

POLITICAL MONITOR NO. 25

OFFICIAL MEDIA

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES MAJOR CABINET RESHUFFLE

In the most significant Cabinet reshuffle since taking office in March 2011, President Thein Sein has announced the appointments of 9 Union Ministers and 18 Deputy Ministers from 27-29 August in the *New Light of Myanmar*. As part of these reforms, 3 senior Ministers were allowed to resign and both the Information Minister and Deputy Minister were reassigned.¹ (Please see Appendixes A-F for the full texts of the notifications.)

Unofficial media: The reshuffle has been anticipated for months and is seen as a strong message of intent by President Thein Sein. Minister of Industry Minister Soe Thein, Minister of National Planning and Economic Development Tin Naing Thein and Rail Transportation Minister Aung Min – the President's closest allies - were given posts in the Office of the President. Two ministers believed to be close to retired junta leader Than Shwe were assigned to less prominent ministries. Aung Min's shift into the president's office frees him up to pursue complex political negotiations with ethnic rebel groups. As Industry Minister and chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission, Soe Thein, was seen as an integral part of efforts to set up special economic zones and attract foreign businesses to Burma. He will be joined by Finance Minister Hla Tun in Thein Sein's inner circle.²

INVESTIGATION COMMISSION FORMED TO PROBE RAKHINE UNRESTS, MEETS BORDER AFFAIRS MINISTER

A 27-member Rakhine State Conflicts Investigation Commission including retired civil servants, academics, politicians, religious and community leaders has been formed to investigate the recent communal riots in the Rakhine State. The new Commission has been entrusted to compile its report and submit its findings directly to the President by 16 November 2012. In June 2012, a 16-member committee was also entrusted to investigate the Rakhine State riots, but was regarded as non-transparent, and lacking credibility as well as equal distribution of representation among its members.³ (Please see Appendix G for full text of the notification.)

Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay met members of the new Commission on behalf of the President on 21 August. He clarified that the commission is to be independent and urged it to collect data in the community and give suggestions on requirements for development of the region while at the same time find the root causes of the recent riots. He explained that the recent incidents originated due to unlawful acts in Yanbye Township, which spread to other parts of the Rakhine State and led to the destruction of 5,338 houses, 19 mosques, 14 monasteries, 3 schools burnt and the deaths of 89 people. He said that the authorities have been providing humanitarian aid opened relief camps to those affected. Commission Chairman Dr. Myo Myint said that in handling the Rakhine State issue, it is very important for the commission to refrain from taking sides and that there would be difficulties in

¹ Union Ministers reshuffled – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-28.pdf> (NLM) 28 August 2012 (p. 1) / Deputy Ministers appointed – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-28.pdf> (NLM) 28 August 2012 (p. 16 & 8) / Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Ministers – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1) / Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Auditor-General – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1) / Deputy Minister reshuffled – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1) / Deputy Ministers appointed – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-30.pdf> (NLM) 30 August 2012 (p. 1)

² Myanmar president promotes reformers in cabinet shake-up – http://news.yahoo.com/myanmar-president-promotes-reformers-cabinet-shake-161513765.html?_esi=1 (Reuters) 27 August 2012

³ Investigation Commission formed – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-18.pdf> (NLM) 18 August 2012 (p. 1 & 8)

addressing the issues of the two parties involved in the conflict. He added that the commission would take the necessary measures in the best interest of the State and the people to fulfil its mandate.⁴

STATE + UNION LEVEL PEACE-MAKING GROUPS & PA-O NATIONAL LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PNLO) HOLD PEACE TALKS AGREEING TO CEASEFIRE, SIGN AGREEMENT

The Pa-O National Liberation Organization (PNLO) met with the State Level Peace-Making Group and the Union Peace-Making Work Committee in the Shan State capital Taunggyi on 25 August. The State level group and the PNLO discussed a 5-point agreement reached in principle by both sides on 27 June 2012, and reached another 5-point initial agreement:

1. To cease attacks of both sides as of 25 August 2012.
2. To reside at designated areas already agreed by both sides.
3. Not to carry arms to other regions except the designated areas.
4. To establish liaison offices without arms at Taunggyi, Hsihseng, Maukmai already agreed by both sides.
5. To officially form the representative group to hold talks with the state level peace-making group, and to start the Union level peace talks during a period of three months beginning 25 August 2012.

