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### Weekly Political Events Regarding the SPDC's Election (031/2010)

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

-An observer of the Rohingya issue stated that Rohingyas continue facing difficulties in traveling even though the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) has been issuing national IDs for 2000 kyats per person for Rohingyas in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships in western Arakan State, in an attempt to persuade them to support the USDP.. **(RFA 220810)**

-A senior official from the Ministry of Hotel and Tourism stated that even though the Ministry has been issuing visas on arrival for the last 4 months, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> September, visas on arrival will no longer be available for tourists until after the elections. **(Mizzima 230810)**

-Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a senior police officer, from Rangoon Divisional Police office, declared that on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010, the Rangoon Divisional Police office and the Rangoon Divisional Peace and Development Council office will be moved from the Rangoon Divisional Headquarters Combined office to the old Parliament building on Prome Road. **(Mizzima 230810)**

-A source close to the National Unity and Development Party (Kayah state) (NUDP) claimed that Kayah State USDP and local authorities threatened the NUDP over their participation in the elections and restricted the businesses of the NUDP's Chairperson. **(KT 230810)**

-A resident from Kyike Ye village in Mudon township mentioned that Maj. Gen. Ohn Myint, Minister of Mining, was upset with the USDP township secretaries because these secretaries failed to reach the number of members called for in Mudon Township, Mon State. **(IMNA 230810)**

-Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a government employee declared that after the announcement of the election date, the plot and studio building of the Department of Myanmar Radio and TV on Prome Road, which was on the list of government ministries and departments to be moved, was sold for 1300 million kyat but that it was unclear where the money went. **(RFA 240810)**

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-A resident from Tharawaddy said that U Thein Sein, the USDP leader, used government money in the USDP's campaigns. **(Irrawaddy 250810)**

-A source close to Naypyitaw stated that several military commanders were relieved from their military posts so they could run as candidates in the elections. These are commanders from Bureaus of Special Operation; Gen. Ohn Myint, Gen. Tha Aye, Gen. Myint Swe as well as Ge. Khin Zaw, and Gen. Maung Shein, respectively Military Operations and Auditor General, Gen. Tin Aye, Chief of Military Weapons Producing and Gen. Myint Hline from Air Defense. **(Irrawaddy 240810)**

-U Hla Myint, the Secretary of the National Unity Party (NUP), stated that the NUP submitted a complaint to the Pegu District Election Commission against the USDP on the grounds that during a USDP campaign rally in Payangoteto village in Htongyi village tract, Pegu Division, the USDP violated election law by shouting slogans such as "USDP must win." **(Mizzima 250810)**

-A member of the USDP's Executive Committee said that the USDP has over 400 offices nationwide, has about 20 party members and intends to contest for all three parliaments. **(Myanmar Times Vol .25, No.481 260810)**

-A resident from Sansi B Ward, Tachilek Township, Shan State, reported that Tachilek USDP members have been forcefully recruiting women from wards in Tachilek about 50 to 60 years of age by taking photos, and making party membership cards without any consent. **(S.H.A.N 260810)**

-A USDP official claimed that district election commissions in Rangoon Division have been facing delays regarding the submissions of representatives to contest in the elections, and was also reviewing complaints against USDP representatives. **(BBC 270810)**

-A source close to the military community in Naypyitaw affirmed that Senior Gen. Than Shwe, Vice Senior Gen. Maung Aye and Gen. Thura Shwe Man retired from their posts. Lt. Gen. Thura Myint Aung became Commander in Chief, Lt. Gen. Ko Ko became Vice Commander in Chief and Lt. Gen. Min Aung Hline became Joint-Coordinator and Commander (Army-Navy-Air Force). **(Irrawaddy 270810)**

-U Aung Thein Lin, mayor of Rangoon, stated on 26 August in Rangoon Times News Journal that he will contest in the elections from South Okkalapa Township. **(NEJ 270810)**

-A businessman from Ye Township, Mon State claimed that the USDP has been granting permits to the local population, which rival political parties can never provide, such as a permit for producing alcohol and for distributing and other business permits. . The permits are allegedly to lure locals to vote for the USDP in townships in which the USDP's hold is weak. **(NEJ 270810)**

