

2008 Burma Freedom Calendar

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January 2008

1 January (BC 153), New Year's Day, Gregorian calendar

1 January (2000), death in custody at Tharawaddy prison, Ko **Nyunt Zaw**, All Burma Federation of Students Union (ABFSU / Ba Ka Tha), All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF / Ma Ka Da Ta), Henzada, Irrawaddy

4 January (1948, 4:20 AM sharp), Independence Day, Independence from United Kingdom

6 January (1995), death in custody at Insein prison, U **Kin Sein**, Peoples' Progressive Party (PPP), Prome, Pegu

8 January, Karen New Year (according to lunar calendar Pyatho Waxing Day 1 of year 2747)

8 January (1991), death in custody at Insein prison, Insein Hospital, U **Sein Win (a) Yangyi Aung**, University Student Union 1959-60, Thongwa Township, Rangoon

10 January (1948), Kachin National Day

10 January (1973), Lahu Revolution Day

11 January (2006), death in custody, Ko **Khin Maung Aung**

11 January (2006), death in custody at Putao prison, U **Khin Maung Lwin (a) Nay Min Aung**, Green Stars Youth Front, Democracy Party and Patriotic Youth Organization, Kunggyangon, Rangoon

12 January (1963), Palaung Revolution Day

17 January, Naga New Year (according to lunar calendar Pyatho Waxing Day 10)

18 January (1991), death in custody at Insein prison, U **Tin Maung Win**, MP, National League for Democracy (NLD) Khayan Township Constituency (2), Rangoon, post-WWII Old Student Leaders Organization

20 January (1926), DOB, former KNU Chairman Gen Saw **Bo Mya** (1926-2006)

22 January (1909), DOB, U **Thant** (1909-1974), native of Pantanaw, former UN Secretary General (1961-71)

22 January (2007), death of Poet **Tin Moe (a) U Ba Gyan** (1933-2007), native of Kan Mye Zagan, Myingyan. *Cigar's burnt down, The sun is brown, Will somebody take me home?*

27 January (1961), Date of Birth (DOB), Ko **Zarganar (a) Ko Thura**, Burma's best-known comedian, movie/video director, dentist, barred indefinitely from performing and making a living as a comedian 1994 and an artist 14 May 2006

28 January (2004), death in custody at Taungoo prison, Taungoo Hospital, U **Sein Tin (a) Shein Tin**, Anti-Fascist People Freedom League (AFPFL), Burma Communist Party (BCP), People's Progressive Party, Rangoon

29 January (1999), death after release from Mandalay and Ohbo prisons, Ven. U **Yewata (a) Yawada**, General Secretary of Thangha Thamaggi, Mandalay

31 January (1947), Karen Revolutionary Day, **Ba U Gyi** laid down four basic principles: (1) Surrender is out of the question, (2) We shall retain our arms, (3) Recognition of Karen State must be complete, and (4) We shall decide our own political destiny.

February 2008

5 February (1947), Founding Day of Karen National Union (KNU)

5 February (1960), Kachin Revolutionary Day

6 February, Lahu New year (according to lunar calendar)

- 7 February (1947), Shan National Day
- 7 February, Chinese New Year (according to lunar calendar 4706, Year of the Rat)
- 9 February (1972), Akha Revolution Day
- 10 February (1939), seventeen persons (including seven monks) taking part in peaceful demonstrations in Mandalay were shot and killed by ethnic soldiers under British command. Thirteen were seriously wounded.
- 10 February (1998), death in custody at Tavoy prison, **Naw Thin Su**, Mergui/Tavoy United Front, Thayetchaung, Tenasserim
- 11 February (1948), Karen National Day, National Slogans of the Karen People: (1) Give us the Karen State at once, (2) Show “Karen one Kyat, Burmese one Kyat” at once, (3) We don’t want communal clashes, and (4) We don’t want civil war.
- 12 February (1947), Union Day, celebrates the signing of the Panglong Agreement and the creation of the Union of Burma
- 13 February (1915), DOB, Bogyoke **Aung San** (1915-1947), native of Natmauk, national hero, founder of Burma army, 13 February has been commemorated every year as Burmese Children Day
- 14 February, Valentine’s Day
- 14 February (2008), Padoh **Mahn Sha (a) Mahn Sha Lar Phan** (1944-2008), Secretary General of the Karen National Union (KNU), was assassinated by Pauk Sa from the group of Htain Maung’s Peace Council and the Burmese soldiers with the blessing of the Thailand.
- 14 February (1991), Founding Day of National League for Democracy - Liberated Area (NLD-LA)
- 14 February (1995), death of **U Nu (a) Thakin Nu** (1907-1995), former chairman of All Burma Students Union, former prime minister of Union of Burma
- 16 February (1993), death in custody at Insein prison, U **Khin Maung Myint**, All Burma Federation Students Union, Peoples’ Progressive Party, Dedaye, Irrawaddy
- 17 February (1863), Founding Day of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva, Switzerland
- 17 February (1937), DOB, **Maung Swan Yi**, famous poet, political prisoner.
- 18 February (1998), death in custody at Insein prison, U **Thein Tin (a) Tin Thein Maung (a) Pan-Hta-We Tin Maung**, writer, pharmacist, Rangoon division organizer of NLD South Okkalapa, Rangoon
- 19 February (1996), death in custody at Insein prison, U **Tun Sein**, Labor Union of United National Unity Front, Union of Prisoners in 1970s, Kemmendine, Rangoon
- 20 February (1948), Chin National Day
- 22 February (1947), Mon National Day (according to lunar calendar Tabodwe – Maik by Mon – Waning Day 1), the founding of Hongkawato by Sammala and Vimala

