyun (2)	Member	USDP
7.	Major Aung Myo Myint	Defence Services Personnel	Member	-

#### APPOINTMENTS OF CHIEF JUSTICES FOR REGIONS/STATES ANNOUNCED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office  
**Order No. 18/2011**  
11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

#### Appointment of Chief Justices of High Court of Region or State

In accord with paragraph (4) of Sub-Section (b) of Section 308 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (b) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Section (44) of Union Judicial Law, the following persons, approved by Region or State Hluttaws, have been appointed as Chief Justices of High Court of Region or State shown against them:<sup>12</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 18/2011 – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 11)



Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Region/State
1.	U Tu Ja	Chief Justice	Kachin State
2.	U Tin Win	Chief Justice	Kayah State
3.	U Saw San Lin	Chief Justice	Kayin State
4.	U Win Myint Kyaw	Chief Justice	Chin State
5.	U Khin Maung Gyi	Chief Justice	Mon State
6.	U Kyauk	Chief Justice	Rakhine State
7.	U Kywe Kywe	Chief Justice	Shan State
8.	U San Ko	Chief Justice	Sagaing Region
9.	U Sein Tun	Chief Justice	Magway Region
10.	U Soe Thein	Chief Justice	Mandalay Region
11.	U Maung Maung Shwe	Chief Justice	Bago Region
12.	U Myint Win	Chief Justice	Taninthayi Region
13.	U Win Swe	Chief Justice	Yangon Region
14.	U Myint Thein	Chief Justice	Ayeyawady Region

## REGION AND STATE MINISTERS APPOINTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office  
**Order No. 19/2011**  
11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Appointment of Region/State Ministers

In accord with Section 262 (c), (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Sub-Section (c) of Section 19 of the Union Government Law and Sub-Section (g) of Section (8) of the Region or State Government Law, the following persons approved by Region or State Chief Ministers have been appointed as ministers of the Region or State shown against them.<sup>13</sup>

#### KACHIN STATE

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Than Aung	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Nyunt Aung	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
3.	U B Htaw Zaung	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	USDP
4.	U A Lay Pa	Minister	Ministry of Development Affairs	Unity Democracy Party of Kachin State
5.	U Kaman Du Naw	Minister	Ministry of Transport	National Unity Party (NUP)
6.	U Aung Naing	Minister	Ministry of Mines	USDP
7.	U Sai Maung Shwe	Minister	Ministry of Industry	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP)
8.	U Khin Maung Tun	Minister	Ministry of Health	USDP
9.	Daw Bauk Ja	Minister	Ministry of Education, Social Affairs/Religious and Cultural Affairs	NDF

<sup>13</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 19/2011 – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 11)

**KAYAH STATE**

<b>Sr</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Party</b>
1.	Colonel Tin Soe	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Taw Ye	Minister	Ministry of Planning /Economic	USDP
3.	U Than Kyaw Soe	Minister	Ministry of Finance and Revenue	USDP
4.	U Ye Win	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
5.	U Saw Hu Hu	Minister	Ministry of Electric Power	USDP
6.	U Koe Yel	Minister	Ministry of Social Affairs	USDP
7.	U Chit Hla	Minister	Ministry of Transport	USDP
8.	U Poe Yel	Minister	Ministry of Construction	USDP
9.	U Aung Naing Oo	Minister	Ministry of Information and Culture	USDP

**KAYIN STATE**

<b>Sr</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Party</b>
1.	Colonel Aung Lwin	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Chit Hlaing	Minister	Ministry of Economics	Kayin State Democracy and Development Party
3.	U Saw Khin Maung Myint	Minister	Ministry of Transport	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
4.	U Min Soe Thein (a) Naing Min Soe Thein	Minister	Ministry of Energy	All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP)
5.	U Saw Christopher	Minister	Ministry of Social Affairs, Education and Health	Kayin People's Party
6.	U Saw Sa Lawla	Minister	Ministry of Mines	USDP
7.	U Than Daing	Minister	Ministry of Industry/Communications	USDP
8.	U Saw Win Htein	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding	USDP
9.	U Saw Kyi Lin	Minister	Ministry of Forestry	Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party

**CHIN STATE**

<b>Sr</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Party</b>
1.	Colonel Zaw Min Oo	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Nan Zamon	Minister	Ministry of Finance and Planning	USDP
3.	U Yam Man	Minister	Ministry of Economics	Chin National Party
4.	U Ban Htaung	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture	Chin Progressive Party
5.	U Kyaw Nyein	Minister	Ministry of Energy, Electric Power, Mines and Forestry	Chin Progressive Party
6.	U Kyint Lian Paung	Minister	Ministry of Transport, Communications and Construction	USDP
7.	Dr Ba Maung	Minister	Ministry of Social Affairs	Retired Civil Servant
8.	U Nein Nine	Minister	Ministry of Management and Industry	USDP

