



Weekly Political Events Regarding the SPDC's Election

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

A. ACTIVITIES ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS

- As election came closer security was tightened with riot police deployed around Shwedagon Pagoda, Sule Pagoda, Kyauktada Township, Rangoon General Hospital, Myenigone and Lanmadaw in Rangoon. In addition armed soldiers and military patrol cars were making rounds and conducting checks, a Rangoon resident said. (VOA 251010)
- A Transport Ministry official said that after finding anti-election flyers among journals, the Transport Ministry has banned forwarding of journals via flight as per instruction of Military Affairs Security (MAS) since October 25. (Irrawaddy 261010)
- A polling station chief in Three Pagodas Pass disclosed that there were instructions from above to finalize preparations for polling stations and covered-cubicles for ballot marking three days before the elections. (IMNA 261010)
- Local authorities and SPDC army joined hands to extort money through Naungpein village tract headmen on the pretext of polling-station construction and military outpost fencing, local residents reported. (SHAN 271010)
- Authorities were conducting forced labor upon rural people in Northern Shan State Muse Township for construction of polling stations intended for November 7 elections. (SHAN 271010)
- There were few civil servants who looked for their names on voter lists; only when they were asked to fill up the forms would they go to relevant ward commission offices to look at the voter list; the Commission put up their names on the list only when those whose names were left out demanded the Commission under their superiors' instruction, a Revenue Department official said. (NEJ 271010)

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- About 200 family members and students in South-Okkala-based LIR 435 and 436 marched to regiment commander's office on October 28 at 6 am to demand prompt solution to their livelihood problems, a girl student who took part in the protest said. (BBC 281010)
- Those travelling abroad before November 7, 2010, have to vote in advance when they took D-Forms under the arrangement of Immigration Dept. and Election Commission, an official from Western District Commission said. (Irrawaddy 281010)
- Courts would be open on Sunday, November 7, to summarily try and punish those who obstructed or ruined the polling, a township judge from Shan State said. (Irrawaddy 281010)
- There were threats to punish village and ward Peace and Development Councils and school teachers if the USDP candidates in Karenni State did not win by a big margin, locals reported. (KT 291010)
- On October 29, district-level authorities notified all civil servants in Sagaing Division Katha Township to cast advance votes, a Katha resident said. (DVB 301010)

B. THE UNION ELECTION COMMISSION (UEC)

- As the Election Commission planned to set up a lot of polling stations, there would be millions of polling station staff in the whole country, an employee from Rangoon Division Election Commission office said. (NEJ 261010)
- The Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) was bribing election commission staff in Rangoon Division Kyauktan Township's villages so that the commissions would pressure voters to vote for the USDP, a local close to Kyarkan village Election Commission disclosed. (Irrawaddy 281010)
- There were 48 polling stations in Southern Shan State Loilem Township where the Election Commission has forced polling station in-charges to sign for over seven thousand ballots, a polling station in-charge who wished to withhold his name reported. (SHAN 281010)

C. THE UNION SOLIDARITY AND DEVELOPMENT PARTY (USDP)

- When the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) which was campaigning for USDP in Southern Shan State Namsan Township used its military force to campaign in areas outside its control, a firefight broke out with former MTA Matkyang Region Development force, resulting in four dead and two missing on the PNO side, a Loilem resident close to Pa-O community reported. (SHAN 251010)
- Student members of IB 18 families in Henzada refusing to vote for the USDP were beaten up by a USDP mob, leading to discontent inside the army. The battalion commanding officer has to soothe them by reporting the matter to regional commander, an army family member said. (BBC 251010)
- In the Kachin State Special Region 1 (NDAK region), former NDAK Chairman Zakhong Teng Yeng would run on USDP ticket while another top leader of NDAK Moatyen Taunghowng would contest on behalf of the National Unity Party (NUP). The latter said that canvassing civil servants was difficult. (BBC 271010)