March 2008

- 2 March (1962), the darkest hellhole of military dictatorship terminating democracy and human rights, Gen Ne Win (Burma Socialist Program Party, BSPP / Ma Sa La, 4 July 1962), Gen Saw Maung (State Law and Order Restoration Council, SLORC / Na Wa Ta / nyeinpi, 18 September 1988), Sr-Gen Than Shwe (State Peace and Development Council, SPDC / Na Ah Pha, 23 April 1992)
- 6 March (2008), death in custody suffering from TB at Tharawaddy prison, Ko **Win Tin (a) Annul** (1978-2008), high school student, NLD Youth Pegu
- 7 March (1990), death in custody at Insein prison, **Bo Set Yaung (a) U Khin Maung**, Burma Communist Party (BCP), Bahan, Rangoon
- 8 March, International Woman’s Day
- 8 March (1991), death in custody at Insein prison, U **Nyo Win**, All Burma Federation Students Union 1954-60, University Student Union, Student United Front, Post-War and Independence Era Old Students Association, Peoples’ Progressive Party, League of Democratic Alliances, Shwekyin, Pegu

- 12 March (1927), DOB, **Thura Tin Oo**, former Chief of Staff and Minister of Defense (1974-76), Vice Chairman of NLD, Rangoon, under house arrested since 30 May 2003 and extended yearly on 13 February
- 12 March (1930), DOB, U **Win Tin (Hanthawaddy)**, renowned journalist, Central Executive Council NLD, advisor to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, political prisoner 3+8+12- year imprisonment (1989) Insein prison
- 13 March (1988), martyrs **Maung Phone Maw, Maung Win Aung, Maung Tin Maung Oo, Maung Than Shwe, and Maung Maung Soe**, Rangoon Institute of Technology (RIT) students, triggered the 8-8-88 uprising, March 13 has been commemorated every year as Burma's Human Rights Day
- 13 March (1997), death in custody at Insein prison, Rangoon General Hospital, Rev. Saw **Hla Chit**, Christian priest, Bogale, Irrawaddy
- 15 March (1975), deaths of Communist leaders **Thakin Zin and Thakin Chit**
- 15 March (1988), martyr Ko **Soe Naing**, Rangoon Institute of Technology student
- 15 March (1996), death in custody at Thayet prison, Ven. U Arsara, Young Monks Union, Thayetaw Monastery, Lanmadaw, Rangoon
- 16 March (1988), Red Bridge Day. The white bridge was splattered with students' blood. The security police and soldiers under Maj Sein Htwa, who raped girls in detention, killed and drowned about 200-300 students. The wounded bodies were cremated day and night at Kyandaw cemetery and some were fed to a crocodile farm in Thingangyun.
- 17 March (2006), beaten to death on the street by members of Rangoon Kemmendine Township police, reserve fire brigade and Union Solidarity and Development Association (USDA / Kyant Phoot), Ko **Thet Naing Oo (a) Pya Laung**, All Burma Students Democratic Front
- 18 March (1988, Friday), Bloody Friday. Thousands of students marched down to Sule Pagoda in central Rangoon were arrested or killed by the Lon Htein – commander Sein Lwin – and army units – the 22, 66 and 77 LIDs. Schools and universities were closed down.
- 20 March (1988), Chin National Revolution Day, Founding Day of Chin National Front (CNF)
- 21 March, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 March, Pa-O National Day (according to lunar calendar Tabaung Full Moon Day)
- 21 March, World Poetry Day
- 23 March (1876), DOB, **Thakin Kodaw Hmaing** (1876-1964), native of Wa-le village, Shwetaung Township, Prome
- 23 March (1976), 1976 Hmaing Rarpyi uprising (a) Hmaing Centenary uprising, Students uprising commemorating the centenary of the birth of Thakin Kodaw Hmaing
- 23 March (2006), death in custody at Tharawaddy prison, U **Ko Oo**, secretary of NLD, Thayet Township
- 24 March, World Tuberculosis (TB) Day
- 27 March (1945), Resistance Day, marking the start of Burmese resistance to occupying Japanese army and today we are still struggling to get out from under oppressive military dictatorship and achieve democracy
- 28 March (1948), People's Democratic Revolution Day of Burmese Communists
- 31 March (1928), DOB, Dr. **Salai Tun Than**, Burma Independence Army (BIA), former rector of Yezin Agriculture Institute in Pyinmana, leader of Civil Disobedience Movement

