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Weekly Political Events Regarding the SPDC's Election

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STATE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND ITS STOOGES ORGANIZATIONS

A. ACTIVITIES ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS

-Inside journalist sources mentioned that the Myawaddy Publishing, which is under the control of the Defense Ministry of the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), has been preparing to publish 3 daily newspapers including the Myawaddy newspaper. **(Irrawaddy 130910)**

On September 11, a timed bomb was found on the railway overpass near Bogyoke Aung San Market in Rangoon. A police officer from Rangoon Divisional Police Office stated that as the elections were coming closer, security would have to be reinforced for the elections to be held. **(NEJ 130910)**

-A resident from the neighborhood of Sanpya Fish Market declared that the Ward Peace and Development Councils are collecting lists of eligible voters in townships in Rangoon. At the same time the authorities are drafting lists with numerous details including the number of family members, their complete address with apartment number, street name, ward, township, their age, occupation, education, whether they are currently living at the specified address or staying abroad. **(NEJ 130910)**

-Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a Ward Peace and Development Council chairperson stated that while campaigning, Maj. Gen. Hone Ngai, (the Chairperson of the Chin State Peace and Development Council, the Tantalán Township Peace and Development Council Chairperson and the Union Solidarity and Development Council) has been using the names of Chin national activists abroad. [using them for what?] **(khonumthung 140910)**

-A military officer, speaking on the condition of anonymity, reported that the authorities instructed township election commissions to open one voting station for every military base so that the families of the military can vote. **(DVB 140910)**

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-A resident of Pa-an district said that as the elections are approaching, military security troops have been tightening security at certain checkpoints and at the same time, secretly watching travellers. **(KIC 170910)**

-On 18 September the military regime's newspaper warned, that any individual organizing a boycott of the elections is violating the existing election laws and could face both imprisonment and a fine. **(VOA 180910)**

B. THE UNION ELECTION COMMISSION

-Officials from political parties affirmed that while the different levels of election commissions have been supporting the USDP and the National Unity Party (NUP), other parties have not received any such support from them. **(NEJ 130910)**

-U Tin Aung Aung, who will contest in the elections representing the National Democratic Force (NDF), declared that the Mandalay Division Election Commission posted a list of representatives from political parties who will contest in the elections, without however previously informing any of the involved political parties. **(VOA 140910)**

-The Union Election Commission announced on 14 September that political parties who are contesting the elections will be allowed to broadcast 15 minutes each on TV and Radio stations, but will need to submit a permission request seven days prior to the actual broadcast. **(EMG 140910)**

- The government-run broadcasting station, Myanmar Radio and TV, announced on 16 September that the elections would not be held in about 300 villages in 32 townships in Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Karen and Mon states and in areas controlled by ceasefire groups which still have not accepted the border guard force plan. **(DVB 160910)**

- on 18 September the Union Election Commission instructed the representatives who will contest in the elections to prepare their financial reports of income (or funds) and spending for their campaigns. **(RFA 180910)**

B. THE UNION SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY

-Thura U Shaw Mahn, a member of the SPDC, will allegedly be contesting in the elections in Zayyarthiri township in the Naypyitaw District; Thihathura U Thin Aung Myint Oo, also a member of the SPDC, will be contesting in Pombathiri Township, Naypyitaw; while U Thein Sein, the Prime Minister, will be contesting in Zambuthiri Township, Naypyitaw, as USDP representatives. **(BBC 130910)**

-Speaking on the condition of anonymity, a member of the USDP stated that the USDP has taken advantage of individuals in townships in southern Shan State near the Thai-Burma border who travel illegally to Thailand, by using threats to recruit them. **(RFA 130910)**

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-U Aye Lwin, the Chairperson of the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics (UMFNP), stated that the USDP has urged 3 UMFNP organizers from Thegon Township, Prome District, Pegu Division, to join the USDP. **(DVB 130910)**

-U Thein Htay, the Chairperson of the Union Democracy Party (UDP), reported that even though the Union Election Commission hasn't announced the list of representatives who will contest in the elections, USDP organizers have been campaigning in South Okkalapa Township, Rangoon for early votes. **(RFA 140910)**

-A businessman from Rangoon said that well-known businessmen who will participate in the elections representing the USDP are considering establishing a labor union that will be patronized by the military regime. **(DVB 140910)**

-A resident from Margue, Tenasserim Division, stated that the USDP Margue has been campaigning with the help of local authorities and ordered the local population to attend mandatory campaign rallies. **(Irrawaddy 140910)**