Next, the Union Peace-Making Work Committee and the PNLO held Union level peace talks and signed a Union level 8-point agreement as follows:

1. To make more discussion on ceasefire to be held stronger.
2. To coordinate matters on designation of code of conduct.
3. To provide assistance by Union Peace-Making Work Committee for running liaison offices.
4. To continue to coordinate the location of PNLO/ PNLA troops.
5. To coordinate matters on cooperation in the fight against narcotic drugs.
6. To coordinate matters on media.
7. To coordinate matters on foods, clothing and shelters of troops.
8. To coordinate matters on public security and basic agriculture.⁵

UN POPULATION FUND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAKES OFFICIAL VISIT

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin met President Thein Sein in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 August and discussed the UNFPA-supported 2014 census, birth spacing and maternal health matters, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Maternal and Child Welfare Association work in cooperation with INGOs and NGOs for successful reproductive health and birth spacing education measures, the training of competent doctors and nurses regarding reproductive health, the well-being and empowerment of young people and efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Dr. Osotimehin also met other Burmese officials including Lower House Speaker Thura Shwe Mann, Immigration Minister Khin Yi and NLD leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as well as leaders of the Myanmar Medical Association's Youth Development Programme.⁶

⁴ Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay meets Rakhine State Conflicts Investigation Commission Members – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-22.pdf> (NLM) 22 August 2012 (p. 8)

⁵ State Level Peace-Making Group, Pa-O National Liberation Organization (PNLO) hold peace talks – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-27.pdf> (NLM) 27 August 2012 (p. 16 & 9)

⁶ President U Thein Sein receives UN Under-Secretary-General – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-28.pdf> (NLM) 28 August 2012 (p. 1) / Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives UN Under-Secretary-General – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1) / I & P Ministry, UNFPA meet for nationwide taking of census in 2014 –

HLUTTAW SESSIONS – Highlights

Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) sessions

The key issues during the 29th to 35th day sessions of the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) included:

- U Thein Swe of An Constituency (USDP) submitted a proposal calling on respective Union-level bodies organized in accordance with the State Constitution to adopt rules, laws and procedures and laws which had been enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within 90 days after the President has signed or declared them on the duration set by the Hluttaw (29th day session)⁷
- U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyal Constituency (SNDP) raised a question as to why in spite of ceasefire agreements being signed fighting was continuing between government forces and the armed ethnic groups. (30th day session)
 - Union Minister for Railways and Vice-Chairman of the Peace-making Work Committee U Aung Min responded the issue of national races armed groups and national races dates back since independence and bilateral efforts are required to move past reservation on both sides to uncover the truth. It is simply not easy to solve the six-decade old problems over night. The President has instructed the implementation of three steps at region/state level, Union level and Union Assembly level respectively to bring about internal peace.
Though ceasefire agreements out of five points in region/state level agreements have been reached with national races armed groups, other points such as stationing in places under bilateral agreement, prohibition of going other places with arms except within the designated places, opening of liaison offices at suitable places (without arms) are still under negotiation. He has concluded that there have been armed engagements in Shan State because there have not been designated places for both sides' armies and a liaison office has not yet opened. Such problems would vanish after step-by-step implementation of peacemaking polices adopted by the President. The Union Peace-making Work Committee would carry out the peace process as early as possible.⁸
- Pyithu Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann announced that the term of the 19 Hluttaw committees established on 5 September 2011 would be extended for one more year and agreed to include new members as well as to reorganize the committees accordingly. (31st day session)⁹
- U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency (USDP) asked whether there are measures to control the influx of illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries. The Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win replied that Burma controls foreigners through the Foreigners Registration Act and Bylaws. On 11 November 1964, Burma designated 23 regions as control areas for illegal immigrants. (32nd day session)¹⁰
- Daw Le Le Win Swe of Tamway Constituency (USDP) asked how citizens, associate citizens and naturalised citizens are designated in Burma. Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win replied that under the

