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### Weekly Political Events Regarding the SPDC's Election

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#### STATE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (SPDC) AND ITS STOOGES ORGANIZATIONS

-Residents of Wayoanzun village reported that on August 13, when the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) campaigned by lending money to residents of Wayoanzun village, Hlegu Township, Rangoon Division, village authorities accompanied the USDP members and supported the campaign. **(DVB 150810)**

-A resident monk from Thabya village stated that U Maung Maung Thein, Minister of Livestock and Fishery, who became famous as a possible contestant in the elections representing Tenasserim Division, held a Waso Robe Donating Ceremony at Thabya village in Tavoy Township, Tenasserim. During the ceremony, Reverend U Ponnya, a 27 years old monk with 7 Wah (7 years as a fully-ordained monk), preached him about the sin of killing, one of the five basic Buddhist precepts. As a consequence the monk was disrobed by district authorities on 9 August. **(VOA 150810)**

-Kyaukpuru residents declared that security measures in Kyaukpuru, Arakan State have been significantly reinforced by police forces after an anti-election poster campaign in Kyaukpuru two weeks before. **(NEJ 160810)**

-According to Rangoon residents, after the Election Commission announced on 13 August that the elections would be held on 7 November, the USDP has been actively canvassing for the upcoming elections. **(NEJ 160810)**

-A military officer in Naypyitaw stated that the USDP held two meetings on "Election Winning Activities" in Naypyitaw on 13 August and 16 August. Senior Gen. Than Shwe attended the meetings. **(Irrawaddy 160810)**

-After the announcement of the 2010 elections' date, propaganda songs and stories luring people to vote have been aired from Radio and TV stations run by the military regime. **(Irrawaddy 160810)**

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-A senior officer from the Ministry of Defense said that Senior Gen. Than Shwe ordered that the parliament building construction be completed in time for the new government after the elections. Senior Gen. Than Shwe voiced the order at the meeting 2/2010 of the Special Projects Implementing Team held at the Operation Conference Room in the Office of the Chief of Staff (Army) in Naypyitaw on 16 August. **(Irrawaddy 170810)**

-A resident from the Sino-Burma area reported that since the elections' date was announced on 13 August, security measures have been tightened at the trade piers along Shweli River on the Sino-Burma border, and that local authorities have been investigating travelers. **(S.H.A.N 170810)**

-A local Shan woman from Pakan stated that U Sai Myint Kyaw, chief of the USDP's Organizing Committee, submitted party membership forms and recruited 120 Shan individuals over 18 from Pakan, Kachin State, without their consent. **(S.H.A.N 170810)**

-A USDP official reported that when it submitted the list of representatives to contest for 3 parliaments, the USDP chose ministers and wealthy people of good reputation, including U Aung Kyi, Minister of Labor who will presumably contest in Mingalataungnyunt Township, Rangoon. **(BBC 170810)**

-An editor from Rangoon stated that as the elections approach, the military regime is increasing the restrictions on the media with harsh censorship laws. **(Irrawaddy 180810)**

-According to USDP members, ministers including Prime Minister U Thein Sein will probably resign from their positions to contest in the elections representing USDP. They will presumably begin official campaigning in September. **(Irrawaddy 180810)**

-A source close to Naypyitaw stated that news has been spreading in the military community that an interim government will be formed in September. According to the source, the current ministers will be made to resign; the new government will be reduced to 9 important ministries, which regional military commanders will hold as active ministers. **(Irrawaddy 180810)**

-A USDP official explained on 18 August that the National Unity Party (NUP) and the National Democratic Force (NDF) would contest as opponents of the USDP. **(Mizzima 180810)**

-The Union of Myanmar Censorship and Scrutiny Board instructed the Union Democracy Party (UDP) not to include the UDP's statement, which was distributed to people on 9 August, in the UDP's bulletin "The Union." **(RFA 180810)**

-A source close to a chairperson of a village in Bahmo District stated that U Thaug Pe, the Chairperson of Bahmo District Peace and Development Council, affirmed that residents from villages in Bahmo District would be provided with national IDs before the election date, on 7 November. **(S.H.A.N 180810)**