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- USDP leaders told local organizers in early October that if their candidates did not get necessary votes, the organizers have to repay the money supplied, a villager from Matupi Township Weitoo village reported. (Khonumthung 261010)
- Former Maj.-Gen. Ohn Myint, USDP candidate from jade-producing Phakant Township, Kachin State, for People's Assembly, was luring voters by providing yellow-colored temporary ID cards free of charge to those who have none, locals reported. (KNG 261010)
- There have been sprayings with red and black paints as well as destruction of USDP billboards in Rangoon Division Thongwa and Khayan townships in recent days, locals reported. (DVB 271010)
- The USDP was handing out relief donations to storm-struck villages in Kyaukpuru, Myebon, Marn Aung, Minby, Ramree and Amm townships with hoisting of party flags and political exploitation, Rakhine Nationalities Development Party Chairman Dr. Aye Maung said. (DVB 271010)
- In some townships of central Shan State, USDP campaigning was not successful with its campaign flyers posted on fences, walls, lamp posts and trees destroyed by locals, a resident of Mongkong reported. (SHAN 271010)
- The USDP held its first press conference at its party HQ in Kokaing, Rangoon, on October 27. Its General Secretary U Htay Oo explained party policies to reporters. (RFA 271010)
- USDP candidate ex-Maj. Gen. Aung Min promised right to renovate existing mosques in his constituency Toungoo Township and to open closed mosques if he got elected but Muslims don't believe in him, a local Muslim said. (RFA 271010)
- USDP candidate for South Okklapa Township Rangoon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin got angry at reporters for asking him tight questions, resulting in banning of pressmen from visiting the Municipal Office, local reporters said. (DVB 281010)
- Because Senior Gen. Than Shwe and Vice Senior Gen. Maung Aye were not USDP members, it was not certain to propose their names as presidential candidates after USDP has won the elections, Secretary U Htay Oo asserted at the press conference yesterday. (Irrawaddy 281010)
- The USDP claimed at the press conference that it would fully win the elections because its strength was between 16 and 18 million members. (Irrawaddy 281010)
- The SPDC was recruiting two to three new militiamen per village compulsorily in Mongpaw village tract, Muse Township, Northern Shan State, since 20th and these new recruits have to vote for the USDP, a villager close to the local militia disclosed. (SHAN 281010)
- Karen Peace Group (Phayagone) leader Padoh Aung San would contest in SPDC's 2010 elections on USDP ticket from Karen State Pa-an constituency, one of his relatives said. (NEJ 281010)
- USDP Secretary U Htay Oo said that roads in Rangoon were not paved by the USDP but by the Rangoon Municipality. (NEJ 281010)

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- The current government would continue governing the country until the People's Parliament is called after elections, USDP General Secretary Minister U Htay Oo said at the party's first press conference held at the USDP office in Bahan Township, Rangoon Division. (Mizzima 281010)
- Local authorities were giving assistance to USDP candidates Khar Mai Tan and Forum Baukgyar who are contesting for People's Assembly and State Assembly seats respectively in Kachin State Somprabom Township. (NEJ 291010)
- The USDP was luring people in villages of Namkham Township to vote for the USDP by promising Kyat 10000 per vote, locals reported. (SHAN 291010)
- The USDP was buying votes in Kachin State Somprabom Township as well as intimidating people to vote for them, locals reported. (RFA 301010)

OPPOSITION FORCES

A. FORCES INSIDE BURMA

- At the 22nd anniversary ceremony of Zomi National Congress' founding day held in Sagaing Division Kalaymyo on October 24, NLD leaders, ethnic leaders and '88 Generation Students issued a signed declaration calling for second Panglong Conference to achieve national reconciliation in Burma. (VOA 241010)
- NLD members in Tenasserim Division Mergui distributed over ten thousand copies of educational flyers on election laws and by-laws in twelve wards of Mergui on October 23, Mergui NLD Chairman U Soe Lwin said. (RFA 241010)
- On the 22nd anniversary of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD)'s founding day on October 26, it announced its support for Kalaymyo Declaration which agrees to build a federal Union, SNLD spokesperson Sai Lek said. (BBC 261010)
- Lawyers who have met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that she has sent a special message to voters to appraise the election concerning what kind of election it was and for what they were voting. (RFA 261010)
- NLD Vice-Chairman U Tin Oo said that the NLD issued a statement on October 26 denouncing National Democratic Force (NDF)'s campaign exploiting the names of NLD and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The NLD also stated that it was not associated to the NDF. (RFA 261010)
- The NLD issued a formal statement on October 26 boycotting the military regime-sponsored elections because it could not produce democracy for Burma. (RFA 261010)
- To increase NLD activities, Mon-ywa Aung Shin and Legal Adviser U Aung Thein led NLD members to meet with local members in Sagaing Division to brief them on election boycott, legal right to refrain from voting and election monitoring, U Aung Thein reported. (DVB 261010)