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-30.pdf> (NLM) 30 August 2012 (p. 2) /

UNFPA Meets with Myanmar Leaders, including Aung San Suu Kyi and Young People –

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/news/pid/11575> (UNFPA) 27 August 2012

⁷ Action would be taken against unlicensed money lenders in accord with the Money Lenders Acts (1945) and Micro Finance Law –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-18.pdf> (NLM) 18 August 2012 (p. 16 & 8)

⁸ MPs call for uprightness of judicial system, right to trial by jury –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-21.pdf> (NLM) 21 August 2012 (p. 16 & 8)

⁹ Hluttaw is working for the integrity of the Hluttaw and its law makers while giving advices to become upright judiciary system –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-22.pdf> (NLM) 22 August 2012 (p. 16 & 8)

¹⁰ Auto mobiles industries in industrial zones will have to pay income taxes only when they make profits –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-23.pdf> (NLM) 23 August 2012 (p. 16 & 8)

Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982), the Central Committee (which has already met twice in 2012) holds meetings to designate citizen, associate citizen and naturalized citizen. (32nd day session)¹¹

- Pyithu Hluttaw Economic and Trade Development Committee Secretary U Khin Maung Oo submitted the Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill. (32nd day session)¹²
- 8 MPs discussed a proposal submitted by Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunheing Constituency (SNDP) on 14 August urging the President and the Union government to submit bill/rule (draft) defining duties, authorities and rights of Region and State Chief Ministers and Ministers under Section 264 (d) of the Constitution. Deputy Attorney-General of the Union U Tun Tun Oo responded that respective laws have been prescribed for administration and management of each institution. The Region or State Government Law has been prescribed for region or state level administration. Pyithu Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that if the discussions of the resource personnel and representatives are to be reviewed, the Region and State governments led by chief ministers would enjoy rights granted by the constitution and could well perform undertakings and bring about national unity only when the rights of the Union government and those of the region or state governments are divided clearly. *The proposal was approved, keeping in mind that the emergence of laws that could profit the country and citizens, and safeguard the rights of the national races is the duty of the Hluttaw.* (35th day session)¹³
- Pyithu Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann read out the impeachment against the Chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union approved by Amyotha Hluttaw. The Lower House **formed an investigation committee** to take action against the constitutional tribunal chairman and members under Sections 71 and 334 of the constitution. The duties of the 15-member committee (which includes Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa) were also announced. (35th day session)¹⁴

Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) sessions

The key issues during the 29th to 35th day sessions of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) included:

- U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency No.6 (USDP), U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 (USDP), U Aung Cho Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 11 (USDP) and U Tin Win of Magway Region Constituency No. 8 (USDP) discussed the proposal submitted by U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12 (USDP) “urging the Union government to enable staff at different level to enjoy the rights for the emergence of Clean Government”. Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung replied that the government wants to fulfil the needs of people and staff, which can only be implemented based on the State’s economic condition and time. He said the proposal would be withdrawn and the representative who submitted it wanted to put it on record, which the Hluttaw recorded. (29th day session)¹⁵
- Regarding the **Constitutional Tribunal:**
U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency No. 6 (USDP), U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 9 (USDP) and U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 (USDP) submitted a proposal for “impeachment of Chairman and eight members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union in accord with the Constitution”. (33rd day session)¹⁶

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to issue orders regarding administration – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-30.pdf> (NLM) 30 August 2012 (p. 16 & 9)