-A resident from South Dagon Township stated , that as the elections are approaching, the USDP in that area has stepped up its campaigns by even providing funeral services for residents in order to win their vote. **(Irrawaddy 140910)**

-Khun Bo Bo reported that even the USDP has been restricting the activities of the Kayan National Party (KNP) during the KNP's election campaigns without giving any reason. **(S.H.A.N 140910)**

-Residents of Kyaukphyu, Arakan State, affirmed that the USDP has been recruiting 50 new members from every village in Zin Chaung and Snae districts. The USDP is also recruiting new members in constituencies 5 and 6 in Kyaukphyu Township, Arakan State. **(Narinjara 140910)**

-A political activist from Bushwemaw said that local authorities have supported the quick construction of an elementary school in New Bushwemaw village, which is separate from Bushwemaw village, Arakan state. U Kyauk Taung, who will contest the elections representing the USDP, has promised he would cover all the new village's expenses. **(Narinjara 140910)**

-A resident from Kalay stated that during its campaign in Kalay, Sagaing Division, the USDP loaned money to farmers and automatically considered anyone who accepted its loans as a USDP member. **(Khonumthung 160910)**

-Speaking on the condition of anonymity, an official from the Myothugyi Ward, Sittwe, Arakan State, said that U Maung Kyaw Aung, the Chairperson of the Myothugyi Ward Peace and Development Council, has been campaigning for the USDP along with USDP representatives who will contest the elections. **(Narinjara 160910)**

-A resident from Pyapon, Irrawaddy Division, stated that when Gen. Soe Naing, Minister of Hotels and Tourism, was campaigning in Pyapon, representing the USDP, he distributed goods, donated items for Nargis victims and people over 70 years of age. **(RFA 170910)**

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-U Nyan Win, who submitted an application to contest the elections representing the USDP in Zegon Township, Pegu Division, changed his application to contest in Pyithu Hluttaw in Division Hluttaw. **(RFA 180910)**

-The USDP started to publish USDP bulletins called “Pyi Khai Phyo”, and distributed hundreds of thousands of weekly and monthly political bulletins free of charge. **(DVB 180910)**

NATIONAL UNITY PARTY

-U Han Shwe, the Spokesperson of the National Unity Party (NUP), announced that the permission request of 2 NUP representatives to contest in the elections was rejected by the Union Election Commission in Announcement 97/2010. **(DVB 140910)**

OPPOSITION FORCES

A. FORCES INSIDE BURMA

-U Aung Wah, the Chairperson of the Kachin Social Development Network, explained that the regime’s newspaper publication affirming that China does not support anti-government forces was targeted to armed ethnic groups who have not accepted the Border Guard Force plan. Hu Jintao, the President of the People’s Republic of China had recently made a statement on the issue. **(RFA 120910)**

-U Aye Tha Aung, the Secretary of the Committee Representing People’s Parliament (CRPP), declared that “the result of the elections is already known even before the elections and the elections will definitely not be free and fair.” **(DVB 120910)**

-U Ohn Kyine, member of the National League for Democracy's (NLD) Central Executive Committee, stated that during the NLD tour across the country, which included him, NLD members from 31 townships agreed to boycott the elections. **(Mizzima 130910)**

-U Aye Myint, leader of the Guiding Star Organization, said that Daw Than Pu, a former member of the NLD, and another person have been arrested by authorities in Pegu. They had been distributing leaflets with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s portrait and a statement saying that anyone can choose not to vote because they have the right not to vote. **(BBC 130910)**

-Ko Myo Nyunt, leader of the NLD Youth Wing, stated during his NLD organizing campaign in Shwe Bo, Sagaing Division that the NLD headquarters instructed NLD youth members from States and Divisions to boycott the elections. **(VOA 140910)**

-Ko Tun Myint Aung, a leader of the 88 Generation Student Group, maintained that even though the military regime’s election commission disbanded the NLD, the NLD would continue to exist with the people. **(RFA 150910)**

-U Nyan Win, a member of the NLD Central Executive Committee, said that the Union Election Commission's sudden announcement that the NLD was being disbanded was not in accordance with

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laws, because the NLD's submission request to the Supreme Court for the legal permission to stand as political party was pending, **(VOA 140910)**