April 2008

- 3 April (2008), death of **Kyemon U Thaung** (1926-2008), renowned senior journalist, writer, political prisoner 1964-67
- 7 April, World Health Day
- 7 April (2008), death of **Ludu Daw Ahmar (a) Amah** (1915-2008), renowned senior journalist, Mother of Burma
- 9 April (1967), Founding Day of Arakan Liberation Party (ALP)

- 10 April (2000), Kayan National Day
- 11 April (1919), Founding Day of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
- 12 April (1907), 101st Birthday of *Sayar Zawgyi (a) U Thein Han* (1907-1990), native of Phapon, Irrawaddy, famous author and poet, nationalist literary person and vocal supporter of independence from the British Empire
- 16 April (1991), death in custody at Interrogation Center, Military Intelligence Unit 12, Rangoon, Ko *Soe Htay*, student
- 17 April, Burmese New Year (according to lunar calendar Tagu 1370), water festival can wash away evils and sins accumulated in the past and prepare for the future, bringing the people into a happy new year
- 22 April, International Earth Day

May 2008

- 1 May (1890), Labour Day (a) May Day
- 1 May (1999), death after release, U *Kyaw Min*, National Democratic Party for Human Rights, Arakan
- 2 May (1957), Founding Day of Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP)
- 2 May (2006), death in custody at Sandoway prison, Sandoway hospital, U *Myint Than*, Shan New Generation Youth, Shan
- 3 May (1991), World Press Freedom Day
- 3 May (1992), death in custody at Insein prison, U *Soe Win*, younger brother of Bo Zeya, People's Comrades Party led by Gen Aung San, Mayangone, Rangoon
- 4 May (2001), the World Laughter Day (first Sunday of May)
- 7 May (2005), death in custody at No. 1 Interrogation Center, Ko *Aung Hlaing Win*, NLD Youth, Tagu Seik Village, Einme Township, Irrawaddy
- 10 May (1906), established Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA), students of Rangoon College: *U Ba Pe, U / Sir Maung Gyi, and U Ba Yin*
- 10 May (1919), DOB, *Dagon Taryar*, renowned writer and poet, peace movement
- 10 May (1976), Founding Day of National Democratic Front (NDF)
- 10 May (2008), Vote No Day of the Burmese Military Referendum
- 11 May, Mother's Day (second Sunday of May)
- 13 May (1998), death in custody at Tharawaddy prison, U *Aung Kyaw Moe (a) Moe Aung*, United National Democracy Party, Kamayut, Rangoon
- 20 May (1990), death in custody at Maubin prison, Ko *Kyaw Myo Thant (a) Japan Gyi*, history student during 8-8-88 uprising, Democratic Party for New Society (DPNS), Bogale, Irrawaddy
- 21 May (1958), Shan Revolution Day
- 21 May (1989), All Burma Federation of students Union Conference in Mandalay, 2 days, the biggest conference and all student leaders from around the country attended
- 25 May (1907), DOB, *U Nu (a) Thakin Nu* (1907-1995), former chairman of All Burma Students Union, former prime minister of Union of Burma
- 27 May (1757), Fall of Hongsawatoi Mon Kingdom to Burmans (according to the Mon lunar calendar Kason Waning Day 8 of the year 1119), Over 70,000 Mon people were killed by the Burmese King Alaungpaya (a) U Aung Zeya of Konbaung Dynasty.
- 27 May (1990), Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD won the elections by a landslide, electing 392 (80.82%) candidates out of 485 parliamentary seats, military-backed National Unity Party 10 seats (2.06%), Although the people have spoken clearly and loudly for a new direction, the military junta has made it clear that it will do everything necessary to avoid a transfer of power.
- 29 May (2005), death in custody at Moulmein prison, U *Min Tun Wai*, NLD Kyaikmayaw, Mon

