

JAPAN POSTPONES AID TO SLORC

On 11 Dec, the Japanese Government decided to postpone scheduled yen loans to SLORC until 1996 because of stalled efforts to democratize the country. Japan was preparing to resume yen loans for eight projects that were suspended in 1988 including a Yen 4.87 billion (US\$48.7 million) plan to upgrade electrical supply in Rangoon. Japan will also postpone a planned 'aid-policy dialogue' mission to Rangoon until next year. "Japan may have misled SLORC by giving an impression that its aid tap would be turned on freely once Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was released," a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official said. Another senior official said, "Japan may have been too optimistic about Myanmar's political situation. Japan now is in no mood and in no hurry to provide fresh aid to Myanmar. Any such move would not only spark international criticism but also encounter opposition from within the ruling coalition," he said. What Japan fears most is another bout of military repression of pro-democracy forces. Analysts do not rule out the possibility that an accidental clash between the military and pro-democracy forces would escalate into a repeat of the 1988 nightmare.[YS951212]

U.N. - DIALOGUE WITH DAW SUU

The U.N. General Assembly on 11 Dec adopted its fifth consensus resolution deploring human rights abuses in Burma and calling on the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) to begin a political dialogue with Burmese democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The UN Secretary-General was asked to continue in his efforts to implement the resolution. SLORC representative, Win Mra," said that the UN resolution did not recognise SLORC's positive developments and he rejected the allegations of human rights violations [Reu951211].

U.N. - SLAVE LABOUR IN BURMA

The U.N. Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Burma, Yozo Yokota reported to the UNGA that SLORC may be using forced labour to spruce up landmarks for foreign tourists in an effort to promote 1996 as "Visit Myanmar Year." He reported summary executions, torture and rape by the army [Reu951211].

THAN SHWE ATTENDS A.S.E.A.N.

On 15 Dec, SLORC Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe attended the first summit meeting of leaders from ten Southeast Asian countries hosted by the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Bangkok. Than Shwe told ASEAN leaders that Burma is progressing towards an open-market economy and that it will eventually lead to democracy. He also told them that he hoped Burma would be granted ASEAN observer status when ASEAN Foreign Ministers hold their meeting next year in Indonesia. Than Shwe also signed the historic Southeast Asian Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty. Britain, China, France, Russia and the US have expressed reservations about the treaty [B951214, N951216].

CHINA WANTS SLORC IN A.S.E.A.N..

"The People's Republic of China would welcome Myanmar's (Burma's) entry into ASEAN," China's ambassador to Burma, Chen Baoli, said on 15 Dec [Reu951216].

OBSERVER STATUS FOR SLORC

On 14 Dec, ASEAN leaders signed the Bangkok Summit Declaration which reaffirmed ASEAN's commitment to expand the association to include Cambodia, Laos and Burma by the year 2000 and on 15 Dec they indicated that they are prepared to extend observer status to SLORC. ASEAN members are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam [B951216, B951214].

U.S. - U.N. NOT STRONG ENOUGH

United States UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright said that the US supported but did not sponsor the UNGA resolution because it was too weak. Albright also said the language on forced labour was not strong enough and that the resolution did not specifically comment on the withdrawal and subsequent expulsion of the National League for Democracy (NLD) from the National Convention. "My government also wants to express its very great concern about recent statements from Rangoon that brand Aung San Suu Kyi and her supporters as 'traitors' and speak of 'annihilating' those who criticise the National Convention," she said [Reu951211].

Burma News:**SLORC F.M. OHN GYAW BLAMES THAILAND FOR BORDER PROBLEMS**

SLORC Foreign Minister Ohn Gyaw quoted a Chinese proverb, "The one who ties the string has to untie it," when asked how to resolve border problems which have become a thorn in relations between Thailand and Burma. He made it clear that, in his view, the problems were caused by Thailand. Ohn Gyaw denied that SLORC had demanded US\$100 million in compensation for the loss of income from the closure of border checkpoints and for damage to property when Shan Merng Tai Army troops fled into Thai territory after attacking the border town of Tachilek in 1995. He also said that the demand for US\$1 million each in compensation for the families of 2 murdered Burmese fishermen, was a local matter, not sanctioned by SLORC. He dismissed suggestions that local officials would not make such demands without support from SLORC [B951217],

