



# Weekly Report

## Burma

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2014**

- 1** Democratic reform
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- 3** U Wirathu organizes an assembly

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*“Complaints on the corruption of judicial service account for 90% of the complaint letters received by the Parliament’s Judicial Affairs committee.”*

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### ***Democratic Reform***

- Burmese government promises to increase health and education spending in 2014.
- Burmese military appoints two female MPs for the first time.
- <http://www.dvb.no/news/health-education-spending-to-increase-in-2014-burma-myanmar/35887>
- <http://www.dvb.no/news/burmese-military-appoints-two-women-mps-burma-myanmar/36006>

### ***Corruption and torture***

- A large majority of complaint letters concern the corruption of judicial service. Many law officers are reportedly accepting bribes or forcing individuals to pay money for reduced sentences.
- The Asian Human Rights Commission is launching an appeal campaign for the arrest of two men. Their sentenced were given based on confessions acquired through torture.
- [http://elevenmyanmar.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=4706:ninety-percent-of-compliant-letters-highlight-corruption-of-judicial-service&catid=32&Itemid=354](http://elevenmyanmar.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4706:ninety-percent-of-compliant-letters-highlight-corruption-of-judicial-service&catid=32&Itemid=354)
- <http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/9238-pardon-call-for-men-convicted-after-torture-human-rights-group-alleges-police-beat-two-men-to-extract-confessions-over-theft.html>

### ***Proposed ban on inter-faith marriage***

- U Wirathu organizes an assembly of monks to discuss his proposed ban on inter-faith marriage to prevent further outbreaks of communal violence.
- <http://www.bnionline.net/index.php/news/mizzima/16640-monks-assembly-to-discuss-proposed-ban-on-inter-faith-marriage-says-u-wirathu.html>