

# **“Foreign Investment & Transnational Corporations in Burma”**

## **Cases and Impacts**

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# Investment and Revenues

## Burma export revenues (US\$ bn)

Fisc. year	Oil and Gas	Total
2006/07	2.16 (43%)	5.01
2005/06	1.1 (30%)	3.6

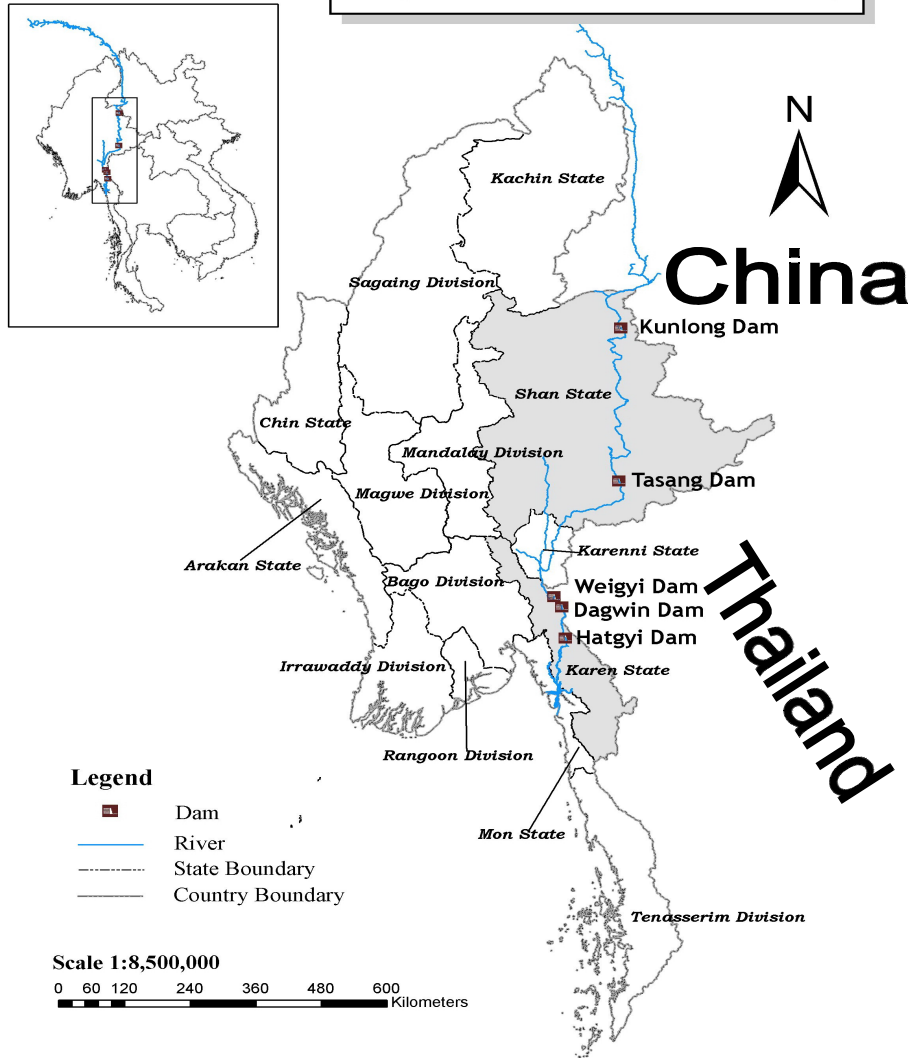
## Foreign Direct Investment (US\$ bn)

Fisc. year	Electric power	Oil and Gas	Total
2007 (3 quarters)	6.3 (43%)	3.2 (22%)	14.7
2006/07	0.28 (37%)	0.47 (63%)	0.75
2005/06	6.03 (99%)	-	6.06

2007: 417 projects; Thailand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Malaysia main investors