- After the Union Election Commission announced on 14 September that it had disbanded the NLD U Nyan Win, the Spokesperson of the NLD, claimed that the it is a legal political party registered under the Political Parties Registration Law (4/88) enacted by the military regime in 1988, and that no violations under any law permitted the regime to disband the party.. **(NEJ 150910)**

- After UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon expressed his concern for Burma, U Win Tin, a member of the NLD Central Executive Committee, stated that concern alone for Burma was not effective and that Ban Ki-moon should take a practical stand for Burma. **(VOA 160910)**

-U Thein Hline, a member of the Arakan State NLD Organizing Committee, reported that the issue of boycotting the elections was thoroughly discussed during a recent meeting. At the meeting were over 100 NLD members from Ramree Township, Arakan State and NLD executive committee members led by Daw May Win Myint, who was elected a Member of Parliament in the 1990 elections.. **(DVB 160910)**

-U Nyan Win, the Spokesperson of the NLD, declared that the NLD sent a letter to the European Union condemning the statement from the Burma Summit held in Berlin, Germany, and the invitation of Dr. Nay Win Maung and Dr. Khin Zaw Win to represent Burma. **(DVB 170910)**

-Min Thwe Thit, the Spokesperson of the newly established Burma Democracy Activists Front was formed with the objective to launch anti-election campaigns. The organisation was jointly established by the 2007 Generation Student Union, the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU), the Middle Burma Students Organization, the Saffron New Generation Organization and the New Generation Youth Organization.. **(DVB 170910)**

B. FORCES AT BORDER AREAS

-On 12 September the SPDC claimed, in the regime's newspaper that the Chinese government does not support the activities of armed ethnic groups along the Sino-Burma border. Comrade Pho Than Chaung, the Spokesperson of the Communist Party of Burma (CPB), explained that the statement was what the regime wanted to mention. **(BBC 120910)**

-Comrade Than Khae, the Chairperson of the All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) based on the Thai-Burma border, expressed that "It is very clear that the 2010 elections are not for the people of Burma but for the military dictators. China has a responsibility to take a stand and to speak impartially on that issue as a good neighbor." **(S.H.A.N 130910)**

C. ARMED ETHNIC GROUPS

-A resident from Mahtawgon village reported that a clash broke out near Mahtawgon village, Kyauk Kyi Township, Nyaunglaybin District, Northern Karen State, between the 9th Battalion of the Karen National Liberation Army (KNLA) and the Light Battalion 242 under the command of Military Operations

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Command (16) of the military regime. Twenty –six villagers were arrested and tortured by the military troops after the army suffered many casualties. **(KIC 130910)**

-Maj. Saw Kyi Aung, the deputy commander of KNLA Battalion 201, explained that battalion 201 was ambushed twice, on 13 September, by Light Battalion 97 as it was on its way to replace Light Battalion 275, based in Mawkhi, Waw Lay region, Myawaddy District, Karen State, under the command of the Southeastern Command. He added that 3 military soldiers were killed and 4 wounded in the ambush. **(KIC 140910)**

-A Karenni military intelligence officer reported that Karenni troops led by Maj. Zaw Noe, the deputy commander of the Karenni 3rd Battalion, and military troops led by Lt. Col. Soe Min Latt, the commander of Light Infantry Battalion 516, confronted each other at about 15 miles West of Nyar Mu base on 15 September, during which time a sergeant from the military battalion was killed. **(Kantarawaddy Times 170910)**

-Saw David Tha Kapaw, the Deputy Chairperson of the Karen National Union (KNU), reported that on 15 September the KNU requested from the military regime a one day ceasefire for the International Peace Day on 21 September. **(RFA 150910)**

-Maj. Saw Hla Ngwe, the KNU's Joint Secretary no. 1, said that according to the regime's election commission's statement, in regions where elections will not be held the majority of regions were concentrated in Karen State. He explained that this was a strategy to ensure that the military regime's parties win the elections. **(Taunggyi Time 170910)**

-Residents of Karenni (Kayah) State reported that the Karenni Army threatened to open fire if the USDP launches any political campaign in the villages in Karenni State. **(KT 180910)**

D. FORCES OUTSIDE BURMA

-U Bo Hla Tint, chief of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the exiled National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), said that the Union Election Commission, the puppet commission of the military regime, has proved its status (legitimacy) by announcing the disbandment of the NLD. Despite this the NCGUB will still try its best to get international support. **(DVB 160910)**

-Burmese nationals and democracy activists in Japan, marched and demonstrated in Tokyo on the 22nd anniversary of the military coup as a part of the global campaign calling for governments to denounce the regime's elections. **(RFA 180910)**