-A USDP official affirmed that as a preparation for the elections, senior officers up to director level from the military, police and civilian departments will be made to resign from their positions in order to be appointed as active and trustworthy USDP branch officials. **(BBC 180810)**

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-A Zegon resident declared that U Nyan Win, current Foreign Minister and who will contest in the elections with the USDP, has been providing free optical examinations and glasses to Zegon residents, his native town in Pegu Division. His wife has also been helping the campaign. **(BBC 180810)**

-U Aung Thuang, Minister of Heavy Industry 1 and right-hand man of Senior Gen. Than Shwe, claimed that the USDP has over 16 million members and will win in the elections with over 50 percents of the votes. **(Mizzima 190810)**

-The Union Solidarity and Development Association (USDA) has been campaigning for the USDP in Payathonesu sub-Township, Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Karen State by secretly alluring residents close to the USDA. **(IMNA 190810)**

-USDP members stated that USDP offices, including the USDP headquarters in Naypyitaw, opened nationwide at 8:45 and 9:45 am on 20 August. (Irrawaddy 200810)

-U Aung Kyaw Tha, Deputy Chief of the USDP's Mandalay Division, stated at the Opening Ceremony of the USDP Mandalay Division headquarters that the Mandalay Division counted about 2.8 million members.

-A Rangoon resident declared that reporters from foreign media were not invited to the USDP Rangoon Division Headquarters Opening Ceremony held on 20 August, and local reporters who attended the ceremony were restricted as well. **(RFA 200810)**

-A village chairperson stated that the Chairperson of Falam Township Peace and Development Council, Chin State instructed the population that at least 10 individuals per village have to join the USDP as new party members. **(Khonumthung 200810)**

-MRTV, the state-run TV station, announced on 18 August the rules and regulations regarding speeches, assemblies and campaigns for representatives to contest in the 2010 elections. **(The Myanmar Times, Vol. 24 No. 480)**

-A member of the National Unity Party (NUP) from Falam, Chin State announced that the NUP headquarters will pay 500,000 kyat for each NUP representative from Chin State who will contest in the 2010 elections. **(Khonumthung 210810)**

## **OPPOSITION FORCES**

### **A. FORCES INSIDE BURMA**

-U Saw Ban, Spokesperson for the Human Rights Defenders and Promoters network based inside Burma, stated that every political party to contest in the elections is responsible for the release of political prisoners, because political prisoners will play an important role in reforming Burma. **(BBC 150810)**

-An NLD delegation led by U Nyan Win, member of the Central Executive Committee of the NLD, arrived to Kawthaung in Tenasserim Division on 16 August to meet with local NLD members and discuss about the NLD's further activities. **(DVB 160810)**

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-Daw Khin Saw Htay, Chief of Magwe NLD Organizing Committee, announced that NLD leaders have been travelling and explaining the 2008 constitution to residents of Yenanchaung, Minbu, Saku, Taundwingyi, and Natmawk townships in Magwe Division. **(RFA 160810)**

-U Nyan Win, member of the NLD Central Executive Committee, stated that a delegation of the NLD, which decided not to contest in the elections, which he led, explained the voting procedures to the residents of Kauthaung, Tenasserim Division, on 17 August. **(Mizzima 170810)**

-U Phyo Min Thein, brother-in-law of Ko Htay Kywe, claimed that during his prison visit to Ko Htay Kywe, Ko Htay Kywe declared that the elections would be free and fair only if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all, who should be involved in the elections, could participate in the elections. **(Irrawaddy 170810)**

-U Win Tin, member of the NLD Central Executive Committee, declared that even though parliaments will emerge after the elections in Burma, the National Reconciliation process which the NLD has been working on will persist. He added that to achieve the National Reconciliation, a second Panglong Conference would be needed because the 2008 constitution is a barrier to national reconciliation and must be reviewed at this second conference. **(RFA 180810)**

-U Ohn Kyine, member of the NLD Central Executive Committee, stated that members of the NLD Central Executive Committee and Central Committee held a meeting at the residence of U Tin Oo, Vice-Chairperson of the NLD, on 19 August, during which the NLD decided to boycott the 2010 elections. **(Irrawaddy 190810)**

