Country Profile

Country Name: Myanmar Capital: Naypyidaw

Political System	
Head of State	Thein Sein (President)
Political System	Democracy (as of 2011) (Used to be Military governed)
Current Ruling Party/Parties	Union Solidarity and Development Party
Other Political Parties	Military appointed, Rakhine National Party, National League for Democracy (Chairperson: Aung San Suu Kyi)
Military and Defence	
Alliances	1. ASEAN 2. China 3. Sri Lanka
Disputes	Border dispute with China http://www.atimes.com/atimes/Southeast_Asia/KI10Ae01.html
	2. Internal Conflicts: 1948 - present
Wars	World War II Japanese Occupation in Myanmar from 1942 - 1945
	2. Kachin Conflict (June 2011) http://www.elevenmyanmar.com/index.php?option=com_cont_ent&view=article&id=5792:why-conflict-continues-in-kachin-state&catid=44:national&Itemid=384
Civil Unrest	Ethnic Unrest is prevalent Ethnic groups have taken up arms http://www.irinnews.org/report/95195/briefing-myanmar-s-ethnic-problems Civil War

	http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/asia-pacific/120504/myanmar-karen-rebels-may-oo-mutraw
Economy	
Economic Strength/ Ranking	GDP Ranking 201/228 according to World Factbook.
GNI Per Capita	US \$1144 (as of 2011)
Main Trading Partners	Exports: \$9.543 billion est. 2011 1. Thailand: 44% 2. India: 17% 3. China: 15% 4. Japan: 9% 5. South Korea: 4.7% Imports: 1.China: 40% 2. Thailand: 17% 3. South Korea: 10% 4. Japan: 9.3% 5. Singapore: 7.5% http://atlas.media.mit.edu/profile/country/mmr/
Main Sources of Income	Agriculture Tourism
Cultural, Religious and Social Practices	
Population	60,584,650 as of 2012
Demographics	 Life expectancy: 65.24 Literacy rate: 89.9% Urban population: 32.6% Ethnic Groups: Burman 68% Shan 9% Karen 7% Rakhine 4% Chinese 3% Indian 2% Mon 2% Others 5%
Official Languages	Burmese

Major Religions	Multi-religious 1. Buddhism (89%) 2. Christianity 3. Islam 4. Hinduism 5. Others
Major Social Problems	 Poverty Rank 149/186 in the 2013 Human Development Report of the United Nations Development Programme Population living under poverty line: 25.6% Poor quality of services: Healthcare Education Low employment rate
Geographical Features	
Location	Southeast Asia, bordering the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, (22 00 N, 98 00 E)
Neighbours	1. Bangladesh 2. China 3. Laos 4. Thailand 5. India
Water Security	Global Water Partnership http://www.gwp.org/en/About-GWP/Country-Water-Partnerships/Myanmar-/ Total renewable water resource: 1,168 cu km (2011)
Environmental Concerns	1. Deforestation http://rainforests.mongabay.com/20myanmar.htm 2. Industrial pollution of air, soil, and water 3. Inadequate sanitation and water treatment contribute to disease
National Resources	Raw materials such as petroleum, timber, metals and natural gas

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