**MON STATE**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Htay Myint Aung	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	Dr. Khin Maung Thwin	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
3.	Dr. Toe Toe Aung	Minister	Ministry of Industry	USDP
4.	Dr. Hla Oo	Minister	Ministry of Education and Health	USDP
5.	U Myo Nyunt	Minister	Ministry Agriculture and Livestock Breeding	USDP
6.	U Win Maw Oo	Minister	Ministry of Forestry	USDP
7.	U Tun Hlaing	Minister	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Labour	National Unity Party (NUP)
8.	Naing Lawe Aung (a) U Naing Myint Swe	Minister	Ministry of Energy and Electric Power	All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP)
9.	Dr. Min Nwe Soe	Minister	Ministry of Social Affairs and Culture	All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP)

**RAKHINE STATE**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Htein Lin	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Kyaw Khin	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture/Forestry and Irrigation	USDP
3.	Dr. Aung Kyaw Min	Minister	Ministry of Health and Education	USDP
4.	U Mya Aung	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
5.	U Soe Aye	Minister	Ministry of Transport	USDP
6.	U Tha Lu Ce	Minister	Ministry of Industry, Labour and Sports	Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNNDP)
7.	U Kyaw Thein	Minister	Ministry of Meat, Fish, Mines and Energy	Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNNDP)
8.	U Aung Than Tin	Minister	Ministry of Culture and Social Welfare and Relief	Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNNDP)
9.	U Hla Han	Minister	Ministry of Religious Affairs and Immigration	USDP

**SHAN STATE**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Aung Thu	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Khun Thein Maung	Minister	Ministry of Planning/Finance	USDP
3.	U Thaug Shwe	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
4.	Dr. Myo Tun	Minister	Ministry of Education and Health	USDP
5.	U Tu Maung	Minister	Ministry of Transport and Communications	USDP
6.	U Sai Aik Paung	Minister	Ministry of Industry and Mines	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNNDP)
7.	U Sai Hsa Lu	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	USDP
8.	U Sai Naw Kham (a) U Tin Tun Aung	Minister	Ministry of Construction	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNNDP)
9.	U Sai Tun Yin	Minister	Ministry of Electric Power	USDP

**SAGAING REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Kyi Naing	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Sein Win	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture	USDP
3.	U Saw Myint Oo	Minister	Ministry of Forestry	USDP
4.	U Sein Maung	Minister	Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives	National Unity Party (NUP)
5.	U Than Htaik	Minister	Ministry of Energy, Mines and Industry	USDP
6.	U Tin Ngwe	Minister	Ministry of Communications and Construction	USDP
7.	Dr. Myint Thein	Minister	Ministry of Health	USDP
8.	U Tin Win	Minister	Ministry of Education	USDP
9.	U Kyaw Win	Minister	Ministry of Social Welfare	National Unity Party (NUP)

**MAGWAY REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Arnt Zaw	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Aung Kyaw Min	Minister	Ministry of Education and Health	USDP
3.	U Nay Shin	Minister	Ministry of Transport and Communications	USDP
4.	U Aung Naing	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture/Forestry	USDP
5.	U Kyi Min	Minister	Ministry of Planning /Finance	USDP
6.	U Win Pe	Minister	Ministry of Construction	National Unity Party (NUP)
7.	U Myint Naing	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
8.	U Thein Tun	Minister	Ministry of Industry and Mines	USDP
9.	U Win Myint Maung	Minister	Ministry of Electric Power	USDP

**MANDALAY REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Aung Kyaw Moe	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Aung Zan	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
3.	U Myint Than	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	USDP
4.	Dr. Win Hlaing	Minister	Ministry of Education and Health	USDP
5.	U Phone Zaw Han	Minister	Mayor/ Ministry of Development Affairs	USDP
6.	U Kyaw Hsan	Minister	Ministry of Transport/Communications	USDP
7.	U Than Soe Myint	Minister	Ministry of Social Affairs	USDP
8.	Dr. Myint Kyu	Minister	Ministry of Industry	USDP
9.	U Aung Maung	Minister	Ministry of Labour	USDP