- 30 May (2003), Depayin Massacre, 70-282 unarmed NLD brutally killed and hundreds wounded by the order of Sr-Gen Than Shwe, Gen Soe Win, Col / U Aung Thaung, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, and Lt-Col Than Han.
- 31 May (1999), death in custody at Insein prison, Ko *Hla Khin*, youth leader, NLD Shwepyitha, Rangoon

June 2008

- 4 June (1964), Kayan Revolution Day
- 6 June (1975), 1975 Shwedagon Strike (a) 1975 June strike
- 8 June (1996), death in custody at Thayet prison, Ko *Myint Swe*, Dala, Rangoon
- 8 June (1998), death in custody at Insein prison / Rangoon General Hospital, U *Tin Shwe (a) Monywa Tin Shwe*, lawyer, well-known writer, NLD Monywa, Sagaing
- 9 June (2005), death during forced labour session, Ko *Win Lwin*, Ngapyin Village, Aunglan (Allen) Township, Magwe
- 11 June (1991), death in custody at Insein prison, *Sayar Maung Thaw Ka (a) Ba Thaw*, ex-navy officer, humorist, poet and political activist, CEC member of NLD, Kyauktada, Rangoon
- 12 June (2001), death after release with AIDS from Thayet and Insein prisons, Ko *Bo Ni Aung*, All Burma Students Democratic Front
- 13 June (2004), death in custody at Insein prison, U *Min Thu*, lawyer, NLD
- 15 June, Father's Day (third Sunday of June)
- 16 June (1993), assassinated by the Burmese military outside Bangkok, Thailand, U *Hla Pe*, MP, NLD Pyawbwe (2), Mandalay
- 17 June (1932), DOB, U *Kyaw San*, MP, NLD Taze (1), Sagaing Division, political prisoner 1992-95, 1998-2004, sentenced to 7-year imprisonment (2005) in Insein Prison
- 19 June (1945, Tuesday), DOB, Daw *Aung San Suu Kyi*, native of Rangoon, figurehead of the Burmese democracy revolution, survivor of Depayin Massacre, political prisoner 1989-95, 2000-02, 2003 + one-year extension November 2004 + six-month extension November 2005 + one-year extension May 2006 + one-year extension May 2007, "The National Convention process is a sham," claimed she in November 1995.
- 19 June (1992), death in custody at Interrogation Center, U *Mohamed Ilyas (a) Mohamad Elias (a) Maung Nyo*, NLD Maungdaw, Arakan
- 20 June (2001), death in custody at Mandalay prison, *La Khong Lay (a) Tin Maung Myint*, NLD Madaya, Mandalay
- 20 June (2001), World Refugee Day
- 21 June, Kayah National Day
- 21 June (2002), death in custody at Bassein prison, *Maung Maung Aye*, NLD Labutta, Irrawaddy
- 22 June (1996), death in custody at Insein prison, Mr. *James Leander Nichols (a) Leo Nichols*, Eurasian, honorary consul in Burma for Denmark, Norway, Finland, and Sweden as well as correspondent for Switzerland
- 26 June (1976), the first student hanged by the military junta, *Salai Tin Maung Oo (a) Richard Din (a) Big Lion*, 3rd year Zoology student, Chin Student Association at Rangoon Arts and Science University
- 26 June (1978), Founding Day of Karenni National People's Liberation Front (KNPLF), a major breakaway group of KNPP

July 2008

- 7 July (1962), 7-7-62 students uprising (a) 1962 Rangoon University students uprising
- 8 July (1962), Ordered by Gen Ne Win, Brig-Gen Aung Gyi, Lt-Col Sein Lwin, and Maj Tun Yi, the fascist Burmese soldiers destroyed the Student Union Building, which had a prominent standing in the history of Burma independence movement. Ko *Kyaw Win of Myaungmya*, who was in bed with injuries, and about 100-400 students were blown up together with the building under a bloody policy

declared by Gen Ne Win as to match “sword with sword, spear with spear.” The bodies, some students still alive, were crushed at the sewage treatment plant in Rangoon.