-The Union Election Commission announced on 27 August that it will allow political parties that have not yet submitted lists of representatives, to submit them on 28 and 29 August (Saturday and Sunday). **(NEJ 270810)**

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-A resident from Lashio stated that while the USDP Lashio Branch is campaigning in rural areas, it is accusing the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) of supporting armed groups behind the scene. **(S.H.A.N 270810)**

## **OPPOSITION FORCES**

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

-U Win Tin, a member of Central Executive Committee of the NLD, stated that the goal of the NLD's boycott is to urge the people not to go to the voting stations, not to vote but to boycott the elections, which they consider as a means to further the military rule in Burma. , At the same time, he stressed that the cooperation of the people is much needed.**(DVB 230810)**

-U Han Tha Myint, member of Central Executive Committee of the NLD, said that the NLD delegation led by Dr. May Win Myint, U Han Tha Myint, U Hla Min and U Aung Soe, (members of the NLD's Central Executive Committee) visited Tavoy and met with NLD members to explain the NLD's decision to boycott the elections and to inform the people about their right not to vote and boycott the elections. **(DVB 230810)**

-Lawyer U Nyan Win, who met with Burma's democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 24 August, reported that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi claimed that national reconciliation can be reached any time provided there is genuine political desire. **(VOA 240810)**

- Lawyer U Nyan Win, who met with Burma's democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 24 August, reported that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi declared that even though the NLD will not contest the 2010 elections, it will not ignore them but instead will monitor the fairness of the elections, and she urged people to do the same. **(VOA 240810)**

-U Tin Oo, the NLD's Vice-Chairperson, informed that NLD members led by U Win Tin and himself, visited families of political prisoners Ko Zaw Thet Htwe, U Ohn Than and Ko Kyaw Ko Ko in Bahan and Tamwe townships; to support them. **(DVB 240810)**

-U Aung Khin Bo, Chairperson of the NLD in Bogalay Township, stated that Bogalay NLD members visited and encouraged the families of 10 political prisoners in Bogalay Township, and provided 7500 kyat for each political prisoner. **(DVB 240810)**

-A witness from Rangoon reported that at township Peace and Development Council offices in Rangoon, local authorities, employees of health department and USDP members gave polio vaccinations to children under 5 years of age in an attempt to persuade their adult family members to join the USDP. **(Mizzima 240810)**

-A resident from Sinbo Township, Kachin State reported that local authorities from Sinbo, Kachin State instructed over 10,000 individuals to get labor ID cards. He then pressured them to fill in party registration forms to recruit them as USDP members. **(S.H.A.N 240810)**

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-U Saw Sa, Chairperson of the Naga NLD, affirmed that the Naga NLD submitted a complaint regarding the military regime's decision to merge 3 townships in Sagaing Division into a Naga autonomous region, without including any Naga representatives in the decision making process. This decision means Naga people will live under the restrictions of the military regime. **(Irrawaddy 240810)**

-Lawyer U Nyan Win stated that when he met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on 24 August, she said that people who wanted to vote for NLD will not be able to do so because the NLD will not participate in the elections. **(NEJ 250810)**

-Lawyer U Nyan Win recalled that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi affirmed that foreign media is responsible to the people in Burma, and that the freedom of the media is crucial for the elections to be free and fair. **(VOA 250810)**

- Lawyer U Nyan Win mentioned that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, after analyzing the content of the constitution, believed that since the 2008 constitution is based on a Presidential system , the parliament will not be able to control the post-election government. **(RFA 250810)**

- After the 6th Conference held on 24 August, the Democratic Alliances of Burma (DAB), declared that the DAB had defined 7 actions to boycott the 2010 elections, devised after cooperating closely with ceasefire groups and by balancing the armed struggle and the general strike? of the people. **(NEJ 250810)**

-Daw Myint Myint Aye, the Chairperson of Meiktila NLD, affirmed that during a meeting, NLD leaders from Meiktila, Thazi, Wundwin, and Mahline townships in Mandalay Division supported the NLD headquarters' decision to boycott the elections. **(DVB 250810)**