CEASEFIRE GROUPS

A. ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO BORDER GUARD FORCES

- On 12 September, the military regime deployed additional troops in regions in Northern and Eastern Shan State that are controlled by the United Wa State Army (UWSA). **(S.H.A.N 140910)**

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-A source close to the Shan State Army-North (SSA-N) said that a column of the 1st Brigade of the SSA-N and a column of Light Infantry 147 under the command of the Northeastern Command fought near Nam Ma Kyan region, Hsipaw Township, Northern Shan State at about 4 pm on 15 September, and that one Shan soldier was wounded. **(NEJ 150910)**

-Col. Sin Wah, the Joint General Secretary of the Kachin Independence Organization (KIO), stated that armed ethnic groups which had not accepted the military regime's border guard force plan have been keeping an eye on the position of the Chinese government after Senior Gen. Than Shwe met with Hu Jintao, the President of the People's Republic of China, during his China visit. **(NEJ 150910)**

-A resident of Mongton stated that military officers from Light Battalion 225 based in Mongton, Eastern Shan State, instructed the ceasefire Shan State Army and the UWSA to sew 50 military uniforms each. **(S.H.A.N 150910)**

-A source close to the KIO stated that tensions had increased between the KIO and the military authorities after 3 KIO officers were stopped on their way from KIO controlled Laiza to Myitkyina, at the check-point outside of Tanai, by personnel from the Military Security Affairs. **(RFA 160910)**

-Col. Zin Wah, Joint Secretary of the KIO, stated that even though the list of regions where elections will not be held includes several KIO controlled areas, KIO has no right to comment because the elections are beyond the KIO's affairs. **(DVB 170910)**

POLITICAL PARTIES

A. POLITICAL PARTIES NOT ALLOWED TO STAND AS POLITICAL PARTIES

-The political parties which registered to contest in elections but were rejected by the Union Election Commission include:

1. the Kachin State Progressive Party
2. the Northern Shan State Progressive Party
3. the United Democracy Party (Kachin State)
4. the People's New Society Party
5. the All National Races Unity and Deveopment Party

-The Union Election Commission rejected the applications of 12 Kachin State Progress Party representatives, including Dr. Tu Ja. They submitted their applications to the Union Election Commission as individual candidates, because the KSPP was not allowed to contest the elections. **(VOA 150910)**

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B. POLITICAL PARTIES DISBANDED AFTER THE PERMISSION TO STAND AS POLITICAL PARTIES

A. Political parties allowed to stand as political parties under the Article 4/88 of the Political Parties Registration Law, then disbanded by Statement 97/2010, dated 14 September 2010, of the Union Election Commission include:

1. the Union Pa-O National League
2. the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy
3. the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party
4. the Wa National Development Party
5. the National League for Democracy

B. Political parties which had registered to 2010 Union Election Commission but were disbanded by the statement 97/2010, dated 14 september 2010, of the Union Election Commission, for not having enough representatives to contest in at least 3 constituencies, include, as follows:

1. the Union Kayin League
2. the Myanmar New Society Democratic Party
3. the Myanmar Democracy Congress
4. the Mro National Party
5. the Regional Development Party (Pyay)

C. POLITICAL PARTIES THAT DECIDED NOT TO CONTEST IN THE ELECTIONS

-the Nationalities Unity and Development Party (NUDP) (Kayah State)

-Sunshine, leader of the Karenni National Youth Organization (KNYO), stated that the NUDP, which represents people from Karenni State, decided not to contest the elections due to the disturbances of the USDP and threats by local authorities. **(Kantarawaddy Times 160910)**

-Leaders of the NUDP, which represents the people of Karenni State, joined the National Unity Party because of the disturbances of the USDP and threats by local authorities. **(KT 180910)**

D. POLITICAL PARTIES ALLOWED TO CONTEST IN THE ELECTIONS

1. The Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization
2. the National Unity Party
3. The Lahu National Development Party

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4. the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party
5. The Pa-O National Organization
6. The Democratic Party (Myanmar)
7. The Kayan National Party
8. The Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar
9. The Karen People's Party
10. The 'Wa' National Unity Party
11. the Taaung (Palaung) National Party
12. the All Mon Region Democracy Party
13. the Democracy and Peace Party
14. the Shan Nationals Democratic Party
15. the United Democratic Party
16. the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar)
17. the Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics
18. the National Political Alliances League
19. the Chin National Party
20. the Wunthanu NLD (The Union of Myanmar)
21. the New Era People's Party
22. the Union Democratic Party
23. the Difference and Peace Party
25. the Inn National Development Party
26. the Rakhine Nationals Progressive Party
27. the Wa Democratic Party
28. the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
29. the National Democratic Party for Development

