



WEEKLY REPORT

Myanmar (Burma)

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National Ceasefire Agreement may be signed soon

- Myanmar's government has brokered individual peace agreements with 14 of 17 armed ethnic groups since August 2011.
- In a recent speech, the prime minister said he anticipates a jointly drafted nationwide agreement as soon as April 2014.
- Source: Shanghai Daily

http://www.shanghaidaily.com/article/article_xinhua.aspx?id=208821

Riots against international aid agencies in Sittwe

- As tensions rise in Rakhine in the face of the recent national census, Arakanese Buddhists protested against aid agencies, including international NGOs and UN agencies.
- The riots began after reports that an aid worker had removed a Buddhist flag symbolising protest over the national census. Crowds began throwing stones and breaking windows. Aid workers were evacuated, and one girl was killed.
- Sources: DVB, Associated Press

<http://www.dvb.no/news/intl-community-deeply-concerned-over-sittwe-riots-burma-myanmar/39046>

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_MYANMAR_VIOLENCE?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2014-03-28-04-52-40

US Anti-Genocide Group issues warning about west Burma

- Tom Andrews, former US congressman and current president of United to End Genocide warns that the conditions exist for mass violence against the Rohingya.
- Source: The Irrawaddy

<http://www.irrawaddy.org/burma/anti-genocide-group-sounds-warning-burma.html>

“Several demonstrations against aid workers in the [Rakhine state] region illustrate the widespread distrust of foreign aid workers, which many Arakanese believe are favouring Muslims.”