-Mira Eddy, the Spokesperson of the Karenni Communities Social Network (KCSN), announced that the KCSN welcomes the US government's decision to support UN commission of inquiry into human rights' violations in Burma. **(BBC 260810)**

-U Win Tin, member of the NLD's Central Executive Committee , stated that since the 2008 constitution and the 2010 elections are not fair, boycotting the 2010 elections is a necessary measure directly proportional to their unfairness. **(NEJ 260810)**

-Regarding the power shuffle within the military before the elections, U Tin Oo, the NLD's Vice-Chairperson , explained that changing from military uniforms to civilian clothings is a usual procedure to further control power. **(VOA 270810)**

-Ko Myint Htay, member of the NLD Youth Wing Organizing Committee, stated that NLD youth members decided on 26 August to implement Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's instruction not to vote in the 2010 elections. **(RFA 270810)**

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### **B. FORCES OUTSIDE BURMA**

- Zoya Phan, Spokesperson of Burma Campaign UK, stated that Burma Campaign UK and over 70 Burma activists protested in front of the Canadian Embassy in London urging the Canadian government to support a UN commission of inquiry into human rights violations in Burma. (DVB 250810)

-The Communist Party of Burma (CPB), which refuse to recognize the forthcoming elections, released a statement on 18 August entitled "Minimum Common Programme", which called for the establishment of a temporary government setting as its objective the organization of the People's Power. (Mizzima 230810)

### **CEASE-FIRE GROUPS**

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

-An official from Peace Defense Front (PDF), established by the merging of ceasefire armed groups along the Sino-Burma border, declared that Gen. Ye Myint instructed representatives from Wa and Mongla troops, which continue to refuse the border guard force plan, to support the elections in their areas. (DVB 240810)

-A former commander of the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army (DKBA) announced that the DKBA 5th brigade, (led by Col. Saw Lah Pwe) and the Karen Peace Council (led by Maj. Gen. Htein Maung), will be annihilated by the military regime if they do not give a clear answer on the border guard force issue before the elections. They continue to refuse the border guard force plan. (NEJ 240810)

-Pastor Timothy, a leader of the KNU-KNLA, reported that Gen. Ye Myint, Commander of Military Security Affairs, warned the KNU-KNLA Peace Council, led by Maj. Gen. Htein Maung, that the Peace Council will be driven out from its established areas if it does not transform into a border guard force. (BBC 240810)

-A Wa officer from Panghsang informed that the United Wa State Army (UWSA) sent a message to the military regime on 24 August stating that the UWSA will not allow any elections in their area to be held on 7 November. (RFA 240810)

-DKBA officers claimed that Col. Saw Lah Pwe's DKBA 5th Brigade , which keeps rejecting the border guard force plan, still has about 1000 soldiers. (Mizzima 250810)

-The New Mon State Party (NMSP) released a statement on 25 August its 63rd Mon National Revolutionary Day demanding to resolve political problems with political means, because the 2010 elections will not bring solutions for political and ethnic problems. (NEJ 250810)

-Salan Kaba Wawkhron Sinwa, the Deputy General Secretary of Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), the second largest ceasefire armed ethnic group, stated that on 22 August, it was the first time the military regime ordered the KIO to surrender. (KNG 250810)

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-Maj. Yin Nu, a leader of the KNU/KNLA Karen Peace Council led by Maj. Gen. Htein Maung, affirmed that the Karen Peace Council rejected the border guard force plan again, and announced that it is ready to react if the military regime takes any military actions. (VOA 260810)

-James Lundaung, the Deputy Chief of Foreign Affairs Committee of the KIO, said that the KIO decided not to accept the military regime's ultimatum and its threat to consider the KIO as an unlawful association if it rejects the border guard force plan again. (VOA 270810)

-Two ceasefire armed ethnic groups; the UWSA and the New Mon State Party (NMSP) said they will not acknowledge the military regime's threats to consider them as unlawful associations if they do not accept the border guard force plan. (Irrawaddy 270810)