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30. the Union Solidarity and Development Party
31. the Ethnic National Development Party
32. the Kaman National Progressive Party
33. the Khami National Development Party
34. the National Democratic Force
35. the Unity Democracy Party of Kachin State
36. the Kayin State Democracy and Development Party
37. the National Development and Peace Party

-U Thu Wai, the Chairperson of the Democratic Party (Myanmar), announced that a joint press conference of the Democratic Party and eight individual candidates had been held in Bahan Township, Rangoon on 11 September. **(DVB 120910)**

-U Khin Maung Swe, a leader of the National Democratic Force (NDF), stated that Daw Labyaung Bawk Jar, who has been working for victims of land confiscation, will contest in Pyithu Hlattaw in Pa Kang, Kachin State representing the NDF. His main rivals in the constituency are U Ohn Myint, a retired Maj. Gen. representing the USDP, and U Maung Maung Aye from the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party. **(Mizzima 130910)**

-The NUP and the Democratic Party (Myanmar) asked the Union Election Commission to announce the list of representatives who are allowed to contest the elections, as soon as possible. The list was supposed to be announced by 10 September. **(DVB 130910)**

-A resident from Insein stated that the 88 Generation Student Youths (Union of Myanmar), led by U Ye Tun, distributed political bulletins with the fighting peacock symbol and the name 88 Generation Students in Insein Township on 13 September. This was seen as organizing people and thus confused the population. **(RFA 130910)**

-Leaders of the Rakhine Nationals Progressive Party and the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party declared that the delay in announcing the list of representatives to contest in the elections is hurting the political parties' campaigns. **(DVB 140910)**

-U Tin San, who will contest the elections as an individual candidate, stated that the Democratic Party (Myanmar) and several other individual representatives agreed to support each other to win the elections. He added that after the elections, the group will become crucial for a democratic force to exist in the parliament. **(Irrawaddy 140910)**

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-U Aye Tha Aung, the General Secretary of the Committee Representing People's Parliament (CRPP), declared that as the elections are coming closer, the phones of representatives who will contest the elections have been tapped and intercepted more than before. **(Mizzima 140910)**

-Leaders of political parties reported that parties are facing difficulties in finding enough representatives to monitor the voting stations after U Tin Maung Win, the USDP Rangoon Division Commission member, announced that the USDP will place two representatives at each voting station. **(DVB 140910)**

-The Union Democracy Party (UDP) and the Democratic Party (Myanmar) denounced the rules that state if political parties want to canvass through radio and television, they must not hurt the dignity of the military and to obey the 2008 constitution. **(VOA 150910)**

-U Yu Jin, the Chairperson of the Kayan National Party (KNP), declared that even though there are difficulties in contesting the elections, he will run in Pekhon Township in order to work for Kayan literature and culture. **(Mizzima 140910)**

-Representatives from the All Mon Region Democracy Party (AMRDP) said that the Union Election Commission rejected the representatives submitted by the AMRDP to represent Mon people in the Rangoon and Tenasserim Divisions. **(IMNA 130910)**

-Sai Hla Kyaw, a member of the Central Committee of the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP), stated that even though the SNDP has not submitted its campaign songs to the Union Election Commission, the songs were accessible on some websites and claimed that young people liked those songs. **(DVB 160910)**

-Nai Ngwe Thein, the Chairperson of the AMRDP, stated that the AMRDP has been visiting rural areas in Mon State to inform people on how to vote properly. **(Irrawaddy 180910)**

-The Pa-O National League has been forcefully collecting campaign funds from villages in Kyauktalongyi Township, at a rate of 2000 kyat per household. **(S.H.A.N 170910)**

-U Khin Maung Myint, the Chairperson of the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party, stated he believed that his party will still win the elections; even though voters from over 1000 villages of 155 village groups in 7 townships in Karen State lost their chance to vote due to the Election Commission's announcement that some regions will hold no elections.. **(DVB 170910)**

-Dr. Aye Maung, the Chairperson of the Rakhine Nationals Progressive Party (RNPP), stated that political parties should be allowed to broadcast live show campaign speeches and be allowed to take individual responsibility for the content of the speech instead of editing the speeches for broadcast in advance. **(Myanmar Time Vol.25, No.484 170910)**