**BAGO REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Thet Tun	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Ye Myint Tun	Minister	Ministry of Management	USDP
3.	U Myint Lwin Oo	Minister	Ministry of Finance and Planning	USDP
4.	Dr. Kyaw Oo	Minister	Ministry of Social Welfare	USDP
5.	U Kyaw Myint	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
6.	U Tun Wai	Minister	Ministry of Transport/Communications and Construction	USDP
7.	U Baby Ohn	Minister	Ministry of Industry	National Unity Party (NUP)
8.	U Kyaw Htay	Minister	Ministry of Energy/Electric Power/Mines/Forestry	USDP
9.	U Tin Soe	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding	USDP

**TANINTHAYI REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Zaw Lwin	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Myat Ko	Minister	Ministry of Economics	USDP
3.	Dr. Win Aung	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture/Forestry	USDP
4.	Dr. Win Aung	Minister	Ministry of Meat, Fish /Energy	USDP
5.	U Than Aung	Minister	Ministry of Industry/Mines	USDP
6.	Dr. Kyaw Hsan	Minister	Ministry of Construction and Communications	USDP
7.	U Win Swe	Minister	Ministry of Education and Health	USDP
8.	U Thein Lwin	Minister	Ministry of Social Welfare/Information	USDP
9	U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo	Minister	Ministry of Culture	USDP

**YANGON REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Tin Win	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Hla Myint	Minister	Ministry of Development Affairs	Retired Ambassador
3.	U Nyan Tun Oo	Minister	Ministry of Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration	USDP
4.	U Soe Min	Minister	Ministry of Agriculture/Economics/Commerce and Labour	USDP
5.	U Kyaw Soe	Minister	Ministry of Electric Power, Energy, Industry and Construction	USDP
6.	U Than Myint	Minister	Ministry of Finance/Forestry and Meat and Fish	USDP
7.	U Aung Khin	Minister	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Posts and Telegraphs	National Unity Party (NUP)
8.	Daw San San Nwe	Minister	Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs	USDP
9	Dr. Myint Thein	Minister	Ministry of Social Welfare and Hotels and Tourism	USDP

**AYEYAWADY REGION**

Sr	Name	Portfolio	Minister	Party
1.	Colonel Maung Maung Win	Minister	Ministry of Security and Border Affairs	Defence Services Personnel
2.	U Tin Soe	Minister	Ministry of Planning/Economics	USDP
3.	U Win Ko Ko	Minister	Ministry of Finance and Revenue	USDP
4.	U Hla Khaing	Minister	Ministry of Economics/Commerce	USDP
5.	U San Maung	Minister	Ministry of Electric Power	USDP
6.	U Soe Myint	Minister	Ministry of Social Welfare	USDP
7.	U Than Tun	Minister	Ministry of Transport	USDP
8.	U Saw Mya Thein	Minister	Ministry of Construction	National Unity Party (NUP)
9.	U Kyaw Win Naing	Minister	Ministry of Information and Culture	USDP

**APPOINTMENT OF REGION AND STATE ADVOCATES-GENERAL**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office  
**Order No. 20/2011**  
11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

**Appointment of Region or State Advocates-General**

In accord with Section 266 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (e) of the Union Government Law and Section 22 of the Union Advocate-General Law, the following persons approved by respective Region or State Chief Ministers with the approval of respective Hluttaws were appointed as Advocates-General in Regions or States shown:<sup>14</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Region/State
1.	Daw Mary Minam	Advocate-General	Kachin State
2.	U Htay Aung	Advocate-General	Kayah State
3.	U Thein Lwin	Advocate-General	Kayin State
4.	U Kaptial	Advocate-General	Chin State
5.	U Win Kyi	Advocate-General	Mon State
6.	U Hla Thein	Advocate-General	Rakhine State
7.	U Maung Maung	Advocate-General	Shan State
8.	U Maung Maung Lin	Advocate-General	Sagaing Region
9.	U Maung Maung Phyu Tint	Advocate-General	Magway Region
10.	U Ye Aung Myint	Advocate-General	Mandalay Region
11.	U Myint Aung	Advocate-General	Bago Region
12.	U Soe Myint	Advocate-General	Taninthayi Region
13.	U Kyaw Moe Naing	Advocate-General	Yangon Region
14.	U Chit Ko Ko	Advocate-General	Ayeyawady Region

#### REGION AND STATE AUDITORS-GENERAL APPOINTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office

##### Order No. 21/2011

11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

#### Appointment of Region or State Auditors-General

In accord with Section 271 (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (f) of the Union Government Law and Section 21 of the Union Auditor-General Law, the following persons approved by respective Region or State Chief Ministers with the approval of respective Hluttaws have been appointed as Auditors-General in Regions or States shown against them:<sup>15</sup>