### **B. ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED AS BORDER GUARD FORCE**

-Two child soldiers; Saw Mu Khu (14) and Saw Dah Eh (15) from DKBA's 3rd Company, led by company commander Rambo (under DKBA Brigade 555, led by Lt. Col. Aung Lin), escaped from their posts in order to avoid becoming soldiers of the border guard force, and took refuge in the KNU's 7th Brigade. (KIC 240810)

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

-U Thu Wai, the Chairperson of the Democratic Party (Myanmar), considering the extremely strict rules and regulations for opposition parties to contest in the 2010 elections, has condemned the fact that even after the elections, the military will remain in control. (VOA 220810)

-Dr. Than Nyein, a leader of the National Democratic Force (NDF), said that the NDF party will mainly target Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, and will have about 100 representatives to contest for seats in these two houses. (RFA 220810)

-U Thu Wai, the Chairperson of the Democratic Party (Myanmar) (DPM), announced at the press conference held at the headquarters of the DPM on 22 August that the population is not interested in the 2010 elections. Political parties have been facing difficulties because the elections, will be neither fair nor transparent and not representative. (Irrawaddy 230810)

-Dr. Aye Maung, the Chairperson of the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP), said that the party will submit a complaint letter to the Union Election Commission after local police harassed and intimidated members of the RNDP. (Irrawaddy 230810)

-U Khin Maung Swe, a leader of the NDF, mentioned that when the NDF submitted the bamboo-hat logo and made interviews, the Censorship and Scrutiny Board forbade the bamboo hat logo to be represented in weekly news journals in Rangoon such as Monitor, The Hot News and The Voice Weekly., (Mizzima 230810)

-Karen ceasefire groups from Karen State established the Karen State Democracy and Development Party (KSDDP) and submitted a registration to the Union Election Commission on 12 August. The

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Commission released the statement 92/2010 on 19 August granting them permission to contest in the elections in accordance with the Article 9 of the party registration law. (KIC 230810)

-U Saw Aye Ko, the Vice-Chairperson of the Karen People's Party (KPP), stated that the party is prepared to contest for 3 parliaments with 34 representatives. Regarding the financial issue, he disclosed that the party has donors and that the representatives will share the registration cost. (BBC 230810)

-A resident stated that the USDP has been campaigning in villages in western Paungde Township, Pegu division by loaning money to farmers with 2% APR. (BBC 230810)

-Veteran lawyer U Aung Thein declared that the military regime will use the USDP as its own political party to contest in the elections, so no demands from other political parties will be considered or granted by the Union Election Commission. (BBC 230810)

-U Thu Wai, the Chairperson of the DPM, and U Khin Maung Swe, a leader of the NDF, said that while political parties have to rush their political activities due to the election laws' restrictions, they have faced further difficulties because township and ward level election commissions are not ready for the step by step procedure. (VOA 230810)

-U Toe Po, the elected Member of Parliament in the 1990 elections from Yebyu Township, claimed that the NDF has been canvassing votes for the elections and preparing to open an office in Yebyu, Tenasserim Division. (DVB 230810)

A meeting was held at the High School in No. 2 constituency, Reidkhoda, Falam Township, Chin State on 9 August and an attendee said that during the meeting U Goshin Thang, the Chairperson of the township Peace and Development Council urged the attendees to vote for the USDP. (Khonumthung 240810)

-Ko Naw Din from Kachin News Agency stated that the KIO, which has been under pressure to transform into a border guard force before the elections, is holding onto its armed struggle policy while preparing for political resolutions. (BBC 240810)

-The Union Karen League (UKL) stated that even though it intends to contest in the elections nationwide, the UKL will not be able to submit the required party members list, so the UKL will focus its participation mainly in the Irrawaddy Division. (Mizzima 240810)

- First conference of the Ethnic Nationalities Development Party (ENDP) was held at the headquarters based in Lailengpi village, Matupi township to unanimously elect its candidates, said by a University student from inside. (Khonumthung 240810)

