

Background of the conflict in Burma

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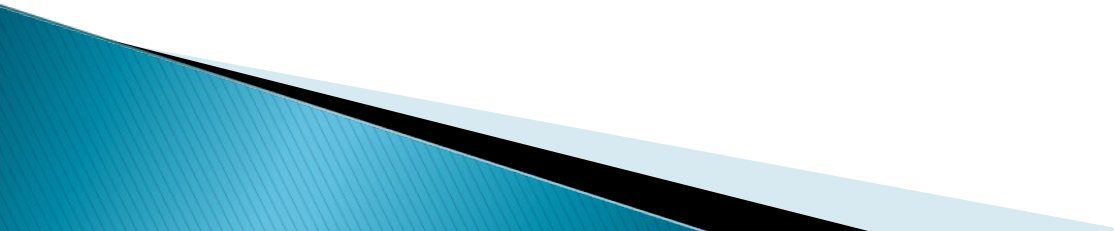
History of conflict after independent Day

- ▶ Political conflict
- ▶ Ethnic Conflict

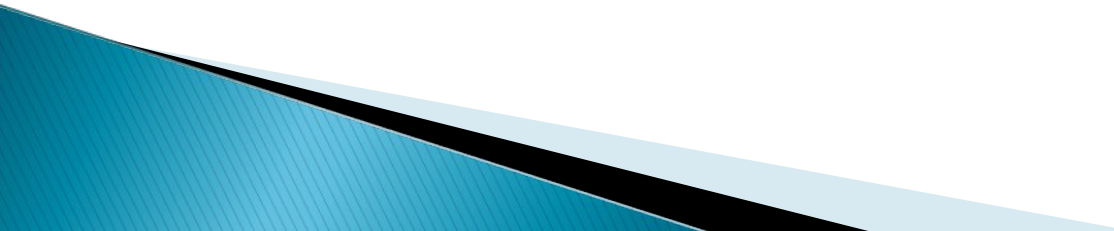
Political Conflict

- ▶ Political interest
 - ▶ Role of military
 - ▶ Role of China
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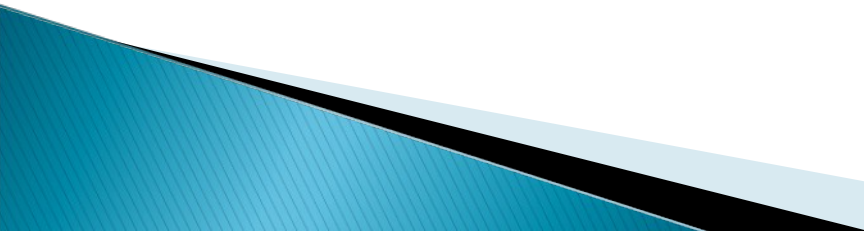
Role of the military after political and ethnic conflicts

- ▶ Communist Party of Burma's armed struggle
 - ▶ Ethnic armed struggle
 - ▶ Post independent Burmese government's major concerns of stability
 - ▶ Kumington intrusion
 - ▶ Role of the independent struggle
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Political means over

- ▶ Until 1958, elected AFPFL government faced ethnic pressures of 1947 Constitutions
 - ▶ CPB pressure in the rural area
 - ▶ Unable to compromise with ethnic but to depend Burma's army to intervene
 - ▶ AFPFL broke up into two factions that weaken the democratic government
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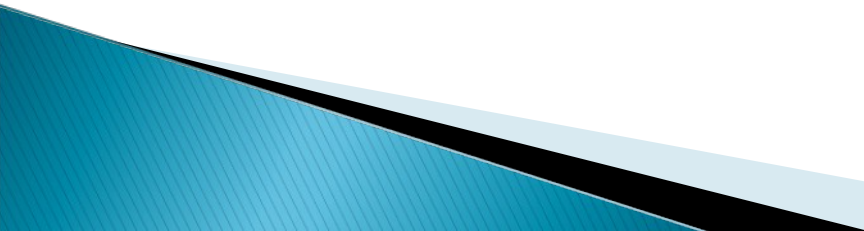
1962 to current militarism

- ▶ General Ne Win's coup and installing Burmese Way to Socialism in 1962
 - ▶ Closed Door Policy and country's backwardness
 - ▶ One party system to LDC
 - ▶ 1988 Popular uprising and democratic reformers
 - ▶ 1990 election and rejecting authoritarian regime
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Role of People Republic of China

- ▶ Supporting Communist Party of Burma
 - ▶ Supporting Military regime since 1988
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Post 1988 military regime

- ▶ Increasing pressure on ethnic armed groups
 - ▶ Crushing with military power and forcing ceasefire agreements with ethnic arm organizations
 - ▶ Brutalizing against the democratic urban movement
 - ▶ Burma becomes a failed State because of economic mismanagement by the military
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Deadlock of political and ethnic conflicts

- ▶ Uncertain political situations
 - ▶ Crushing against the ethnics' hope of federalism at National Convention
 - ▶ Military expansion jeopardized the country development
 - ▶ Refusing to negotiate with both democrats and ethnic would not bring any political stability
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