- 12 July (2001), death in custody with AIDS, Tharawaddy prison, Ko *Sithu (a) Ye Naing*, botany student during 8-8-88 uprising, Sanchaung, Rangoon
- 17 July, Dhamma Day (according to lunar calendar Waso Full Moon Day)
- 17 July (1957), Founding Day of New Mon State Party (NMSP), (according to lunar calendar Waso Full Moon Day)
- 19 July (1947), Martyrs’ Day, *Gen Aung San and his cabinet members, Mahn Ba Khaing, Thakin Mya, Dedoke U Ba Cho, Abdul Razak, U Ba Win and Saopha of Mong Pawng, cabinet secretary U Ohn Maung and a bodyguard Maung Htwe* were assassinated
- 20 July (1989), *Aung San Suu Kyi* placed under first house arrest and held her incommunicado.
- 20 July (2004), death after release, *Wanay Soe (a) Ko Nay Win* (1959-2004), Editor of *Pyit Hmu* magazine, NLD Ye, Mon
- 21 July (2004), death in custody at Kale prison, U *Khin Maung Myint*, Supporting Committee for Central Youth Wing of NLD, Latha Township, Rangoon
- 23 July (1988), resignation of Gen Ne Win, Traitor of 30 Comrades
- 23 July (1991), death in custody at Tharawaddy prison, U *Maung Maung Aye*, National Democracy Party, Kamayut, Rangoon
- 24 July (2004), death after release, U *Kyi Tin Oo*, NLD Hlaing Township, Rangoon
- 27 July (1977), *Captain Ohn Kyaw Myint*, an attempted coup ringleader, hanged by military junta
- 29 July (1971), Wa National Organization (WNO) Revolution Day
- 31 July (2002), death in custody at Moulmein prison, *Mai Aik Pan*, Palaung State Liberation Party/Front, National Democratic Front, Namsang, Shan

August 2008

- 1 August (2001), death in custody at Thayet prison, *Saw Tin Myint*, Karen National Union, Lepadon, Irrawaddy
- 2 August (1992), death in custody, *Mahn Dawait*, Rangoon University Student Union, Karen National Union, Wakema, Irrawaddy.
- 2 August (1996), death in custody at Insein prison, U *Hla Than*, lawyer, MP, NLD Coco Islands, Rangoon
- 7 August (1993), death in custody at Myitkyina prison, Sumprabum Labour Camp, U *Cho Gyi*, CEC of National Democratic Front, Mandalay
- 8 August (1964), Founding Day of Kayan New Land Party (KNLP)
- 8 August (1988), 8-8-88 uprising (a) 8/8/88 Nation-wide democracy uprising, approximately 10,000 were imprisoned as well as three thousand students, monks and civilians were brutally killed by the order of former Minister of Home and Religious Affairs Maj-Gen Min Gaung, Chief of Police Thein Aung, and Head of Rangoon Police Department Pe Kyi
- 8 August (1990), In commemoration of the second anniversary of 8-8-88 uprising, more than 7,000 monks and novices walked through the streets of Mandalay, solemnly and peacefully accepting alms from the people. Soldiers confronted the monks and opened fire, killing two monks and two students and wounding seventeen others. One novice disappeared.
- 9 August (1948), Karenni Revolution Day
- 9 August (1988), Sagaing Massacre, ordered by Thura Kyaw Zwa and Brig-Gen Tun Kyi
- 12 August (1950), Karen Martyrs’ Day when Saw *Ba U Gyi* was fallen
- 13 August (1967), Bloody Rice Killing Day, Burmese military killed 100-300 Arakanese in the streets of Arakan State’s capital, Akyab, when they gathered to stage a peaceful demonstration asking the Burmese military junta for more rice
- 13 August (2005), death of U *Tun Wai*, renowned actor and director, banned from making films and publishing books.