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- The NLD issued a directive to the people on October 26 to report to the police if any irregularities were found in the forthcoming elections. (DVB 261010)
- Over twenty NLD Youths of Rangoon Division handed out anti-election flyers displaying the right to not vote, in Rangoon Division's Mingladon Township Htaukkyant market and Insein market, one of the youths said. (DVB 261010)
- The Tuesday Prayer Team "would continue with prayer services for the release of all political prisoners even if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is released on November 13", Daw Myint Myint Aye of Meikhtila Township NLD said at the 182nd prayer service on October 26. (DVB 261010)
- Pro-democracy underground students and youths inside Burma stated their support on October 26 to Kalaymyo Declaration which called for second Panglong Conference to negotiate on national reconciliation and federal nation-building. The Declaration was published during the 22nd anniversary ceremony of ZNC's founding day held in Sagaing Division Kalaymyo. (Mizzima 261010)
- Political parties and organizations supporting the elections were campaigning by means of wearing T-shirts calling the people to vote, an NLD member said. (Irrawaddy 271010)
- Pro-democracy opposition activists welcomed US State Department's critique of Burma's election as "highly flawed". NLD Vice-Chairman U Tin Oo said that the US government ought to take effective action and added that parliaments would remain under the Commander-in-Chief according to the 2008 Constitution. (VOA 291010)
- The activist would try to convene the second Panglong Conference for national reconciliation around the Union Day, February, 2010, NLD CEC U Win Tin, one of the initiators, said. (RFA 291010)
- NLD Youths in Rangoon Division Sanchaung Township handed out flyers on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD's stand on boycotting the election, also explaining the people verbally. (DVB 291010)
- NLD Youths carried out election-boycott campaigns in Rangoon, Pegu and Kawthaung on October 30. (DVB 301010)

B. BORDER-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- The Democratic Alliance of Burma (DAB) issued a statement on October 26, fully supporting the Kalaymyo Declaration proclaimed at the 22nd anniversary ceremony of ZNC's founding day held in Sagaing Division Kalaymyo. (KIC 261010)

C. ARMED ETHNIC GROUPS

- The Karen National Liberation Army Battalion 16 carried out an ambush on SPDC LIR 405 Column 1 led by Lt. Col. Myo Myint Aung under the command of Military Operations Command (MOC) 8 yesterday at 10:40 am, killing two SPDC men and wounding three others. The SPDC force was bringing ballot boxes to Chaungzone village from Taungzoon village in Karen State Kyainn-Seikkyi Township, KNLA Brigade 6 spokesperson Maj. Saw Hte Nay said. (KIC 271010)

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- SPDC LIR 405 which was providing security for ballot stations in Three Pagodas Pass town battled with a KNLA force at Zeephyu Taung near Chaungzone village and Kyonmipyin village, resulting in deaths of two villagers, local residents reported. (IMNA 281010)
- An SPDC force stationed near Pawn River Bridge between Loikaw and Shadaw in Karennin (Kayah) State has a three-hour long battle with a combined force of Karenni Army and ABSDF Students Army on October 26, resulting in four killed and four captured alive from SPDC side together with arms and ammo. The prisoners-of-war taken were Police Sub-Inspector Tun Tun Win, L-Cpl Aung Kyaw Moe, L-Cpl Yan Myo Aung and Cpl Win Soe (IB 72). (KT 291010)

D. FORCES OUTSIDE BURMA

- The new flag raised throughout the country by the SPDC military regime is similar to the one used in Manerpalaw by the exiled-National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), NCGUB Foreign Minister U Bo Hla Tint said. (BBC 251010)
- Pro-democracy Burmese forces in Japan, Japanese human rights NGOs and Japanese Trade Union Federation held a joint protest procession to demand the Japanese government not to recognize the election called by the military regime and also sent a letter to Japanese Prime Minister to that effect, U Myat Thu, one of the leaders of protest, said. (DVB 271010)
- Activists have started distributing an anti-election song album made by exiled Kachin youths on October 27 in Kachin State Myitkyina, All Kachin Students and Youths Union (AKSYU) Chairman Leonard said. (KNG 271010)
- The National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB) announced on October 29 that it fully supported the Kalaymyo Declaration that calls for second Panglong Conference. (RFA 291010)
- Exiled ethnic organizations, exiled media people and Thai media talked about post-election scenarios at a hotel in Chiangmai. The session was aired live by Thai TV on Internet. (DVB 291010)
- London-based Burma Independence Advocates group published a report on October 29 saying that Burmese military regime's 2010 election would be an initialization of competitive authoritarianism. The report also recommended to the international community to be aware of regime's deceiving political program. (RFA 301010)

