



Weekly Report

Burma/Myanmar

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"I personally don't believe that the Burmese military needs to be trained to stop killing and raping and stealing land from people within their own country."

- Democratic Rep.
Joe Crowley of New York

Rohingya Muslims

- Group of Rohingya asylum seekers found on Christmas Island after their boat sank. There were no injuries or fatalities.
<http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/8953-rohingya-asylum-seekers-found-on-christmas-island.html>
- Displaced Muslims to be resettled in Meikhtila. Muslims make up the majority of the nearly 8,000 displaced people in the area. The government plans to resettle about 400 Muslims.
<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/burma-authorities-resettle-displaced-muslims-meikhtila.html>
- Thailand will help the UN and the US in the investigation concerning allegations that Thai immigration officials moved Burmese refugees into human trafficking rings.
<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/thailand-will-help-rohingya-investigation-pm.html>

New bouts of violence

- Three dead in Palaung due to landmines placed by Ta Aung Nationalities Liberation Army. Victims include a young man and two middle-aged women. The TNLA gave 200,000 kyatt to families of the victims to help pay for funeral costs.
<http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/8990-landmines-kill-three-palaung-in-kyaukme.html>
- Nine people, including one elderly woman, have been hospitalized after a protest calling for the return of confiscated land was violently suppressed by the military.
<http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/9005-protesters-clash-with-military.html>

Reforms

- Myanmar rises in Transparency rankings from 176 to 157 out of 177 countries.
<http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/8985-myanmar-rises-in-transparency-rankings.html>
- The US is considering a limited engagement with the Burma Army due to fears of continued ties with North Korea and concerns over human rights.
<http://english.dvb.no/news/us-considers-limited-engagement-with-burmese-military-burma-myanmar/34985>