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Only when every citizen is dutiful, will they be able to enjoy the fruits of the State – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-22.pdf> (NLM) 22 August 2012 (p. 16 & 9)

¹⁶ Health Department opens station hospital, rural health care centres and rural health care centres (branch) after drafting fifth five-year short-term National Plan – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-25.pdf> (NLM) 25 August 2012 (p. 16 & 10)

16 MPs discussed the proposal submitted by U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Constituency No.5 (USDP) on **“impeachment of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal in connection with the breach of the provisions of the Constitution and the failures to discharge the vested duties”**. The Hluttaw took the vote to approve the proposal and decided to approve it as there is over two-third of eligible voters. (34th day session)¹⁷

Unofficial: The joint Parliament session passed the resolution on 27 August by secret vote of 447-168 in favour of the impeachment proposal, urging the Constitutional Tribunal to admit that it had mistakenly issued a ruling saying that parliament-formed committees, commissions and organizations were not union (central) level organizations under the Constitution. The Tribunal, however, has insisted it has followed its duties and has refused to resign.¹⁸

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PRESIDENT THEIN SEIN & AUNG SAN SUU KYI MEET

Opposition leader and MP Aung San Suu Kyi and President Thein Sein met on two separate occasions in less than two weeks since she became a member of parliament on 12 and 22 August respectively according to officials from the President’s Office. The 12 August meeting, their 3rd meeting together, included Cabinet members - a first for Suu Kyi and Thein Sein, who have forged an informal agreement to cooperate in addressing the country’s many obstacles to peace and economic development. The details of the meetings were kept confidential, and those also present included senior Cabinet ministers Aung Min and Soe Thane, who head the government’s peace committee that has brokered several cease-fires with ethnic groups.¹⁹

KNU WANTS RELOCATION OF BURMA ARMY HIGH ON PEACE-TALK AGENDA

The Karen National Union (KNU) and the Burmese government announced that they have agreed on the dates and location for the 3rd round of peace-talks to be held in Hpan-an, Karen State from 3-4 September, after the Government had earlier postponed talks that were originally scheduled for 27-29 August. According to a KNU statement on 29 August, the peace talks will “focus on guaranteeing the safety of civilians and the building of trust progressively at every level of the negotiations” and also “the systematic relocation of Burma Army soldiers from Karen State and a Code of Conduct that was drafted by the KNU and submitted to the Burma Government for discussion”. The KNU also said that “in order to achieve lasting peace after decades of armed conflicts and political disputes will be possible through the participation and support of all concerned parties and stakeholders.”²⁰

SHAN SURVERY FINDS PEOPLE WANT PEACE PROCESS TO CONTINUE

A recent report submitted by the Shan State Army (SSA) South showed that despite the on and off clashes taking place between its forces and the Burmese Army, many of those affected by the fighting have recommended on-going peace talks to continue. “Every time fighting breaks out between the two sides, the ones who suffer are the people,” said one of the participants in one of the public consultations organized by the Restoration Council of Shan State / Shan State Army (RCSS/SSA), as the SSA South is officially known, in June and July. They added that, “while it’s true

¹⁷ Income tax levy aimed at scrutinizing the source of income – <http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 16 & 9)

¹⁸ Burmese Lower House forms impeachment committee - <http://mizzima.com/news/inside-burma/7885-burmese-lower-house-forms-impeachment-committee.html> (Mizzima) 30 August 2012

¹⁹ Opposition Leader Suu Kyi Meets President – <http://www.irrawaddy.org/archives/11363> (Irrawaddy) 13 August 2012/
Suu Kyi, Thein Sein meet again in Naypyitaw – <http://www.mizzima.com/news/inside-burma/7823-suu-kyi-thein-sein-meet-again-in-naypyitaw.html> (Mizzima) 23 August 2012

²⁰ KNU wants relocation of Burma Army high on peace-talk agenda – <http://karennews.org/2012/08/knu-wants-relocation-of-burma-army-high-on-peace-talk-agenda.html/> (Karen News) 29 August 2012

one should always be prepared for the worst, there must be ways other than fighting to deal with the problems that come with the negotiations.” RCSS/SSA leader Lt-Gen Yawdserk also said that, “The opportunity to struggle for our rights without fighting is one we should not miss.”