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Region/State
1.	U Nyo Hmaing	Auditor-General	Kachin State
2.	Daw Kyi Kyi	Auditor-General	Kayah State
3.	Daw Khin Maw	Auditor-General	Kayin State
4.	U Kyaw Zan	Auditor-General	Chin State
5.	Daw Khin Khin Myo	Auditor-General	Mon State
6.	U Tun San Aung	Auditor-General	Rakhine State
7.	U Thein Myint	Auditor-General	Shan State
8.	Daw Khin Myint Aye	Auditor-General	Sagaing Region
9.	U Hla Than	Auditor-General	Magway Region
10.	U Kyaw Win	Auditor-General	Mandalay Region
11.	U Aye Win	Auditor-General	Bago Region
12.	U Thein Han	Auditor-General	Taninthayi Region
13.	U Myint Aung	Auditor-General	Yangon Region
14.	U Thein Tun	Auditor-General	Ayeyawady Region

<sup>14</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 20/2011 – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 12)

<sup>15</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 21/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 13)

## CHAIRPERSONS OF LEADING BODIES OF SELF-ADMINISTERED ZONES AND DIVISIONS APPOINTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office  
**Order No. 22/2011**  
11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Appointment of Chairpersons of Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Zone or Division

In accord with Section 276 (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (g) of the Union Government Law and Section 9 (b) of the Leading Body of Self-Administered Zone or Division Law, the following persons submitted by respective Region or State Chief Ministers have been appointed as Chairperson of Leading Body in Self-Administered Zone or Division shown against them:<sup>16</sup>

Sr.	Name	Self-Administered Zone/Division
1.	U Rhu San Kyu	Naga Self-Administered Zone
2.	U Htoo Ko Ko	Danu Self-Administered Zone
3.	U San Lwin	Pa-O Self-Administered Zone
4.	U Maung Maung (a) U Tun Kyaw	Palaung Self-Administered Zone
5.	U Pe Sauk Chein (a) U Be Saw Chein	Kokang Self-Administered Zone
6.	U Khun Tun Htoo (a) U Tun Lu	Wa Self-Administered Division

## REGION/STATE MINISTERS FOR NATIONAL RACES AFFAIRS APPOINTMENTED

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office  
**Order No. 23/2011**  
11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

### Appointment of Region or State Ministers for National Races Affairs

In accord with Section 262 (e) and (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) of the Union Government Law and Section 10 (b) (ii) of the Region or State Government Law, the following persons submitted by respective Region or State Chief Ministers have been appointed as Regions or States Ministers for National Races Affairs:<sup>17</sup>

#### KACHIN STATE

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Khin Maung Swe	Minister	Bamar National Race Affairs	National Unity Party (NUP)
2.	Daw Khin Pyone Yi	Minister	Shan National Race Affairs	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP)
3.	U Gwam Rein Dee	Minister	Rawan National Race Affairs	USDP
4.	U Ah Si	Minister	Lisu National Race Affairs	USDP

#### KAYAH STATE

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Sein Oo	Minister	Bamar National Race Affairs	USDP

<sup>16</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 22/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 13)

<sup>17</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 23/2011 - <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 13)

**KAYIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Khin Kyu	Minister	Bamar National Race Affairs	USDP
2.	U Khun Than Myint	Minister	Pa-O National Race Affairs	Independent candidate
3.	U Nai Chit Oo	Minister	Mon National Race Affairs	All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP)

**MON STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Thet Win	Minister	Bamar National Race Affairs	USDP
2.	U Khun Pe Mya	Minister	Pa-ONational Race Affairs	USDP
3.	U Saw Aung Kyaw Thein	Minister	Kayin National Race Affairs	USDP

**RAKHINE STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Ko Ko Naing	Minister	Chin National Race Affairs	USDP

**SHAN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Naing Win	Minister	Bamar National Race Affairs	USDP
2.	U Duwa Zot Daung	Minister	Kachin (Jiang Phaw) National Race Affairs	USDP
3.	U Whan Hsan (a) Raw Wi	Minister	Lisu National Race Affairs	USDP
4.	U Shar Hmwe Lashan	Minister	Lahu National Race Affairs	USDP
5.	U Win Myint	Minister	Inn National Race Affairs	Inn National Development Party
6.	U Peter Thaug Sein	Minister	Kaw (Akha) National Race Affairs	USDP
7.	U Lawrence	Minister	Kayan (Padaung) National Race Affairs	Kayan National Party

**MAGWAY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Salai Hla Tun	Minister	Chin National Race Affairs	USDP

**MANDALAY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Sai Maung Hla	Minister	Shan National Race Affairs	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party