-Authorities arrested U Myint Soe, member of the NLD Twante Township, Rangoon Division, on 18 August after he distributed leaflets asking to boycott the 2010 elections. **(DVB 190810)**

-U Tin Oo, Vice-Chairperson of the NLD, proclaimed that the NLD welcomes the United State's decision to support the formation of a UN Commission of Inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity in Burma perpetrated by the military regime. **(VOA 190810)**

-An NLD delegation led by Vice-Chairperson U Tin Oo and U Win Tin visited the family of political prisoner Ma Su Su Nwe in Kawhmu, Rangoon Division, and the family of political prisoner Ko Wai Lin in Kunchangon, Rangoon Division, to support them. **(DVB 200810)**

-U Han Tha Myint, a member of the NLD Central Executive Committee, reported that members of the NLD Central Executive Committee; Dr. May Win Myint, U Han Tha Myint, U Hla Min and U Aung Soe; met with over 70 NLD Margue members to discuss about the position and future activities of the NLD, during their trip in Margue, Tenasserim. **(DVB 200810)**

-The NLD stated that political parties have been facing more and more difficulties as the elections are approaching, because of the rules and regulations for the elections declared by the military regime. **(RFA 210810)**

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### B. ARMED ETHNIC GROUPS

-The 2nd Central Committee Meeting of the 4th Conference of the Chin National Front (CNF) was held from 6 to 13 August. Decisions were made to strengthen the CNF and boycott the military regime's elections. **(DVB 150810)**

### C. FORCES OUTSIDE BURMA

-Overseas Burmese Democratic Forces jointly demonstrated in Fort Wayne, Indiana, US on 15 August against the Union Election Commission's announcement to hold elections on 7 November 2010. **(RFA 160810)**

-Mark Framer, of the Burma Campaign UK, announced that Burma Campaign UK demands the formation of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity in Burma perpetrated by the military regime. Meanwhile EU member states are preparing a draft Burma Resolution to be submitted to the upcoming 65th UN General Assembly. **(VOA 160810)**

-Khun Myo Min Latt, Spokesperson of the Karenni National Community of Canada (KNCC), stated that the KNCC will not recognize the results of the 2010 elections because the military regime did not review the 2008 constitution and failed to meet with ethnic and opposition leaders. **(KT 170810)**

-Burma Campaign UK applauded the United State's decision on 17 August to support the formation of a UN Commission of Inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity by the military regime in Burma. **(RFA 180810)**

-U Htay Aung, military analyst for Network for Democracy and Development (NDD), explained that Senior Gen. Than Shwe will still hold power solely by implementing the 2008 constitution, and that he is preparing to contest in the elections with the USDP and planning to reform the military with handpicked, loyal generals. **(BBC 200810)**

-U Aung Htoo, General Secretary of Burma Lawyers' Council, stated that the United State's support for a UN Commission of Inquiry into war crimes and crimes against humanity by the military regime of Burma is a crucial development for human rights in Burma. **(RFA 190810)**

-Democratic organizations working on Burma issues in Japan released a statement supporting the NLD's decision to boycott the elections, at the coalition meeting held on 21 August. **(RFA 210810)**

### CEASEFIRE GROUPS

#### A. ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFORMED AS BORDER GUARD FORCE

-Padoh Saw Aung Maw Aye, Chairperson of the Pa-an District Karen National Union (KNU), informed that a delegation from the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA), including Col. Saw Chit Thu, the Tactical Commander, battalion commander Maung Lay and Maj. San Win from Brigade 999 of DKBA, visited Naypyitaw on 10 August to meet with SPDC officials regarding their transformation into a border guard force. **(Irrawaddy 170810)**

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-While Lt. Gen. Ye Myint, the Commander of the Military Security Affairs, and leaders of United Wa State Army (UWSA) met in Tangyang, northern Shan State on 20 August, issues regarding the transformation of the UWSA into a border guard force and the participation during the elections, of USDP representatives in UWSA controlled areas were discussed. **(Irrawaddy 200810)**

### **B. ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFORMED AS BORDER GUARD FORCE**

-A resident of Sinkyaw revealed that the ceasefire group Shan State Army (North) [SSA (N)], led by Maj. Gen. Loi Mao, and the 3rd Brigade of SSA (N) which had previously also agreed to it, transformed in a militia unit at the beginning of August. **(S.H.A.N 160810)**