SLORC REFUSES THAI LOAN

SLORC rejected the conditions attached to a 300-million-baht loan (US\$12 million) Thai Government loan for upgrading the 164-km Tachilek-Kengtung road in the Shan State. The road forms part of the 'Golden Quadrangle' joining China (Yunnan), Laos, Burma and Thailand. SLORC rejected the standard conditions set by the Thai Finance Ministry that Thai companies participate in the project and that materials and equipment be sourced in Thailand. The loan carries a 1.5% interest rate with a 10 year grace period. Normal government loans carry a 3% interest rate. Burma can pay back the principal over a period of 20 years. Half the sum must be used to buy materials from Thailand [B951115].

THAIS ARREST ASYLUM SEEKERS

Thai Police arrested 25 Burmese asylum-seekers on 28 and 29 Nov in Bangkok in an effort to prevent public protests about SLORC's National Convention in Rangoon or the visit to Bangkok in mid-December of SLORC Chairman General Than Shwe to attend the meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Daw Khin Hlaing, 65, and U Ye Gaung, 71, were among those arrested on 29 Nov, and held without charge at the Immigration Detention Centre (IDC). U Ye Gaung is senior

writer for the New Era Journal, a Burmese-language democracy newspaper. Nine were released when it was determined that they were seamen on shore leave and that their ships were in port. The remainder were threatened with deportation unless they paid a fine of Baht 3,000 (US\$120) each in spite of the fact that they held valid visas and passports. They were later released without any reason given for either their arrest or detention. Thai police routinely detain Burmese asylum-seekers and sentence them to imprisonment for 'illegal immigration'. According to Amnesty International, international standards do not recognize 'illegal immigration' as a legitimate reason for detaining asylum-seekers [AI9512].

EUROPEAN UNION CONCERNED

On 15 Dec, the European Union officially expressed its concern about the absence of open and meaningful dialogue on constitutional reform in Burma and the exclusion of the NLD from the National Convention. The European Union said that it firmly believes that dialogue will prevent confrontation and offers the best hope of national reconciliation. It called upon SLORC to engage in dialogue with all of Burma's political and ethnic groups and to increase its efforts to achieve national reconciliation and multi-party democracy. Although not members, Norway, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania and Slovakia, supported the EU declaration [EU951215].

AUSTRALIANS WORRIED

Australian National Party leader Tim Fischer, who visited Burma and met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, described the atmosphere in Rangoon as tense. He said that Burmese democracy advocates fear the military will crackdown against them in early 1996 and called for the Australian Government to monitor developments in Burma closely. Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans had already earlier appealed to Burma's Asian neighbours to persuade SLORC to begin talks with Daw Suu. Describing the situation in Burma as delicate, Senator Evans warned that rising tensions could lead to a situation similar to 1988 when the military gunned down thousands of students and demonstrators. Fischer is the first Australian parliamentarian to meet with Daw Suu since her release in Jul.95 [AAP951208].

Burma News:**U.S. RESOLUTION ON BURMA**

The US House of Representatives on 19 Dec unanimously passed a resolution calling for the restoration of democracy in Burma. It urged the ruling SLORC to begin an immediate political dialogue with Aung San Suu Kyi and other democratic leaders, to release political prisoners and to repeal laws which prohibit freedom of speech and association [Reu951220].

V.O.A. REPORTING BIASED?

Burmese democracy advocates in Burma claim that the Burmese-language service of the Voice of America has been broadcasting reports sympathetic to SLORC. "They report almost nothing about the democracy movement," said Tin Maung Win, Vice-chairman of the Democratic Alliance of Burma. Democracy advocates who monitor the broadcasts say that while VOA's English-language service is balanced and accurate, the Burmese-language service reflects the opinion of Burma's dictators. For example, the critics cite a VOA report on human rights that quoted Intelligence Chief Lieut-Gen Khin Nyunt as saying his government had not committed human rights violations. But the report never mentioned that several international groups, including the United Nations, have criticised SLORC's human rights record. Joe O'Connell, a spokesman for the VOA, said that the allegations are being taken seriously and that all recent reports by the Burmese-language service will be reviewed. Daw Myint Zaw Lwin, head of the Burmese-language service in Rangoon, has been recalled to Washington, said O'Connell. He would not elaborate [B951212].