# Case 1: Salween Dam Project

Proposed Salween Dam Map



## Investors

- -Chinese Gezuoba Group Corporation and Sino Hydro
- Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) and MDX

## Export Electricity

- 9500 MW to China
- 6500 MW to Thailand
- 0 MW to Burma

Projected Revenue: 10 Billions US Dollars

# The Impact of the Salween Dams

- Flooding Area to displace more than 100,000 people
- Military offensive to secure dam sites lead to human rights abuses, further displacements and refugees
- Destroyed livelihoods



# Case 2: Yadana/Yetagun Gas Project

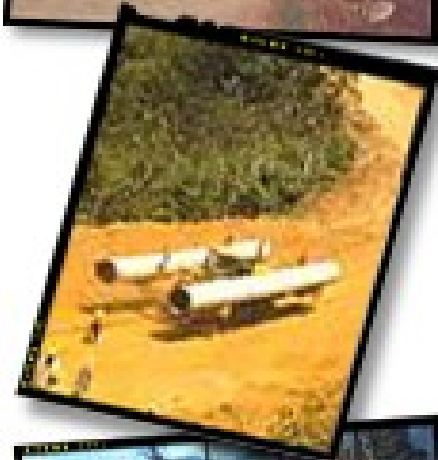
- **Investors**

- Unocal/ Chevron (US)
- Total (France)
- PTT (Thailand)
- Petronas (Malaysia)

- Contributes to 20% of all electricity of Thailand

- Burma regime revenue  
2.16 Billions US Dollar/year





# The Direct Impacts of Yadana/Yetagun

- Forced Relocation
- Forced labour
- Land Confiscation
- Rape ,Torture and Killings, etc
- Environmental destruction