The biggest problem so far is the fact that no term of agreement can be implemented without consent from the *Tatmadaw* (Armed Forces). Apart from it, according to SSA field team leader Brig-Gen Pawng Kherh 19 people, some of them highly regarded in the Shan community, have volunteered to become Peace Monitors to be watchdogs against truce violations between government troops and the armed resistance. U Aung Min, the government’s key negotiator, said on 1 July that regulations for peace monitors were still being drafted and that the body would include people nominated by the government, the resistance and the media.²¹

ETHNIC POLITICAL PARTIES DEMAND NEWS IN THEIR LANGUAGE

The Nationalities Brotherhood Forum (NBF), a group of 6 ethnic political parties²², has said that it would like newsletters and journals published in ethnic languages as the government cannot be relied on to do so. The NBF released a statement during its quarterly meeting also attended by representatives from other ethnic political parties. According to the General-Secretary of the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party Sa Be Kyin Oo, the aim is to promote ethnic languages and see them used in a broader context as the government has only allowed the teaching of ethnic languages to be taught outside school hours. He added that as government won’t be publishing ethnic language newspapers or journals, the NBF has therefore decided to do it themselves at a date is to be confirmed. The NBF has also demanded that the Burma Army stop its military operations in ethnic areas and obey President U Thein Sein’s order to work for peace nationwide.²³

ANALYSIS

The two recent meetings between the Burmese President and NLD leader Aung San Suu Kyi reflect the need and importance to hold regular discussions and exchange views on matters regarding the current state of affairs of the country. However, details of the meeting remain unknown.

Since the unrests in Rakhine State erupted in May this year, the government has been cautious and has implemented measures to prevent further outbreaks from re-occurring in the region. The creation of a 27-member investigation commission which has been mandated to probe the Rakhine State riots will need to produce a balanced and credible report on its findings regarding the communal clashes and gain the trust of the public.

The recent signing of a peace agreement between the government and the Pa-O should be seen as an encouraging sign of progress. However, the all important cease-fire agreements with the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO) remain elusive. Nevertheless, peace-talks with the Karen National Union (KNU) have been scheduled with the issue of relocating government forces from Karen State being a condition for future negotiations between the two sides. To what extent the government will comply remains to be seen.

With the recent cabinet re-shuffle four ministers have been appointed to take up posts within the President’s Office, although their role and functions remain unclear. The President’s appointment of the four ministers to work directly under his authority is seen as intensifying and moving his reform agenda forward. The four - Railways Minister Aung Min, Finance Minister Hla Tun, National Planning Minister Tin Naing Thein and Industry Minister Soe Thein - have in the past held ministerial posts but

²¹ Shan survey finds people want peace process to go on -

http://www.english.panglong.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4888:shan-survey-finds-people-want-peace-process-to-go-on&catid=85:politics&Itemid=266 (Shan Herald) 24 August 2012

²² The Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP), the All Mon Region Democratic Party (AMRDP), the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP), the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party (PSDP), the Chin National Party (CNP) and the Kayan Nationalities Party (KNP).

²³ Ethnic political parties want news in their language –

<http://karennews.org/2012/08/ethnic-political-parties-want-news-in-their-language.html/> Karen News – 22 August 2012

of late have become directly involved in the peace process and thus their functions and roles will be linked, in one way or the other, to activities to end the ethnic conflicts which have plagued the country for over half a century. All that remains now is whether the new cabinet is able to fulfill the President's goals to achieve peace and bring prosperity to the country.