-A border guard force transforming ceremony for several units of the DKBA was held at Myinegyingu, the headquarters of the DKBA on 18 August. Lt. Gen. Khin Zaw, Commander of 4th Special Operations Command, Lt. Gen. Ye Myint, Commander of Military Security Affairs, Brigadier Gen. Thet Naing Wai, Commander of Southeastern Military Command, along with about 40 officers attended the ceremony. **(DVB 180810)**

-An ousted commander of the DKBA revealed that DKBA leaders will face the consequences of the forced retreat of over 2000 DKBA soldiers after the transformation of the DKBA into a border guard force, during which the DKBA's strength was cut down. **(NEJ 190810)**

-Saw Tha Taw, a company commander who joined the 5th Brigade, stated that some soldiers from DKBA battalion 907, which has already transformed into a border guard force, joined the 5th Brigade of the DKBA led by Col. Saw Lah Pwe, who is resisting the border guard force plan. **(DVB 190810)**

## **PARTIES**

### **A. PARTIES THAT WERE PERMITTED TO STAND AS POLITICAL PARTIES**

-U Htay, Chairperson of the Union Democratic Party (UDP), revealed that most political parties to contest in the elections have been facing difficulties nationwide because of a lack of time to prepare, after the Union Election Commission announced that political parties must submit lists of representatives to contest in the elections within two weeks. **(Irrawaddy 160810)**

-Officials from political parties stated that after the Union Election Commission required political parties to submit their lists of representatives by the end of August, they will target individuals with intentions to contest in the elections as individual representatives. **(DVB 160810)**

-The National Democratic Force (NDF) sent a request letter to the Chairperson of the Union Election Commission to demand more time than the set time frame for political parties to submit their lists, to enable the NDF to submit its list of representatives. **(VOA 160810)**

-A party member of the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP), also known as the White Tiger party, stated that the SNDP opened an office in Sansai (A) Ward, Tachilek Township, southern Shan State on 15 August. **(S.H.A.N 160810)**

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-U Saw Khin Maung Myint, the Chairperson of the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, confirmed that since about two months ago, the party has been recruiting members and counts now over 10,000 party members. **(KIC 160810)**

-A Myitkyina resident Kachin national stated that the Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS) officially wrote in its political pamphlets that the UDPKS is allied with the USDP, and published its organizing policies, party policies, party flag and logo. **(NEJ 170810)**

-The UDP requested the Union Election Commission on 17 August to review the deadline for political parties to submit their lists of representatives, to give them more time to prepare, and the 500,000 Kyats registration fee per representative, which is causing difficulties for political parties and questions their capacity to parti] in the elections. **(RFA 170810)**

-A member of the Central Executive Committee of the SNDP declared that the SNDP has difficulties to recruit new members in Kachin State, because local authorities have been harassing the SNDP campaign by investigating and restricting the SNDP activities of SNDP and USDP's early vote collecting. **(DVB 170810)**

-No Htang Kat, Chairperson of Chin Progressive Party (CPP), said that the CPP will submit the lists of 41 representatives and over 12,000 party members to the Union Election Commission on 18 August. **(DVB 170810)**

-A resident from Khawza sub-township in Ye Township, Mon State, stated that the All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP) led by General Secretary Dr. Min Nwe Soe, has still been canvassing in Ye and Khawza townships even though the Election Commission imposed restrictions on political parties. **(Kaowao 170810)**

-U Hla Aung, Secretary 2 of the National Political Alliances League (NPAL), specified that political parties granted permission to contest in the elections were only allowed to campaign in areas where the Union Election Commission granted permission. **(Irrawaddy 180810)**

-U Sai Tun Aye, Information Chief of the SNDP, stated that due to the announcement of the elections date for 7 November, the SNDP needs to prioritize issues and choose representatives rather than prepare to open township offices. **(S.H.A.N 180810)**

-The Kayan National Party (KNP), that will contest in the 2010 elections representing Kayan nationals, has already submitted its party members list to the Union Election Commission in time. **(KT180810)**