UNHCR MISSION TO RANGOON

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees sent a delegation to Rangoon at the end of November to discuss international monitoring of the proposed repatriation of 20,000 Mon refugees from Thailand (10,000 at Halockani). The repatriation of 250,000 Burmese Muslims known as Rohingyas from Bangladesh is seen by UNHCR's Bangkok representative Ruprecht Von Arnim as an indication that SLORC will agree to the monitoring. The UNHCR has 19 international officers in Arakan State and an office in Rangoon to monitor the process. The New Mon State Party signed a cease-fire agreement with SLORC on 29 Jun.95 and on 1 Sep.95, informed the UNHCR of

the plan to voluntarily repatriate Mon refugees. International monitoring was requested by both the Mon National Relief Committee and the refugees themselves [B951116].

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AWARD

For International Understanding

conferred on

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI

On 14 Nov. 95, the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for 1993 was conferred on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in the Ashoka Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan by the President of India, Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma. The Award was accepted on her behalf by Daw Than E, a very close family friend. In conferring the award, President Sharma said that Pandit Nehru had described General Aung San, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's father, as "*a friend and comrade, the architect of Burmese freedom and the acknowledged leader of her people,*" and that it was very fitting for the Nehru award to be awarded to his daughter, a fellow Asian "*who has shown commitment to peace, non-violence and truth.*" The President of India asserted that, "*Supporting democracy elsewhere is part of affirming one's own democratic credentials.*" The Vice-President of India, K.R. Narayanan, also spoke and described Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as "*A symbol of peace and friendship as well as a symbol of challenge to injustices the world over.*" He said that Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, General Aung San and Daw Suu "*share a common characteristic - immense courage and freedom from fear. Like them, she considers fear as the greatest enemy of a nation or an individual.*" For her part, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed her gratitude that the people of India have recognized the Burmese democracy movement through this award. "*For us who believe that a democratic political system offers the best solutions to the myriad problems that beset our imperfect world, the achievements of Pandit Nehru and India provide strong encouragement... It is the heartfelt hope of the vast majority of the people of Burma that our country too, on a day not too far away, will become a democratic nation guided by the will of the people and ruled by 'dharma' and 'abhaya',*" she said. In a telephone interview, Daw Suu said that she would like to see India do more to help restore democracy in Burma. SLORC was reportedly furious when it learnt of the award [TH951115,1116, UNI951211].

Burma News:**FROM RUSSIA, WITH LOVE?**

SLORC purchased 7 M17 helicopter gun ships from Russia in 1995. Two were delivered in Nov.95 by a Russian transport plane. The SLORC mission to Moscow in Oct.95 (BA No.11, Nov.95) is believed to have been an arms shopping trip. Jet fighters, tanks, artillery, rocket launchers and patrol boats were said to have been on the list [F951221, NCG951208].

FIVE ROHINGYA YOUTH KILLED

According to the Rohingya Solidarity Organization (RSO), 5 Rohingya Muslim youth were tortured and shot dead by Unit 10 of military intelligence in Buthidaung township, 80 miles north of Akyab. The youth from different villages were arrested for allegedly having links with rebel groups. The names of the victims are: Abu Siddique, 20, from Sin Oo Byin village, Muhammad Shafi, 22, and Nazir Hussain, 21, from Mingyi village, Anwar, 19, from Migyagze village and Abdur Rahim, 35, from Pondgaw Byin village [SA/BCN951214].

JOINT SLORC/THAI NAVY PATROL

SLORC Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fishery U Aung Thein said on 15 Nov.95 that a joint Navy patrol with Thailand is being considered to maintain peace. In Aug, Thai fishermen killed 3 Burmese working on a Thai vessel after their fishing licence was revoked by SLORC. On 5 Nov, 6 Thai fishermen were killed by a mutineering Burmese crew. On 13 Nov, a SLORC gunboat opened fire on 4 Thai vessels and detained some of the crew. Aung Thein said that there were more than 100,000 Thai boats illegally fishing in Burmese waters. Aung Thein is part of the delegation led by SLORC Deputy Prime Minister Maung Maung Khin on an official visit as guests of Defence Minister Gen Chavalit Yongchaiyudh [N951116].

