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| <b>Country/entity</b>           | Myanmar   |
| <b>Region</b>                   | Asia and Pacific  |
| <b>Agreement name</b>           | Agreement between the Government and the Mongla Armed Group |
| <b>Date</b>                     | 29 Dec 2011   |
| <b>Agreement status</b>         | Multiparty signed/agreed                                    |
| <b>Interim arrangement</b>      | Yes   |
| <b>Agreement/conflict level</b> | Intrastate/intrastate conflict                              |

### Myanmar Conflict (1948 - )

Internal conflict, mostly along ethno-political fault lines, has been a constant feature of Myanmar since its independence in 1948. The conflict has two distinct dynamics. First a struggle between an authoritarian government and a pro-democracy opposition which has the characteristics of authoritarian conflicts; and second a struggle between the government and ethnic armed groups which has the characteristics of an identity conflict. The two oldest and strongest militias fighting the government are the Karen National Union (KNU), which has remained active since the late 1940s, and the Kachin Independence Organisation, which was formed in the early 1960s. In total, there are more than a dozen mostly ethnic-based guerrilla groups active throughout the country. Especially in the period of junta dictatorship that lasted until 2011 the government attempted to crush the rebellions, which led to numerous human rights violations. With the start of democratic reforms in the aftermath of the 2010 elections, peace negotiations have taken place and resulted in the signing of various agreements, although conflicts remain active.

Close  
Myanmar Conflict (1948 - )

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| <b>Stage</b>           | Pre-negotiation/process  |
| <b>Conflict nature</b> | Government/territory   |
| <b>Peace process</b>   | Myanmar ceasefires process with ethnic armed groups  |
| <b>Parties</b>         | 1. Government of Myanmar<br>2. Mongla Armed Group  |
| <b>Third parties</b>   | -  |
| <b>Description</b>     | Agreement to continue implementing previously signed agreements, to continue negotiations, and to cooperate in specific areas. |

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| <b>Agreement document</b> | <a href="#">MM_111230_Agreement between the Government and Mongla Armed Group.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a> |
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## Groups

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| <b>Children/youth</b>                    | Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, (3) The Union government agrees to help increase the opportunities for youths of national races in Special Region (4) to pursue education with the mindset to develop their insights, to equip them with vocational education and to realize human resources development.   |
| <b>Disabled persons</b>                  | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Elderly/age</b>                       | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Migrant workers</b>                   | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Racial/ethnic/<br/>national group</b> | Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical<br>Page 1, (3) The Union government agrees to help increase the opportunities for youths of national races in Special Region (4) to pursue education with the mindset to develop their insights, to equip them with vocational education and to realize human resources development.<br><br>Page 1, (4) The Union government agrees to adopt long-term plans for cooperation of local people in treatment, prevention and education processes of health care to national people in Special Region (4), acquiring health knowledge. |
| <b>Religious groups</b>                  | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Indigenous people</b>                 | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Other groups</b>                      | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Refugees/displaced<br/>persons</b>    | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Social class</b>                      | No specific mention.  |

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **State definition**

**Nature of state (general)** Page 1, (6) Special Region (4) is an important part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Special Region (4) agrees to continue to hold talk to cooperate with defense forces of the State for security and defense of the State as well as it agrees not to disintegrate the State and secede from the State at all and to devote all the capacities of Special Region (4) to perpetuation of the sovereignty of the State.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** No specific mention.

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## Governance

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

**Electoral commission** No specific mention.

**Political parties reform** No specific mention.

**Civil society** No specific mention.

**Traditional/religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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## Power sharing

**Political power sharing** Power sharing→Political power sharing→General Sub-state level  
Summary: Modest local power sharing is to be considered, see below.  
Power sharing→Political power sharing→Proportionality in legislature Sub-state level  
Page 1, (5) It is agreed to continue negotiating matters related to enable representatives of people in townships of Special Region (4) take seats in each Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to represent desires of the people in Special Region (4).

**Territorial power sharing** Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Autonomous regions  
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**Economic power sharing** No specific mention.

**Military power sharing** No specific mention.

## **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general** No specific mention.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty incorporation** No specific mention.

**Civil and political rights** No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights** No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

**Citizenship** No specific mention.

**Democracy** No specific mention.

**Detention procedures** No specific mention.

**Media and communication** No specific mention.

**Mobility/access** No specific mention.

**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development  
Page 1, (2) It is agreed to adopt short-term or long-term socio-economic development plans in light of bilateral consultations to enable the Union government to participate in tasks for improvement of living standard of the national people in Special Region (4) and for regional economic development.

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**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** Page 1, (6) Special Region (4) is an important part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Special Region (4) agrees to continue to hold talk to cooperate with defense forces of the State for security and defense of the State as well as it agrees not to disintegrate the State and secede from the State at all and to devote all the capacities of Special Region (4) to perpetuation of the sovereignty of the State.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** No specific mention.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence  
services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel  
and opposition  
group forces** Page 1, (6) Special Region (4) is an important part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Special Region (4) agrees to continue to hold talk to cooperate with defense forces of the State for security and defense of the State as well as it agrees not to disintegrate the State and secede from the State at all and to devote all the capacities of Special Region (4) to perpetuation of the sovereignty of the State.

**Withdrawal of  
foreign forces** No specific mention.

**Corruption** No specific mention.

**Crime/organised  
crime** No specific mention.

**Drugs** No specific mention.

**Terrorism** No specific mention.

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**Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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**Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.



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| <b>Enforcement mechanism</b> | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Related cases</b>         | No specific mention.  |
| <b>Source</b>                | <p>UN Peacemaker; <a href="http://peacemaker.un.org/">http://peacemaker.un.org/</a> ; <a href="http://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/MM_111230_Agreement%20between%20the%20Government%20and%20Mongla%20Armed%20Group.pdf">http://peacemaker.un.org/sites/peacemaker.un.org/files/MM_111230_Agreement%20between%20the%20Government%20and%20Mongla%20Armed%20Group.pdf</a></p> <p>original source: The New Light of Myanmar, 30 December 2011, Volume XIX, Number 253, p.16 and p.9.</p> |

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