-A Mon youth leader stated that Abbot Eindaka, the Chairperson of the Mon Literature and Culture Organization, announced that members of the organization who are also members of the All Mon Region Democratic Party (AMRDP) will have to resign from the party membership due to the pressure from Maj. Gen. Ohn Myint, Minister of Mining. (IMNA 240810)

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-U Phaung La Kam Phang, the Secretary of the Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS), stated that the party will only contest with 7 representatives in the elections due to financial restraints. (KNG 250810)

-U Khin Maung Swe, a founder of the NDF, stated on 25 August that he has withdrawn from the 2010 elections. (Mizzima 250810)

-U Khin Maung Swe, a leader of the NDF, stated that 3 leaders of the NDF; U Khin Maung Swe, U Sein Hla Oo and U Tha Sai rejected the demand of the Election Commission to resubmit appeal letters, and decided not to contest in the elections but to remain in their current posts within the party. (DVB 260810)

-U Pu Noe Thang Kap, the Chairperson of the Chin Progressive Party (CPP), stated that the Chin National Party (CNP) and the CPP, which are to contest in the elections, have been facing difficulties regarding the registration fee; 500,000 kyat for each representative even though the parties had already chosen representatives to contest in the elections. (Khonumthung 250810)

-U Thu Wai, the Chairperson of the DPM, stated that the Censorship and Scrutiny Board fined the DPM 200,000 kyat because the DPM Mandalay Division office published the "Dancing Peacock Political Bulletin" which stated that the transformation of the USDP from the USDA is deceptive. (BBC 250810)

-U Zaw Win, the Chairperson of the Kaman National Progressive Party, stated that the party will contest for 4 seats in Sittwe and 1 seat in Thandwe for the rights of Islam Kaman nationals in Arakan State. (DVB 250810)

-U Thein Htay, the Chairperson of the Union Democracy Party (UDP), stated that the UDP condemns the military regime for not acknowledging any demands and requests for free and fair elections, national reconciliation, and dialogue. (DVB 250810)

-Ko Lay Soe, the General Secretary of the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar), stated that the Rangoon North Okkalapa Township Court, Rangoon Division dropped a case against the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) and the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics after the two parties collected donations from a market. (DVB 250810)

-U Khin Maung Swe, a leader of the NDF, claimed that the Censorship and Scrutiny Board has censored NDF interviews, and the NDF logo bamboo hat from journals. (DVB 240810)

-U Thein Htay, the Chairperson of the UDP, announced that the UDP has 3 representatives to contest in the elections; the Chairperson U Thein will contest in Pegu, U Thein Tin Aung in Tamwe and U Htay in Hlingthaya townships. (BBC 260810)

-Daw Cho Cho Kyaw Nyein from the DPM said that even though the party opened its 25th office in Tharawaddy, Pegu Division, it still faced difficulties regarding the finding the money for the registration fee for representatives and meeting the deadline. (Myanmar Times Vol. 25, No.481 - 260810)



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-Daw Than Than Nu, the Secretary of the DPM, stated that printing press businesses are hesitant to print any political documents for political parties, so the DPM has had trouble publishing its second political bulletin. (Irrawaddy 260810)

-The Myanmar Democracy Congress, the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) and the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics, which have been facing problems regarding time constraints, submitted a request to the Union Election Commission to postpone the elections to the middle of December and to give more time for registration time. (Mizzima 260810)

-U Tun Aung Kyaw, the Secretary of the Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP), stated that the RNDP will wait until after the elections and use the parliament to bring up the issue of how the Rakhine people can enjoy the benefits of natural gas sites in Arakan State. (Mizzima 260810)

-U Sein Hla Oo, a leader of the NDF and who already rejected the demand of the Election Commission to resubmit an appeal, said he rejected the message from the Election Commission allowing him to contest in the elections. (BBC 270810)

-U No Thang Kap, the Chairperson of the Chin Progressive Party, stated that the CPP has over 12000 members and 45 representatives to contest in the elections in 9 townships in Chin State and 2 townships in Sagaing Division. (RFA 270810)

-U Saw Than Myint, member of the Central Committee of the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP), stated that the SNDP lost some constituencies due to time constraints. The party had been organizing to recruit representatives from some townships in Sagaing Division and Kachin State where the Shan nationalities are concentrated. (DVB 270810)