I.M.F. TO HELP SLORC

SLORC Central Bank Governor Kyi Aye said that the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Board of Executive Directors has decided to provide assistance to SLORC and has submitted a proposal for a technical assistance program called a "Fund Monitoring Program" to the IMF's Board of Governors. Under the program, the IMF will inspect SLORC's economic situation and compile necessary proposals for structural reforms and funding. Japan,

Germany, France, and Switzerland are reported to be pushing for the program[NKeS951021].

A.D.B. LOAN FOR THAI PIPELINE?

The Asian Development Bank's Director of Programmes (West) Noritada Morita confirmed that the Bank has been approached unofficially by Thailand to finance the pipeline being built in Thailand to import natural gas from Burma. SLORC, meanwhile, is interested in generating hydro-electric power from the Salween River. The gas pipeline and the proposed Salween dams are considered controversial because of their possible social and environmental impact. SLORC has also been accused of using forced labour to build infrastructure projects. ADB funded a pre-feasibility study on the Salween river dam sites several years ago [N951024].

SLORC DEPUTY P.M. IN THAILAND

SLORC Deputy Prime Minister Vice Admiral Maung Maung Khin visited Thailand 14-18 Nov. He was accompanied by the Minister of Hotels and Tourism Lieut-Gen Kyaw Ba, the Minister for National Planning Brig-Gen David Abel and five deputy ministers from the Ministries of Energy, Construction, Livestock Breeding and Fisheries, Home and Foreign Affairs. Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh was the host. The delegation called on Prime Minister Banharn Silapa-archa, visited the Tourist Authority of Thailand, the Petroleum Authority of Thailand, the Board of Investment, Nakorn Ratchasima (Worldtech 95 Fair), the Eastern Sea Board, the Petrochemical Co, and the Bangpakong Industrial Estate, played golf with Thai generals, travelled to relax in Pattaya, and returned to Rangoon [N951111].

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MEWS SOURCES: AFP = Agence France Press, AI = Amnesty International, AP = Associated Press, B = Bangkok Post, BA = Burma Alert, BT = Business Times, CL = COMLINE, EIS = Europe Information Service, EU = European Union, F = Far Eastern Economic Review, FR = Franklin Research, Boston, FT = Financial Times, Jiji = Jiji Press Ticker Service, Kyodo = Kyodo News Agency, N = The Nation, Bangkok, NCG = National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, NKeS = Nihon Keizai Shimbun, NST(M) = New Straits Times (Malaysia), Reu = Reuters, SA/BCN = Saudi Arabian newspaper/Burma Centrum Nederlands, TH = The Hindi, UNI = United News of India, X = Xinhua News, Beijing, YS = Yomiuri Shimbun.

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Investments:

FRANCE:

YANGON WOOD INDUSTRIES LTD opened its furniture factory on 15 Dec. The venture is a US\$3 million French investment that will yield 20% equity to the state-run **MYANMAR TIMBER ENTERPRISE** in 5 years and 49% in 10 years. YWIL will buy raw materials from the MTE on foreign currency payment [X951216].

HONG KONG:

VICTORIA GARMENT MANUFACTURING CO is laying off apparel workers employed by its joint venture with the **Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings**, an investment arm of the Burmese military, due to a US consumer boycott of made-in-Burma garments [N951219].

MYANMAR UNIMIX INTERNATIONAL, a joint venture with the **Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings**, an investment arm of the Burmese military, is losing money due to a US consumer boycott of made-in-Burma garments [N951227].

ISRAEL:

Senior executives from **KOOR INDUSTRIES LTD**, Israel's largest industrial concern, will visit Burma in February to seek out trade and business opportunities. The delegation will be headed by Koor President and Chief Executive **Benjamin Gaon** and Koor Chairman **Stanley Gold**, who heads **SHAMROCK**, the **DISNEY** family's investment vehicle that owns 22.5% of Koor. The heads of Koor subsidiaries **TADIRAN LTD**, **TELRAD**, **AGAN CHEMICALS**, **MAKHTESHIM CHEMICAL WORKS LTD** and **KOOR TRADE** will also participate. Tadiran is Israel's largest electronics company while Telrad is the country's top supplier of telecommunications [Reu951221].

