

# Republic of the Union of Myanmar



- Capital city: Nay Pyi Taw (from 6 November 2005)
- Official language: Burmese

### **1) Geographical features:**

- Area: 676,578 sq km
- Geographical coordinates: 22 00 N, 98 00 E
- Climate: tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)
- Topography type: central lowlands ringed by steep, rugged highlands

### **2) Political features:**

- Government type: Unitary presidential republic (earlier); Parliamentary government took power in March 2011
- Head of state: President Thein Sein (since 4 February 2011)
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### **3) Economic features:**

- Total GDP: \$64,330,038,664.7 (2014)
- GDP growth rate: 8.5% (2015) [provisional]
- GDP per capita: \$ 1,197.5 (2014)
- GNI (PPP): Information not available
- Sectoral composition of economy (2014 est.):
  - » Agriculture: 37.1% (2014)
  - » Industry: 21.3% (2014)
  - » Services: 41.6% (2014)
- Currency and exchange rate: kyats (MMK) per US dollar - 975.5 (2014 est.)
- Exports: \$10.31 billion (2014 est.)

- Biggest exporting partners: Thailand 35%, China 24.5%, India 12%, Japan 6.6%, South Korea 4.3% (2013)
- Imports: \$12.53 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest importing partners: China 40%, Thailand 20.3%, Singapore 12.2%, Japan 5.7% (2013)

#### **4) Social and demographic features:**

- Population size: 53,718,958.0 (2014)
- Main languages spoken: Burmese (official), ethnic languages for the minorities
- Main religions followed: Buddhist 89%, Christian 4% (Baptist 3%, Roman Catholic 1%), Muslim 4%, Animist 1%, other 2%
- Biggest ethnic groups: Burman 68%, Shan 9%, Karen 7%, Rakhine 4%, Chinese 3%, Indian 2%, Mon 2%, other 5%
- Available working population (as a percentage of total population): 70% (2014)
- Sex ratio: 0.99 male(s)/female (2015 est.)

#### **5) Military and defense:**

- Total defense expenditure: \$2373m (2014)
- Defense expenditure as a % of GDP: 4.3% (2014)
- Military obligation: Random conscription to be put into practice if necessary (However, this law has been highly abused for forced conscription)
- Military strength (Active manpower):406,000 (2014)

#### **6) Important rankings:**

- GDP ranking (nominal): 69 (UN ranking) 71 (2014)
- HDI ranking: 150 (2014)
- Global peace index: 130 (2015)
- KOF Globalization index: 177 (2015)

- Military strength ranking: 44 (2015)
- Where-to-be-born index: not ranked (2013)