APPENDICES

Appendix A:

Union Ministers Reshuffled
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 22/2012
10th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME
(27th August, 2012)

Under the Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 12 of the Union Government Law, the following Union Ministers are reshuffled at ministries shown against each.

- | | | |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. U Soe Thein | - | Ministry of President Office |
| 2. U Aung Min | - | Ministry of President Office |
| 3. U Hla Tun | - | Ministry of President Office |
| 4. U Tin Naing Thein | - | Ministry of President Office |
| 5. U Aung Kyi | - | Ministry of Information |
| 6. U Kyaw Hsan | - | Ministry of Cooperatives |
| 7. U Ohn Myint | - | Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries |
| 8. U Aye Myint | - | Ministry of Industry |
| 9. U Tint Hsan | - | Ministry of Sports |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar²⁴

Appendix B:

Deputy Ministers Appointed
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No.21/2012
10th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME
(27th August, 2012)

Under the Section 234, Sub-sections (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 16, Sub-section (b), Para (9) of the Union Government Law, the following persons are appointed as deputy ministers of the ministries shown against each.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Police Maj-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun | - | Ministry of Home Affairs |
| 2. U Paik Htway | - | Ministry of Information |
| 3. U Than Swe | - | Ministry of Culture |
| 4. U Aung Thein | - | Ministry of President Office |
| 5. Dr Lin Aung | - | Ministry of Finance and Revenue |
| 6. U Hset Aung | - | Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development |
| 7. (7) Dr Daw Khin San Yi | - | Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development |
| 8. (8) Daw Su Su Hlaing | - | Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement |

²⁴ Union Ministers reshuffle –
<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-28.pdf> (NLM) 28 August 2012 (p. 1)

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 9. (9) U Thaug Tin | - | Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs |
| 10. U Htin Aung | - | Ministry of Energy |
| 11. Brig-Gen Win Myint | - | Ministry of Immigration and Population |
| 12. U Aye Myint Maung | - | Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry |
| 13. Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin | - | Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry |
| 14. U Thaug Htaik | - | Ministry of Sports |
| 15. Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay | - | Ministry of Health |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar²⁵

Appendix C:

Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Ministers

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 23/2012

11th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME

(28th August, 2012)

Under Section 235, Sub-section (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 68 Sub-section (a) of the Union Government Law, the following Union Ministers have been permitted to resign from their posts.

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|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. U Khin Maung Myint | - | Ministry of Construction |
| 2. U Zaw Min | - | Ministry of Electric Power No.1 |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar²⁶

Appendix D:

Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Auditor-General

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 24/2012

11th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME

(28th August, 2012)

Under Section 245, Sub-section (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (a) of the Union Auditor-General Law, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung has been permitted to resign from his post.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar²⁷

Appendix E:

Deputy Minister reshuffled

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 25/2012

²⁵ Deputy Ministers appointed –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-28.pdf> (NLM) 28 August 2012 (p. 16 & 8)

²⁶ Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Ministers –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1)

²⁷ Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Auditor-General –

<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1)

**11th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME
(28th August, 2012)**

Under Section 234, Sub-section (a) and Sub-section (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (b), Paragraph (9) of the Union Government Law, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win has been appointed at the Ministry of Religious Affairs as deputy minister.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar²⁸

Appendix F:

**Deputy Ministers Appointed
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 27/2012
12th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME
(29th August, 2012)**

Under the Section 234, Sub-section (a) and (d), of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 16, Sub-section (b), Paragraph (9) of the Union Government Law, the following persons have been appointed as deputy ministers at the ministries shown against each.

