



# **A NEW DAWN IN MYANMAR: Possibilities and Prospects**

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# MOST ABRUPT U-TURN IN HISTORY OR IRRATIONAL EXHUBERANCE?

- A POLITICAL MIRACLE AT THE TOP
- DEBATING THE CATALYST (GENERAL SHAPING VS. PROXIMATE CAUSE)
- FIVE MAJOR CHALLENGES

# CHALLENGE 1: STATE BUILDING

- STRATEGY
- INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY
- POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
RULE OF LAW
- ACTORS AND PEOPLE

# CHALLENGE 2: NATION 'BUILDING'

- INDUSTRY MINISTER U SOE THANE
- MAJOR SECTORAL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS
  - QUICK WINS
  - SEQUENCING MAJOR ECONOMIC PRIORITIES

# CHALLENGE 3: PEACEBUILDING

- NO PEACE W/O RESOLVING ETHNIC DISPUTES
- MINISTER AUNG MIN'S CONFIDENCE
- FROM CEASEFIRE TO PEACE CENTER

# CHALLENGE 4: DOMESTIC POLITICS

- TACIT ALLIANCE
- THE ICON AND THE MOVEMENT
- MAJOR INSTITUTIONS
- SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE?

# CHALLENGE 5: OUTSIDE 'ASSISTANCE'

- THE NEIGHBORS
  - BURMA REBALANCING
- THE REGION
  - COMMUNITY BUILDING
- THE WORLD
  - DO NO HARM

# TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

- PARADOX OF IRREVERSIBILITY
- SCENARIOS FOR ABRUPT  
SETBACK
- TEMPERING MYANMAR  
MANIA