JAPAN:

Japan's most powerful business lobby, the **FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION (KEIDANREN)** on 19 Dec, urged the Japanese Government to resume Yen loans to **SLORC** immediately. The Keidanren also called on **SLORC** to improve its infrastructure under a long-term development plan and create special economic zones to lure more foreign investments. The Keidanren is planning a business symposium in Rangoon next January under the auspices of the United Nations and Japan [Jiji951219].

TAISEI opened an office in Rangoon. It has secured three large-scale construction projects.

HONDA MOTOR CO is planning to set up a representative office in Rangoon in 1996 in a move aimed at collecting information on market trends and industrial policies in Burma. Honda's exports to Burma are expected to remain under 100 vehicles for 1995 [Jiji951221].

MITSUBISHI MOTORS CO is marketing jeep-type recreational vehicles and other models in Burma [Jiji951221].

NISSAN MOTORS plans to begin the sale of its Sunny small cars and pickup trucks in Burma next spring [Jiji951221].

FUJI BANK opened a business representative office in Rangoon on 22 Dec [Kyodo951220].

MITSUMI & CO and **SLORC's** Ministry of Agriculture have conducted a feasibility study on fertilizer imports. The study calls for the import of 200,000 to 300,000 tonnes of fertilizer per year and the construction of packaging, storage and distribution facilities throughout the nation. Agricultural production accounts for 50% of Burma's GDP and employs 65.5% of its work force [CL951222].

JAPAN AIRLINES, **ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS** and **JAPAN AIR SYSTEM** are planning direct flights to Rangoon in mid-1996 [Jiji951204].

JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU INC and **KINKI NIPPON TOURIST CO** are selling package tours that visit Buddhist temples [Jiji951204].

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP opened a wholly-owned after-sales service centre in Rangoon named **AYE & SONS**. Toyota exported 11 vehicles to Burma in the first 9 months of 1995 but plans to export 150 vehicles in 1996 [Jiji951204].

KOREA:

MYANMAR SEGYE INTERNATIONAL, a joint venture with the **Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings**, an investment arm of the Burmese military, is losing money due to a US consumer boycott of made-in-Burma garments [N951227].

MYANMAR DAEWOO INTERNATIONAL, a joint venture with the **Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings**, is losing money due to a US consumer boycott of made-in-Burma garments [N951227].

LAOS:

LAO AVIATION COMPANY started air service between Vientiane and Rangoon.

Investments:**MALAYSIA:**

GENTING INTERNATIONAL PLC's subsidiary, **STAR CRUISE (Singapore)**, has placed an order for two luxury vessels. New destinations will include Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma and the Andaman Islands in India [BT951216].

SWISS-GARDEN MANAGEMENT (Malaysia) SDN BHD Senior Vice-president of Business Development Reinhard Steffen said the company plans to have a hotel in every major town in Malaysia and in key cities in Singapore, Vietnam, Burma, Cambodia and, possibly, in China. It is in the preliminary stages of negotiation with a Burmese partner to set up a hotel operation in Rangoon [NST(M)951215].

TAJO BRICKS BHD plans to expand its shipping business. Group Managing Director Mohd Silahuddin Jamaluddin said that it is providing shipping services to Burma via **ABLE SHIPPING** which is a 70% subsidiary. Able Shipping Executive Director Adrian Henry D'Silva, said that it is assisting **EASTERN CAR LINER** (Japan and South Korea), to ship cars and bulldozers to Rangoon [NST(M)191215].

MALAYSIA SMELTING CORP has invested US\$8 million in a treatment facility to treat lower grade tin ore from China, Vietnam, Africa and Burma [NST(M)191215].