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. U Thant Kyaw | - | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| 2. U Zin Yaw | - | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| 3. Dr Maung Maung Thein | - | Ministry of Finance and Revenue |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar²⁹

Appendix G:

**Investigation Commission Formed
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Notification No. 58/2012
15th Waning of Second Waso, 1374 ME
(17th August, 2012)**

- (1) There occurred unrests and killings in Rakhine State in May and June 2012, which undermined peace and stability and rule of law. The Investigation Commission comprising the following persons is formed so as to expose the real cause of the incident and to give suggestions for national interest.
- (2) The Investigation Commission is to investigate the following matters so as to expose the incident and present suggestions along with reviews.
 - a) the causes of the conflict that undermines peace and stability
 - b) casualties, property losses and other damages due to the conflict
 - c) measures taken for restoring peace and stability
 - d) rescue and rehabilitation tasks
 - e) Short- and long-term measures to be taken for ending the conflict
 - f) finding out the ways for peaceful coexistence between different creeds and ethnic groups
 - g) suggestions for law enforcement
 - h) suggestions for economic and social development
- (3) President Office and Rakhine State Government are to make arrangements for security and administrative affairs while the Investigation Board is on duty.

²⁸ Deputy Minister reshuffled –
<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-29.pdf> (NLM) 29 August 2012 (p. 1)

²⁹ Deputy Ministers appointed –
<http://www.burmalibrary.org/docs14/NLM2012-08-30.pdf> (NLM) 30 August 2012 (p. 1)

- (4) While making investigations into the incident, the Investigation Commission has the rights to probe into the incident in accord with Code of Criminal Procedures and Evidence Act as well as to summon the witnesses, see documents and have access to the necessary places. The investigation report is to be submitted directly to the President by 16 November, 2012.

Sr.	Name	Appointed Post	Organisation/Party and Position Held
1.	Dr Myo Myint	Chairman	Director-General, Ministry of Religious Affairs (Retd)
2.	Rev U Kyaw Nyunt	Member	Judson Church, Yangon
3.	Rev U Saw Mar Gae Gyi	Member	Secretary, Myanmar Baptist Convention
4.	U Thein Tun	Member	Entrepreneur
5.	U Soe Thein (a) Maung Wun Tha	Member	Writer, Myanmar Journalists Association
6.	U Thura (a) U Zarganar	Member	Artist
7.	U Khun Tun Oo	Member	Chairman, Shan National League for Democracy (SNLD)
8.	Daw Than Than Nu	Member	Democratic Party (Myanmar)
9.	U Khin Maung Swe	Member	National Democratic Force (NDF)
10.	Dr Aye Maung	Member	Chairman, Rakhine Nationalities Democratic Party
11.	U Aye Tha Aung	Member	Chairman, Rakhine League for Democracy
12.	U Ko Ko Gyi	Member	88 Generation Student Group
13.	Dr Daw Yin Yin New	Member	UNICEF Senior Officer (Retd.)
14.	Dr Salai Mu Kyone Lyan	Member	International Law Expert
15.	U Tin Aung Moe	Member	Environmentalist
16.	U Aung Naing Oo	Member	Executive Committee Member, Vahu Development Institute
17.	Daw Wah Wah Tun	Member	Chairperson, Myanmar Women Entrepreneur's Associations
18.	Daw Ja Nan	Member	Executive Director, Nyein Foundation
19.	U Tun Aung Chein	Member	Member, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
20.	Haji U Nyunt Maung Shein	Member	President, Islamic Religious Affairs Council Headquarters
21.	Haji U Tin Maung Than	Member	Secretary, Islamic Religious Affairs Council Headquarters
22.	Haji U Hla Win	Member	President, Myanmar Muslims National League (MaAhPha Headquarters)
23.	U Kyaw Khin	Member	General-Secretary, Myanmar Muslims National League (MaAhPha Headquarters)
24.	Haji U Myint Tun	Member	President, Myanmar Muslims Youth's Religious Organizations (MaMaLa Headquarters)
25.	U Hla Win	Member	Secretary, Myanmar Muslims Youth's Religious Organizations (MaMaLa Headquarters)
26.	Dr Hla Tun	Member	Thanantara Dhammapalaka (Hindu) Association
27.	Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing	Secretary	Myanmar Egress

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