CEASEFIRE GROUPS

GROUPS NOT TRANSFORMING INTO BORDER GUARD FORCES

- In order to repel SPDC military offensives in Karen State Dooplaya District, DKBA commanders led by its Brigade 5 chief Brig. Saw Lar Pweh called a special meeting to reorganize their battalions, Maj. Saw Mo-shay, Tactical Command Grade 2, who took part in the reorganization, disclosed. (DVB 251010)
- Citing illegitimacy, authorities have ordered removal of New Mon State Party signboards hung in towns, an NMSP Central Committee said. (NEJ 261010)

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- Saw Phaynel (aged 27) from ceasefire group Karenni National Solidarity Organization (KNSO) led by Maj. Htoo Carrie defected to the Karenni Army active in Mawchi area, taking with him one M-16 rifle and 20 rounds, a Karenni Army Colonel said. (Kantarawaddy Times 261010)
- After a squabble between DKBA Brigade 5 Battalion 905's Maj. Win Aung Than and Lt. Chit Lon on one side and SPDC MOC 19 IB 24's Lt. Zarni Aung on other side in Karen State Myawaddy city, MOC Commander and MAS staff officers ordered DKBA men to not reside in the town, DKBA Col. Saw Mo-shay said. (DVB 281010)
- Brigade 1 HQ of the Shan State Army (North) (SSA-N) which is refusing to transform into a Home Guard Force has alerted its troops not to fall back but to repel any SPDC troop trespassing on its territory, an SSA battalion commander disclosed. (SHAN 281010)
- New Mon State Party (NMSP) officials in Moulmein District met with local Mon people, Mon organizations and Mudon Township regional development groups and told them to "not vote at the election if one does not wish to vote or if forced to cast ballots, just mark a cross," a person who attended the meeting reported. (IMNA 281010)

POLITICAL PARTIES

POLITICAL PARTIES ALLOWED TO CONTEST IN THE ELECTIONS

- When National Democratic Force (NDF) candidates distributed campaign leaflets containing their brief bio in Htandabin, Shwepyitha and Hlaing Thayar, 10000 copies were gobbled up in a couple of hours. Party leader U Khin Maung Swe saw this as party's good chances in the constituencies. (Eleven Media Group 251010)
- National Unity Party, USDP and Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics were campaigning mainly in rural areas. U Nay Myo Wai from Peace and Diversity Party, Dr. Than Win and U Nay Win from NDF, and Independent U Kyaw Ohn were also intensely canvassing for votes by going around in motrocades and handing out flyers. (Eleven Media Group 251010)
- The people's view about the National Unity Party (NUP), formerly the Burma Socialist Program Party, led by retired Generals, being the same as military regime's USDP was a misunderstanding, NUP leader cum former Vice-Chief of Staff U Chit Hlaing (Retd. Commodore) said. (RFA 261010)
- Political parties alleged that eligible voters list published by township election commissions in States and Divisions were not consistent to the true situation and contained excess numbers. (Irrawaddy 261010)
- The Rakhine Nationalities Development Party (RNDP) contesting in the election supported the Kalaymyo Declaration by the NLD and ethnic leaders calling for second Panglong Conference, RNDP Chairman Dr. Aye Maung said. (Irrawaddy 261010)