RANHILL WORLEY INTERNATIONAL SDN BHD is bidding for a major offshore project in Burma. Ranhill Worley is 70% owned by **RANHILL BERSEKUTU SDN BHD**, a leading engineering consultant firm, and US-based international oil and gas consulting company **WORLEY ENGINEERING INTERNATIONAL LTD**. Ranhill Bersekutu President and CEO is Hamdan Mohamed [NST(M)951214],

BURMA ALERT WEBSITE

<http://sunsite.unc.edu//freeburma/ba/ba.html>

SINGAPORE:

STAR CRUISE has placed a US\$700 million order for two luxury vessels, Superstar Leo and Superstar Virgo, which will be built by Germany's **MEYER WERFT** and delivered in early 1998. President and Chief Executive, Eddy Lee, said the ships will provide seven-night cruises in South-east Asia throughout the year. Star Cruise is wholly owned by Malaysia's **GENTING INTERNATIONAL PLC** [BT951216].

THAILAND:

KRONG SOMBAT CO LTD signed a joint venture agreement with Myanmar Airways to provide domestic airline flights in Burma via **YANGON AIRWAYS**. Yangon Airways initially will fly two Fokker 50 aircraft [B/AFP951102].

ANDAMAN CLUB CO LTD will open its US\$26.4 million 205-room resort hotel and casino on the island of Thahtay Kyun in the Andaman Sea on 25 Nov. The resort will include an 18-hole golf course, satellite television, duty-free shopping and a games room with 250 slot machines and roulette tables. About 60% of the customers are expected to be Thais [B951107].

THE PETROLEUM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND (PTT) has expressed interest in buying an additional 200 million cubic feet per day (mcf) of natural gas from Burma provided the price is between US\$ 2.70 and US\$ 3 per BTU. Under a gas supply agreement signed in Feb.95, PTT will buy 525 mcf of natural gas from a consortium led by TOTAL of France, UNOCAL of the US and PTTET, its own exploration and production subsidiary. The Yadana field is estimated to hold as much as 5,800 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Thailand needs this fuel to rapidly expand its electricity generation capacity as a guarantee to private foreign investors that they will have an adequate energy supply for their planned investments in the south. Delivery is expected to begin in 1998 [FT951219],

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Campaigns:**CORPORATE WITHDRAWAL
(U.S.A.)**

"Aung San Suu Kyi has said that foreign investment in Burma is inappropriate at this time.,"

Interfaith Centre for Corporate Responsibility
Shareholders representing 275 religious organizations in the USA that together have \$50 billion in assets.

Institutions Backing Burma Resolutions

TIAA-CREF
(The world's largest pension fund)
Harvard University
Williams College

Cities Banning Firms with Burma Business

Berkeley, California
Madison, Wisconsin
Santa Monica, California

Cities Backing US Sanctions

Chicago, Illinois
Seattle, Washington

US Firms that have Withdrawn

Amoco Corp
Eddie Bauer
Federated Department Stores Inc
Levi Strauss Associates Inc
Liz Claiborne Inc
Macy's
Spiegel Inc

Shareholder Resolutions Filed at

Atlantic Richfield Co
Halliburton Co
PepsiCo Inc
Texaco Inc
Unocal Corp

**BOYCOTT "VISIT MYANMAR 1996"
(Thailand)**

"Preparations for the 'Visit Myanmar 1996 Year' have caused forced relocations, forced labour and a disruption of essential services."

"Multinational investments continue regardless of gross human rights violations particularly against workers, unions, women, children and indigenous peoples."

Asia-Pacific Consortium on Burma
(December 1995)
organized by

Thai Action Committee for Democracy in Burma
and
Asian Cultural Forum on Development

**BOYCOTT "VISIT MYANMAR 1996"
(Malaysia)**

"Evidence indicates that forced labour and human rights violations continue to be perpetrated in the context of tourism development"

"Malaysian businessmen should cease and desist from initiating or extending any more financial dealings with Burma."

All Women Action Society
Asia Pacific Coalition on East Timor
Centre for Peace Initiatives
Jawatankuasa Sokongan Peneoka Bandar
Management Institute for Social Change
Partners for Community Organisers
Persatuan Sahabat Wanita
Pusat BARA
Sekretariat Pelajar
Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Youth
Suara Warga Pertiwi
SUARAM
Tamil Support Group for Human Rights
Tenaganita (Womenforce)
Universiti Islam Antarabangsa

**PROTEST "SLORC IN ASEAN"
(Thailand)**

"SLORC is not the legitimate representative of the Burmese people since it used violence to gain power. "

"ASEAN countries should pressure SLORC to respect human rights and allow 'true democracy' in Burma."