## Displacements

- IDPs and Refugees into Thailand



# The Yadana Experience



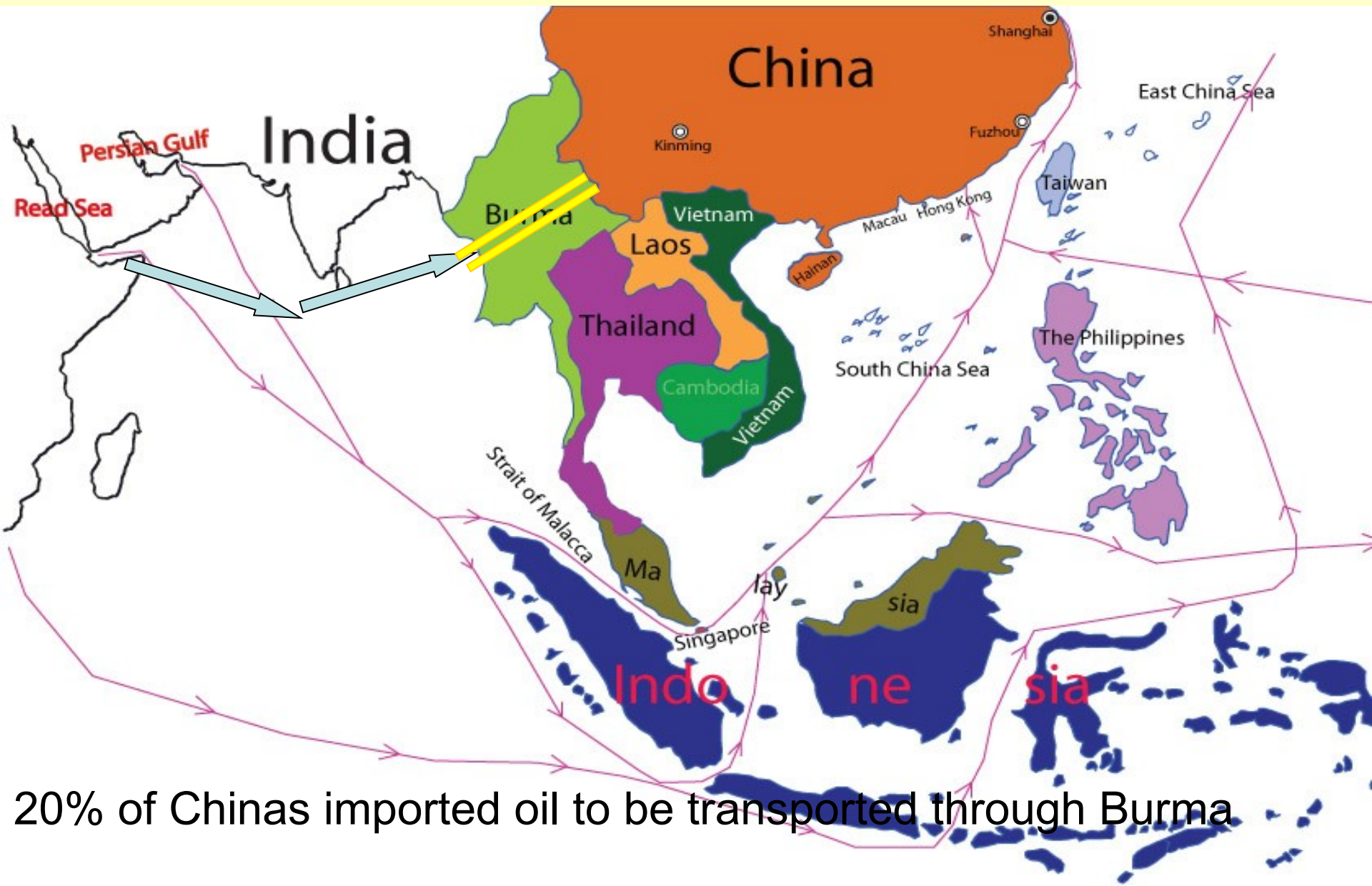
# Case 3: Shwe Gas Project

- Investors
  - Daewoo International and KOGAS (South Korea)
  - GAIL and ONGC Videsh ( India)
  - CNPC/PetroChina (China)
  - Burma Regime Revenue up to 18 Billion US Dollars





# Parallel project-oil pipeline through Burma



20% of Chinas imported oil to be transported through Burma

# The Regime's Partners in Crime

- Golden Aaron (Singapore) recently sanctioned by US
- Linked to Lo Hsing Han, Managed by Son Steven Law
- Partnership With CNOOC for Offshore A4 block, onshore exploration M Block and C1& C2 Blocks in Burma
- Believed to be using Singapore Banks for Money Laundering
- Asia World involved in many large infra-projects including new deep seaport project.





# Entrenching military dictatorship



- Current export revenue from Yadana (US\$2.16 billion) will be multiplied by new Salween and Shwe projects
- The junta's military expenditures is over 40% of national budget.
- Health and education spending is 0.4% and 0.5% of GDP respectively.

# Using Economics To Pressure Regime

- Economic leverage as powerful tool for change
- Sanctions: Withdraw investments from Burma
- Risk Management: Business, Security and reputation, legal issues- corporate aiding and abetting
- Money Laundering: Using offshore financial Centre (E.g. British Virgin Island)
- Regime and Cronies are using Singapore as their banking Centre
- Focus on Resource Based Industries: Oil, Gas, Power, Extractive (Gems, Mining and logging)
- Bankrolls the Regime

# Some On Going Campaigns

- Shwe Gas Movement ([www.shwe.org](http://www.shwe.org))
- Salween Watch ([www.salweenwatch.org](http://www.salweenwatch.org) )
- Thai Civil Society Group (Peace for Burma)  
calling on PTT + MDX+ EGAT to withdraw the  
energy investments from Burma
- Burma Campaign UK ( Total Campaign) (  
[www.burmacampaign.org.uk](http://www.burmacampaign.org.uk))
- Earthrights International ([www.earthrights.org](http://www.earthrights.org))  
US Campaign for Burma (  
[www.uscampaignforburma.org](http://www.uscampaignforburma.org)) Chevron  
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