-Party leaders from the Democratic Party (Myanmar), the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics, the Wunthanu NLD Party (Union of Myanmar), and Myanmar Democracy Congress have been facing difficulties to submit their lists of representatives to contest in the elections, because of the two requirement that lists be submitted within two weeks, and parties pay 500,000 kyats registration fee per representative, which caused too much financial burden for the political parties to contest in the elections. **(DVB 180810)**

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-U Thu Wai, Chairperson of the Democratic Party (Myanmar) said that the party released an announcement on 19 August stating that anyone who wanted to contest in the elections representing the Democratic Party is welcome to contact the party. **(NEJ 190810)**

-A party member of the SNDP stated that women representatives are also included in the list of SNDP representatives to contest in the elections for parliamentary seats on 7 November 2010. **(S.H.A.N 190810)**

-U Aye Lwin, Chairperson of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics, qualified as unnecessary the requirement of the Union Election Commission that political parties wishing to hold assemblies and speeches must inform the commission 7 days in advance. **(BBC 190810)**

-Dr. Than Nyein, Chairperson of National Democratic Force (NDF), stated that the NDF held an office opening ceremony in Mandalay on 19 August. **(RFA 190810)**

-U Thu Wai, Chairperson of Democratic Party (Myanmar), stated that the Union Election Commission's announcement regarding the campaign rules and regulations for political parties, on 18 August, actually tightened the grip on political parties. **(RFA 190810)**

-Dr. Aye Maung, Chairperson of the Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNDP), stated that the decision of the NLD to boycott the 2010 elections might significantly affect political parties in central Burma, but not too much the ethnic political parties in ethnic areas. **(VOA 200810)**

-Daw Cho Cho Kyaw Nyein, General Secretary of Democratic Party (Myanmar), and U Aye Lwin, Chairperson of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics, criticized the slogans, such as "USDP must win", shouted by USDP members at the USDP Mandalay Division office opening ceremony, arguing that they clearly violated the election rules recently established by the Election Commission. **(DVB 200810)**

-A Central Executive Committee member of the All Mon Region Democratic Party (AMRDP) stated that the AMRDP will not submit the list of representatives to contest in the elections in advance but just before the deadline. **(IMNA 200810)**

-U Saw Khin Maung Myint, Chairperson of the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, stated that the party has been preparing to contest in the 2010 elections. **(Kaowao 200810)**

-U Ohn Lwin, the Vice-Chairperson 2 of the National Political Alliances League, claimed that the USDP, the NDF and the NUP will mainly contest between each other in the 2010 elections. **(Myanmar Times, Vol. 24, No. 480)**

-U Myint Zaw, General Secretary of the Rakhine State National Force (RSNF), said that due to the announcement of the elections for 7 November, some political parties having previously faced difficulties, had seen their situation improve, but the political parties only recently granted permission or still waiting for the permission to contest in the elections might face difficulty in recruiting. **(Myanmar Times, Vol. 24, No. 480)**



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-An official from the Rakhine Nationals Development Party (RNDP), stated that police forces ransacked the RNDP headquarters of in Sittwe, and searched the office. **(Narinjara 210810)**

### **B. PARTIES THAT HAVE REGISTERED TO STAND AS POLITICAL PARTIES**

-Dr. Tu Ja, leader of the Kachin State Progressive Party (KSPP), declared that the authorization granting to the KSPP depends on the statement from the Kachin Independence Organization's Lai Za Meeting. **(KNG 170810)**

### **SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

-Youth sources inside Burma revealed that most of the young people in Burma are not interested in the military regime's forthcoming 2010 elections, because they believe that the elections will not bring any changes to Burma. **(DVB 150810)**

-A second year history student from Dagon University declared that midterm exams will be held before the elections according to the military regime's instructions. Students are lectured in a rush to meet the deadline, and consequently they have been facing difficulties in their studies. **(Irrawaddy 170810)**

-Rangoon residents stated that most people are still not ready to vote in the military regime's elections on 7 November, and want the elections to be over as soon as possible. **(Irrawaddy 180810)**