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INDIVIDUALS PREPARING TO CONTEST IN THE ELECTIONS

-Pu Enok, an individual candidate , stated that he will contest the elections as a representative for the Sagaing Division Ethnic Hluttaw in order to work for the interests of Chin nationals. **(Khonumthung 150910)**

-Dr. Phone Win, an individual candidate who will contest the elections in Kamayut Township, Rangoon, denounced the meeting to recognize the military regime's elections because it might cause a disagreement among political activists inside Burma. The meeting was attended by the IDE Myanmar, Myanmar Egress and the European commission and initiated by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung from Germany.. **(RFA 170910)**

SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

-A resident from Pegu stated that at the clock tower park in Pegu, which is a crowded area with tight security, some activists hung a plastic signpost supporting the boycott of the 2010 elections and the release of political prisoners including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. **(VOA 140910)**

-The Democracy Activists Students Group[Is it Front or Group?] from Rangoon sent mail to government offices and businesses warning that if they vote for the USDP, monks will be killed again and even more people will starve. **(Mizzima 170910)**

-Friends of Thein Zaw and Khaing Zaw, who distributed anti-election pamphlets in Rangoon, announced that the pair were taken from home by authorities in plain clothes and that it remains unknown where the two are being detained. **(Irrawaddy 170910)**

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

-The All Burma Monks Alliance (ABMA) urged the people of Burma to boycott the 2010 sham elections, for which the military regime, which killed and oppressed monks, will automatically win 25% of seats, and the military regime's stooge USDP is trying to win the other 75% of the seats in both parliaments. **(RFA 130910)**

-U Dharma Sri, the Spokesperson of the ABMA, stated that the ABMA utterly denounced the Union Election Commission's one-sided announcement of the disbanding of the NLD, for this was unfair and unlawful. **(RFA 160910)**

OVERSEA BURMESE

-Dr. Zarni, a Burmese academic from the London School of Economics, stated that even though it was announced that the NLD was disbanded, they still receive unwavering support from the people. **(BBC 160910)**

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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- At the opening ceremony of the 15th regular session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva on 13 September, Ms. Navi Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights urged for the elections in Burma to be free and fair. **(VOA 130910)**

-Ban Ki-Moon, the Secretary General of the UN, expressed that he was concerned that the Union Election Commission of Burma disbanded 10 political parties including the NLD. **(VOA 150910)**

-The Foreign Minister of Indonesia said that even though the issue of the 2010 elections in Burma is an internal affair, ASEAN is interested in how it can be supportive since the consequences of the elections could affect the entire region. **(VOA 180910)**

B. GOVERNMENTS

-The spokesperson of France's Foreign Ministry said that the government of France is shocked by the military regime of Burma after it announced the disbanding of the NLD, and added that the elections will be totally unfair. **(DVB 150910)**

-At Britain's Parliament session, British Prime Minister David Cameron stated that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's ongoing house arrest is unacceptable and that the Burma issue is an important affair for Britain. **(RFA 160910)**

-Kurt Campbell, the Assistant Secretary of State of the United States, declared that even though the US government's engagement policy towards the military regime of Burma was disappointing, the US hoped for changes in the long run. **(VOA 160910)**

-Alana Golmei, the Director of the BCD Project, Myanmar Affairs Department in Delhi, stated that the BCD hoped that Indian media will fully cover election related news so that the people of India will know the truth about the situation of Burmese refugees. **(Mizzima 160910)**

-Lawrence Cannon, the Canadian Foreign Minister, declared that the Canadian government released a statement denouncing the military regime of Burma after it disbanded 10 political parties including the NLD. He also added that the military regime severely violates its promise for democratic changes and ignores the basics of democracy. **(RFA 170910)**

-William Hague, the British Foreign Minister, claimed that the 2010 elections in Burma are sham elections with the goal to elongate the military regime's control over Burma. **(RFA 170910)**

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C. NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

-Freedom Now, a legal organization based in Washington D.C, released a statement on 16 September stating the military regime of Burma must release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest on 13 November. **(Irrawaddy 160910)**

-Debbie Stothard, from Alternative ASEAN for Burma, stated that the announcement of the Union Election Commission of Burma not to hold elections in villages in 32 townships in ethnic areas violates the voting rights of ethnic nationalities who do not recognize the military regime. **(VOA 170910)**

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