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- The Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) has to compete fiercely with other political parties in Pon-pa-kyin Sub-Township east of Salween River, a young intellectual said. (SHAN 261010)
- Asia World Company owners Lao Hsing Han and his brother Lao Hsing Min were supporting all the expenses of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KDUP) which was contesting mainly in Lashio, Hsenwi and Kunlon regions, a party member revealed. (SHAN 261010)
- The RNDP has demanded the Union Election Commission on October 27 to postpone elections in storm-struck constituencies of Arakan State. (DVB 271010)
- Star of Independence (First Class) recipient U Tun Sein who had once worked as Bogyoke Aung San's bodyguard would run for election representing the NDF from Mandalay Division Sintgoo Township. At age 87 he would be the oldest candidate in the elections. (RFA 271010)
- People in relevant wards were offering to volunteer as party's polling station representatives on Election Day, an NDF party official from Thingangyun Township Election Winning Office said. (Eleven Media Group 271010)
- The NDF was putting NLD leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's quotations and pictures on its campaign leaflets, Mandalay residents reported. (RFA 281010)
- USDP Joint Organizer U Hla Myint of Kachin State Myitkyina Township Naungnan community and U Myo Zaw Tun have removed a campaign signboard of People's Assembly candidate U Mar-kharr from NDF on October 25 in the presence of witnesses, prompting U Mar-kharr to report to the State Election Commission yesterday. (NEJ 281010)
- Mon nationalist supporters were campaigning for the All Mon Region Democracy Party in Kyainn-Seikkyi Township and Three Pagodas Pass Sub-Township on Thai-Burma border, a local organizer in Three Pagodas Pass reported. (IMNA 291010)
- Significantly for the first time, U Myat Nyana Soe of NDF and U Thein Tin Aung of Union Democracy Party conducted a joint campaign in Rangoon, U Myat Nyana Soe disclosed. (DVB 291010)
- The Elections Commission has not yet responded to RNDP's request on October 27 to postpone elections in constituencies severely hit by Cyclone Giri, party Chairman Dr. Aye Maung said. (DVB 291010)
- The Democratic Party (Myanmar) has sent a letter to the Union Election Commission protesting USDP's irrational collection of advance votes and demanding tackling of the problem, party Chairman U Thu Wai said. (DVB 291010)

SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- On October 25, about 500 people staged a protest in Kyaung-ywa village between Ye and Thanbyuzayat townships of Mon State against forcibly-adopted 2008 Constitution and unfair election

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unacceptable not only to the Burmese people but also to the world, a protest leader reported. (VOA 251010)

- On October 25, more than 1000 people from villages in western part of Kyainn-Seikkyi Township, Karen State, marched to the military checkpoint at the entry to Kyainn-Seikkyi chanting slogans in protest against the SPDC election and demanding tripartite dialogue, a protest participant Ko Zarni Thway said. (RFA 251010)

- According to the law, no one including authorities, employers or even the Union Election Commission could use one's influence to prevent anyone from voting for or to force anyone to vote for a certain party so as to win the election. Therefore worried citizens could vote, without fear, for the party they liked and if any intimidations with inappropriate use of authority arose they must report immediately to relevant officials who would take action if found guilty, a law scholar said. (Eleven Media Group 251010)

- Although youths in Karenni State were not interested in November 7 election, they wanted to cast ballots to get election experience. (Kantarwaddy Times 261010)

- Due to nature of some companies and shopping centers which could not close off, employers have planned to facilitate their employees' voting on November 7 during work hours. (Eleven Media Group 271010)

- Although election was only ten days away, people applying for citizenship ID cards in southern Mon State's Ye town and villages of Ye Township have not yet received them. (IMNA 271010)

- Burma Workers and Peasants Solidarity Federation urged workers and farmers not to vote but boycott the regime's election, Federation spokesman Ko Kan Gyi Maung said. (DVB 281010)

THE ROLE OF MEDIA

- US-based Committee for Protection of Journalists (CPJ) denounced military regime's sentencing of Kantarawaddy Times journal editor Ko Nyi Nyi Tun to 13 years in jail. CPJ South-East Asia Affairs representative Shawn Crispin commented that the news was like mocking the regime's so-called democratization. (RFA 241010)

- With only a few days left for elections, Internet connections were being disrupted in Burma along with changes in Bagan Net and Yadanarbon Teleport channels, an Internet Access Shop owner said. (DVB 251010)

- Citing security reasons, authorities banned flight carriage of domestic weekly news journals since October 25, when the election was drawing closer. (DVB 251010)

- Both party campaign songs and anti-election songs were posted on blogs and facebook, relayed among Burmese youths using Internet. (Mizzima 281010)

BURMESE NATIONALS ABROAD

- Dozens of Burmese migrant workers and refugees held a demonstration in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 27 against UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon for his lethargy in Burma issue in addition to his disinterest in affairs of migrant workers and refugees. (Mizzima 271010)

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- Burmese student monks' association in Sri Lanka (MSMA) held a protest ceremony against SPDC's new flag along with a flag-burning action in the evening of October 26 at Makudar Rama Monastery in Colombo, one of MSMA leaders Rev. Oakkahta said. (Irrawaddy 271010)

- The All Burma Monks Association issued a statement on October 28 in support of the Kalaymyo Declaration which called for second Panglong Conference and was collectively signed by ethnic and pro-democracy leaders at the 22nd anniversary ceremony of Zomi National Congress' founding day held in Kalaymyo, Sagaing Division. The statement also warned the SPDC regime to face monks' movement if it continued with the unfair 2010 election. (Irrawaddy 281010)