-Eye witnesses in Rangoon revealed that a poster campaign against the elections occurred in crowded areas in Mayangon Township, Rangoon on 18 August. Pamphlets, with the photo of democratic leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, proclaimed that every citizen has the right to vote as well as the right not to vote if they choose not to. **(DVB 180810)**

-Saw Gyi, an eligible voter from Pa-an, denounced the fact that while the voters in Karen State will have to choose between 4 political parties on 7 November, 3 out of these 4 are close to the SPDC. **(KIC 180810)**

-A youth activist from Rangoon stated that youth activists distributed anti-election posters and pamphlets in some townships in Rangoon on 20 August, and that monks also supported the campaign. **(Irrawaddy 210810)**

### **OVERSEA BURMESE**

-Dr. Salai Ngun Cung Lian, from the Center for Constitutional Democracy at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, declared that the Union Election Commission had a full mandate from Senior Gen. Than Shwe, meaning that the USDP is one-sidedly leading in the elections.

-An eligible voter from Burma in London stated that even though people from Burma abroad have many different opinions on voting in the elections, most people did not wish to vote because they will not be able to know the true results even if they can vote for their desired political parties. **(BBC 160810)**

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### RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

-A resident from Dawpon Township, Rangoon affirmed that during the collection of alms on 21 August, monks also distributed leaflets to the population, asking the population to boycott the elections. **(RFA 210810)**

### INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### A. THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

-The European Union (EU) released a statement on 14 August claiming that if all political parties cannot campaign freely in the election process, the international community will not recognize the elections as free, fair and democratic. **(RFA 150810)**

-Thomas Ojea Quintana, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Burma, maintained on 17 August that even though the elections are approaching, the military regime does not follow the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. **(RFA 170810)**

-The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) released a statement on 17 August welcoming the military regime's decision to hold elections on 7 November and urging the regime to create free and fair elections. **(VOA 170810)**

-Carlos Medina, Spokesperson for the Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC), stated on 18 August that the AHRC welcomed the US's support on the formation of a UN led commission of inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity in Burma, perpetrated by the military regime. **(RFA 180810)**

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-Zoya Phan, Spokesperson of Burma Campaign UK, stated that Burma Campaign UK on 19 August urged members of the European Parliamentary Caucus on Burma to press the EU to support a UN commission of inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity in Burma. **(RFA 190810)**

#### B. GOVERNMENTS

-Lawrence Cannon, Canadian Foreign Minister, voiced that he is concerned about the elections under the military oppression, and he urged the military regime of Burma to immediately release all political prisoners, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and to make sure the elections will be free and fair. **(RFA 170810)**

-US magazines, journals and newspapers published the decision of the US government to support the formation of a UN commission of inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity in Burma by the military regime of Burma. **(Irrawaddy 180810)**

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-Ms. Eva, Chairperson of the Indonesian Parliamentary Caucus on Burma, stated that Indonesian Members of Parliament applauded the US' decision to support the formation of a UN commission of inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity and war crimes perpetrated by the military regime of Burma. **(RFA 200810)**

-Mr. Katsuya Okada, Japan Foreign Minister, said that Japan's government urged the military regime of Burma to immediately launch a dialogue with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He maintained that the elections are not free and fair, since political prisoners, including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, are excluded from the election process. **(DVB 200810)**

### **C. NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

-Rafendi Djamin, Director of the Indonesian Human Rights Commission [ that's not his title. He is the Indonesian representative on the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission of Human Rights], announced that he will warn the military regime of Burma not to follow the wrong path that Indonesia had already walked upon. He invited the military regime to take Indonesia as an example, because Indonesia failed to bring up human rights violators to justice and officials who had perpetrated those violations are in high government positions. **(RFA 160810)**

-Human Rights Watch (HRW) based in New York, United States, applauded the decision of the US government to support the formation of a UN commission of inquiry to investigate crimes against humanity in Burma by the military regime of Burma. **(VOA 180810)**

-Carolin Marques, a leader of the demonstration in East Timor, stated that the East Timor human rights activists demonstrated against the Foreign Minister of the military of Burma, U Nyan Win at the entrance of the Dili International Airport in Dili, the capital of East Timor, asking for the release of all political prisoners including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the end of all human rights violations by the military regime in Burma.

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