"ASEAN's policy of close contact with the junta has not resulted in greater respect for human rights. "

"Any kind of financial support given will only benefit the military dictators and not poor people"

Asia Students Association
Students Federation of Thailand
Thai Action Committee for Democracy in Burma
Overseas National Students' Organisation (Burma)
All Burma Basic Education Students Union
All Burma Students' Democratic Front
Australia's National Student Union
Malaysia Students Council
All Burma Students Democratic Organisation
Asian Forum for Human Rights & Development

Campaigns:**INTERNATIONAL BURMA ACTION
free Burma Coalition**

<http://danenet.wicip.org/fbc/freeburma.html>

Campaign to free Burma, stop human rights violations and restore democracy by boycotting Atlantic Richfield Co, Chase Manhattan Bank, Eastman Kodak Co., General Electric Co., Pan American Pharmaceutical Ltd, PepsiCo (including Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, East Side Mario's, D'Angelos Sandwich Shops, Chevy's, Hot n'Now & California Pizza Kitchens), Sears Roebuck, Texaco, Unocal, Wal-Mart Stores, Walt Disney Co, and stopping tours to Burma. Students at 75 universities around the world participated:

CARLETON U (OTTAWA), CANADA

Protest at Pizza Hut, letters to PepsiCo

MERIVALE HIGH (OTTAWA), CANADA

Campaign to remove Pepsi machines from school

Letters to Pepsi-owned franchises

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, CANADA

Information, boycott, petitions

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, ENGLAND

Leaflets & Boycott of Pepsi

FINLAND

Democracy campaign, Pepsi Boycott

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU U, INDIA

Boycott foreign investments, tourism, PepsiCo

JAPAN

Boycott Pepsi/gas pipeline

NATIONAL UNIONS OF STUDENTS IN EUROPE

SLOVENIA

27 Student Unions Adopt Resolution on Burma

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Free Burma Campaign

BURMA SUPPORT GROUP NEW YORK

Selective Purchasing Legislation

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Talk, video, petition & guerrilla theatre

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Round Table Discussion

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Rally, call for dialogue with Daw Suu

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Free Burma Campaign

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Video of Nightline interview with Daw Suu

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Pepsi dump at Cambridge

BOSTON COLLEGE

Demonstration at California Pizza Kitchen

INDIANA U (BLOOMINGTON)

Protest against Pepsico at Pepsi plant,

University Alumni Burma Tour, and

Kellogg Business School-Unocal link

MARYLAND AND D.C.

Demonstration at SLORC Embassy

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE (MARYLAND)

Video on human rights and corporate involvement

MONROE COUNTY FRIENDS OF BURMA

Protest at the Pepsi plant

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Human rights workshop, 'Teach-In'

Candle light Virgil at Kellogg Business School

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

Protest flyers, information on Burma

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Demonstration and letter-writing campaign

PENNSYLVANIA STATE U

Protest march to Pizza Hut and Taco Bell

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Rally & march to Taco Bell

Selective Purchasing Policy campaign

TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Free Burma Campaign

U OF CALIFORNIA-AT LOS ANGELES

Rock concert, march against Unocal,

Texaco, Total natural gas pipeline

U OF ILLINOIS (CHICAGO)

Free Burma Campaign

U OF ILLINOIS (URBANA-CHAMPAIGN)

Led by Kachin-Americans and others

U OF MICHIGAN (ANN ARBOR)

Demonstration, Selective Purchasing campaign

Pepsi cage on campus with Burma inside

U OF WASHINGTON

Burma information table

U OF WISCONSIN (EAU CLAIRE)

Information booth and march to Kinko's

U OF WISCONSIN (MADISON)

"Pepsi Free University" campaign

Sit-ins at Taco Bell, Pizza Hut &

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pepsi Dump

U OF WISCONSIN (STEVENS POINT)

March to Taco Bell, KFC, and Pizza Hut

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Information table

VIRGINIA TECH

Rally, march, petition, Pepsi dump

YALE UNIVERSITY

Theatre group stage mock Tourist Visit