-The Rangoon based Myanmar Democracy Congress Party, 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar) and Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics formed an alliance to have a better chance to win the elections. (Mizzima 270810)

-U Aye Lwin, the Chairperson of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics (UMFNP), stated that a member of Swanahshin (People's Power Organization) attacked party members while they were providing membership cards to members in Paungkyo village, Shwetaung Township, western Pegu Division., (NMG 270810)

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

-Dr. Tu Ja, the Chairperson of the Kachin State Progressive Party (KSPP), stated that even though there is only one week left for political parties to submit lists of representatives, authorities told the KSPP to wait for permission to contest the elections. (VOA 230810)

-Dr. Manan Tu Ja, the Chairperson of the KSPP, announced that there is very little chance that the KSPP will get the permission from the Union Election Commission to contest in the elections. (Irrawaddy 240810)

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### SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

-Residents of Rangoon stated that people from Rangoon welcomed the NLD's decision to boycott the military regime's 2010 elections. **(NEJ 230810)**

-A veteran politician claimed that individual representatives contesting in the elections will also face the same fate as political parties regarding campaigning and publishing political documents under the Union Election Commission statement 91/2010. **(NEJ 240810)**

-A resident from Zegon village in Taikkyi reported that residents of Taikkyi have been thinking about not voting because the USDP is the only political party to contest in the township. **(Irrawaddy 250810)**

-Ya Tha, a singer in Burma, commented on the elections, on 7 November. He said that since the country is not only that of the men who govern but also that of the people, it is necessary for people and authorities to cooperate. **(Myanmar Times Vol. 25, No.481 260810)**

### ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS PREPARING TO CONTEST IN THE ELECTIONS

-U Yan Kyaw, a businessman in glass and china production, who will run in the elections in Pazundaung, said that individuals from 18 townships will contest in the elections. These candidates include U Hla Shein, the Vice Chairperson of the Mon State Entrepreneur and industrial owners group, and U Ba Tint Swe from the North Okkalapa Township who is ready for the elections. (Myanmar Times Vol. 25, No.481 260810)

-KSPP members stated that since the KSPP is not allowed to contest in the elections, KSPP members have registered to contest the elections as independent candidates. (NEJ 260810)

### OVERSEA BURMESE

-U Aung Thu Nyein, a Burma Analyst, said that since political parties have had to struggle with financial and time constraints, the role of individual candidates is crucial. (VOA 230810)

-An eligible Burmese voter in Singapore declared that the Burmese Embassy in Singapore has not released any news about the elections, so Burmese individuals in Singapore must rely on media for election related news. (DVB 250810)

### INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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

-Tomas Ojea Quintana, UN Special Rapporteur of Human Rights in Burma, declared he is preparing to submit the Burma Human Rights Report to the upcoming 65th UN General Assembly, and that decisions can be made regarding Burma at the GA. (VOA 230810)

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### **B. GOVERNMENTS**

-P.J. Crowley, the Spokesperson of the US Department of State, stated that after giving its support to UN commission of inquiry, US government has been deliberating the best means for democracy in Burma. **(VOA 240810)**

-Pu P.C. Lalruata, the Chairperson of the Department of Information of Congress Party, in Mizoram State, India, stated that the ruling Congress Party wanted Burma's 2010 elections to be free and fair. **(Mizzima 240810)**

-The British government has advised British citizens going Burma not to take any photos of police or soldiers if there is violence and unrest at the time of the elections. **(Mizzima 260810)**

-S.M. Krishna, the foreign minister of India stated at the Upper House Meeting held on 26 August that even though the military regime of Burma strongly denied that Burma had no nuclear programs, it was required to keep an eye on that issue. **(Irrawaddy 270810)**

### **B. NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

-Matthew Frunin, a Senior Analyst from the National Democratic Institute (NDI) based in Washington D.C, stated that even though NDI would not support the elections in Burma, it wanted to monitor the election process and NDI position would be the same as Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. **(VOA 250810)**

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