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. THE UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon demanded the SPDC regime on October 26 at a press conference in Bangkok, Thailand, to free Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners before the election and conduct an inclusive election. (RFA 261010)

- The ASEAN parliamentary caucus condemned the forthcoming election by Burmese military regime, and urged ASEAN countries on October 26 not to accept the results of the election. (DVB 271010)

- When ASEAN foreign ministers asked Burmese Foreign Minister U NyanWin about Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's release, U Nyan Win answered vaguely, saying she might be freed after election, Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegaw said. (RFA 281010)

- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon demanded the SPDC regime again on October 29 to free all political prisoners and open the way to national reconciliation, saying that it was not late yet to carry out genuine democratization in Burma. (RFA 291010)

- On October 29, UN Human Rights High Commissioner Mrs. Navi Pillay said that Burma's election was in no situation to become a genuine election that met international standards. (RFA 291010)

B. GOVERNMENTS

- The Burma Campaign Australia held a demonstration at Victoria Park in downtown Sydney, Australia, on October 24 for freedom of Burmese pro-democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and political prisoners. At the demonstration, fifteen Australian parliamentarians including those of ruling party issued a statement calling for support of the movement. (RFA 241010)

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- German Ambassador to Burma Mr. Julius Georg Luy and his deputy met with NLD Central Executive Committee members on October 25 to discuss future plans on election boycott program, NLD spokesperson U Nyan Win said. (DVB 251010)
- During US President Barack Obama's Asia trip in November and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Asia trip on October 27, they would try to draw attention to Burma issue, US Under-Secretary of State Kurt Campbell said. (VOA 261010)
- US Embassy's Charge d'Affaires and team and British diplomats met with NLD leaders on October 27 and inquired about NLD's election boycott statement, its statement regarding the NDF, the Kalaymyo Declaration calling for second Panglong Conference and its political positions after the election, Central Executive member U Win Tin disclosed. (RFA 271010)
- Indonesia was pushing the military regime to make the election credible, telling the regime it wasn't late yet to do so, Indonesian Foreign Minister Marty Natalegawa said to reporters. (VOA 271010)
- On the first day of her Asia trip on October 27, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton strongly criticized military junta's election that was unacceptable and lacking in democratic principles. (VOA 281010)
- US State Dept. spokesperson PJ Crowley harshly repudiated Burmese Foreign Minister's talk about releasing Burma's pro-democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi after the election, describing it as cowardice and trickery. (VOA 281010)
- Indian Ambassador to UN Aquino Vimal commented that the proposal to set up a UN Commission of Inquiry to investigate SPDC's human rights violations was useless and would produce results to the contrary. (RFA 281010)
- US Senator Mr. Jim Webb said that the US government ought to engage the military regime more so as to prevent Burma from becoming a vassal of China. (RFA 281010)
- The US government led by President Obama has greatly differing views among themselves about the engagement policy toward the military regime, US Senate Asia and Pacific Affairs Sub-Committee Chairman Senator Mr. Jim Webb disclosed. (RFA 281010)
- Philippine President Benigno Aquino expressed disappointment at military regime's failure to comply with demands for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's release. (BBC 281010)
- US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said that US government would continue pushing for establishment of a UN Commission of Inquiry (CoI) to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the Burmese military regime. (Irrawaddy 291010)
- Philippine Foreign Minister Alberto Romulo told reporters outside the ASEAN summit that there is no reason to believe in news of Senior Gen. Than Shwe's suddenly retiring from politics after holding on to power for more than twenty years. (RFA 291010)

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- Singaporean opposition party led a protest rally at the Speakers' Corner in Hunling Park, Singapore, to show un-acceptance of SPDC's 2010 election. (RFA 301010)
- New Zealand Prime Minister John Key and Philippine Foreign Minister Alberto Romulo who have attended the East Asia summit meeting in Hanoi expressed their disbelief in fairness of SPDC elections. (RFA 301010)
- Czech Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg said on October 12 that the forthcoming election on November 7 could not bring about any progress in Burma's situation. (DVB 301010)

C. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Observers on Burmese issues said that only when the SPDC regime released political prisoners and let them participate in November 7 elections would the election become free and fair. (Mizzima 261010)
- The Human Rights Watch (HRW) group welcomed US Secretary of State Hilary Clinton's support for establishment of a UN Commission of Enquiry on Burma. (RFA 301010)

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