**BAGO REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Saw Jubilee San Hla	Minister	Kayin National Race Affairs	Kayin People's Party

**TANINTHAYI REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Saw Harvey	Minister	Kayin National Race Affairs	USDP

**YANGON REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Saw Tun Aung Myint	Minister	Kayin National Race Affairs	Kayin People's Party
2.	U Zaw Aye Maung	Minister	Rakhine National Race Affairs	Rakhine Nationals Development Party



**AYEYAWADY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio	Ministry	Party
1.	U Mahn Than Shwe	Minister	Kayin National Race Affairs	USDP
2.	U Ba Kyu	Minister	Rakhine National Race Affairs	USDP

**APPOINTMENT OF HIGH COURT JUDGES OF REGIONS AND STATES**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
President Office  
**Order No. 24/2011**  
11th Waning of Tabaung, 1372 ME  
30 March 2011

**Appointment of Judges of High Courts of Regions or States**

In accord with Section 308 (b) (iv) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (d) of the Union Government Law and Section 45 of the Union Judiciary Law, the following persons approved by respective Region or State Hluttaws have been appointed as Judges of High Courts of Regions or States:<sup>18</sup>

**KACHIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Zaw Win	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Pyone Pyone Aye	High Court Judge

**KAYAH STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Kyaw Lin Maung	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Than Than Aye	High Court Judge

**KAYIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Thein Ko Ko	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Khin Swe Tun	High Court Judge

**CHIN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Hla Tin	High Court Judge
2.	U Myint Thein Tun	High Court Judge

**MON STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Thein Myint	High Court Judge
2.	U Nyi Nyi Soe	High Court Judge

**RAKHINE STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Thein Aung	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Si Si	High Court Judge

<sup>18</sup> Republic of the Union of Myanmar President Office - Notification No. 24/2011 – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs11/NLM2011-03-31.pdf> (NLM) 31 March 2011 (p. 13)

**SHAN STATE**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	Daw Khin May Tint	High Court Judge
2.	U Khin Maung Htay	High Court Judge

**SAGAING REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Myo Maung	High Court Judge
2.	U Win Myint	High Court Judge

**MAGWAY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Myint Thein	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Nu Yin	High Court Judge

**MANDALAY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	Daw Tin Nwe Win	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Khin Thin Wai	High Court Judge
3.	Daw Kyin Thaug (a) Daw Lay Lay Mon	High Court Judge
4.	U Kyi Thein (a) U Kyi Thein Aung	High Court Judge
5.	Daw Hla Hla Yi	High Court Judge
6.	U Thaug Nyunt	High Court Judge

**BAGO REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Kyi Thein	High Court Judge
2.	U Tin Hong (a) U Yu Kyone	High Court Judge

**TANINTHAYI REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Tin Aung	High Court Judge
2.	Daw Nyunt Nyunt Swe	High Court Judge

**YANGON REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	U Myo Myint	High Court Judge
2.	U Hla Aye	High Court Judge
3.	Daw Sandar Thwe	High Court Judge
4.	Daw Soe Soe Aung	High Court Judge
5.	Daw Aye Than	High Court Judge
6.	Daw Thin Thin Nwe	High Court Judge

**AYEYAWADY REGION**

Sr.	Name	Portfolio
1.	Daw Thein Thein Nyunt	High Court Judge
2.	U Kyaw Min	High Court Judge
3.	U Than Tun	High Court Judge
4.	U Myo Nyunt	High Court Judge

## **ANALYSIS**

With the recent appointment of a newly-elected government and all three branches of the state structure firmly put into place, the junta has achieved its widely publicised 7-Step Road Map to Democracy in its entirety. The first session of Hluttaw (parliament) has seen the formation of parliamentary committees at both federal as well as states/regions levels, respectively. The Burmese political landscape has been moulded accordingly to meet the requirements of the military and to allow the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) to implement its policies. While the majority of power may rest in the hands of the military-backed USDP, the inclusion of ethnic minority party members to the parliamentary assemblies and the state and regions governments will provide an opening where longstanding issues, including the promotion of ethnic minorities, can be taken up officially. The discussion of such issues should first happen at the states/regions level in order to allow the interests of all stakeholders to be addressed and taken on-board. For many years Burma's political landscape has been seen by many as a power struggle between the military and the main opposition party (notably the NLD). However, the picture is more complex as Burma is home to many different ethnic minorities. Therefore, the new government's efforts to promote change and development within the country through political harmony and unity can be seen as significant. What remains to be seen, however, is how the military deals with the ethnic armed groups that have so far refused to lay down their arms.