- 14 August 1990, death in custody at Akyab prison, U ***Tha Tun (a) Oo Tha Tun***, scholar, distinguished historian, Arakan League for Democracy, Mrauk U, Arakan
- 15 August (1939), Founding Day of Communist Party of Burma (CPB)
- 16 August (1948), Mon Revolution Day (according to lunar calendar Wagaung Full Moon Day)
- 16 August (1971), Founding Day of Shan State Progress Party (SSPP)
- 17 August (1948), Karenni Army Day
- 19 August (2004), death of U ***Kyi Maung*** (1919-2004), former military colonel, vice-chairman led the National League for Democracy to a sweeping victory in 1990 elections, Member of Parliament (MP) for Bahan Township, Constituency 2, Rangoon
- 19 August (2007), Saffron Revolution 2007 after the regime hiked fuel prices on 15 August, students and Buddhist monks took the lead, starting in Pakokku, Magwe
- 23 August (1988), U Tun Wai, renowned and beloved actor, organised the famous Aung San Suu Kyi's public address at Shwedagon Pagoda
- 26 August (2000), death in custody at Moulmein prison of murderous terror, U ***Win Bo***, former Army captain, 26 August has been commemorated every year as Burma Prisoners' Day.
- 28 August (1931), ***Sayar San*** was hanged by the British Imperialists.

September 2008

- 5 September, ABSDF Democracy Heroes' Day
- 8 September (1948), Karenni Martyrs' Day
- 9 September (1939), U Ottama Day, death of nationalist Buddhist Arakanese monk Venerable ***U Ottama*** (1987-1939), the pioneer of the Burmese independence movement, cosmopolitan revolutionary
- 11 September (1943), DOB, U ***Hkun Htun Oo***, MP, Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, Committee Representing People's Parliament, Hsipaw (1), Shan, political prisoner 93-year imprisonment (2005) Putao Prison
- 14 September, Grandparents' Day (second Sunday of September)
- 15 September (2006), The UNSC decided to put the situation of Burma on its agenda. The decision was adopted by a 10-4 vote, with one abstention. (10 supported: U.S., U.K., France, Denmark, Greece, Japan, Argentina, Ghana, Peru, and Slovakia, 4 opposed: China, Russia, Republic of the Congo and Qatar, one abstained: Tanzania)
- 16 September (1998), Founding Day of Committee Representing of People Parliament (CRPP)
- 17 September (2002), death in custody at Insein prison, U ***Aung May Thu***, All Burma Federation of Students Union, NLD Minhla, Tharawaddy, Pegu
- 18 September (1988), killed in front of the USA embassy, Ko ***Soe Kyaw Phone Maung***, student from Rangoon Art and Science University (Hlaing campus)
- 19 September (1929), on the 166th day of hunger strike in Rangoon Central Prison, ***Sayadaw U Wisara*** died for the freedom of Burma.
- 19 September (1988), Moulmein Massacre, seven students were killed
- 19 September (1988), shot to death by fascist Burmese soldiers, Ma ***Win Maw Oo***, Hlaing Thayar, Rangoon
- 21 September, International Day of Peace
- 22 September (1992), Founding Day of National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB = DAB + NDF + MPU + NLD-LA)
- 24 September (1968), death of CPB Chairman ***Thakin Than Tun***
- 24 September (1988), Founding Day of National League for Democracy (NLD)
- 25 September (1994), death in custody at Tharawaddy prison, U ***Kyi***, NLD Tharawaddy, Pegu
- 26 September (2007), By the order of Sr-Gen Than Shwe (Butcher of Burma 2007), Aung Thuang, U Thuang, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Brig-Gen Win Myint, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Col Than Han, Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Zaw; Fascist Burman soldiers shot and killed approximately 31-200 protesters, ransacked Buddhist monasteries, beaten monks and dissidents and arrested an estimated 3,000-6000

people. The Burma army burned an undetermined number of bodies, some still alive, at the Ye Way crematorium sealed off by armed guards northeast of Rangoon.

Shin *U Thilawuntha*, professor of sacred Buddhist scripture of the Yuzana Monastery in Myitkyina, was beaten to death in detention. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint ordered the arrest and personally involved in the brutal torture.

- 27 September (1942), DOB, *Pyapon Ni Lon Oo (a) Aung Myint*, highly respected poet, political prisoner, gagged by Censorship Board.
- 28 September (1982), Maj *Mahn Ngwe Aung and Myo Aung*, Karen National Union, were killed during a shootout with soldiers guarding the building while attempting to seize control of the Burmese broadcasting building in Rangoon
- 28 September (2005), death in custody at Insein prison, *Nai Aung Loon (a) Ong Lorn*, New Mon State Party

October 2008

- 3 October (2005), death in custody at Police Station, U *Htay Lwin*, NLD, Aungmye Thazon, Mandalay
- 4 October (1926), DOB, *Kyemon U Thaung (a) Aung Bala (a) Tin Maung*, renowned Senior Journalist, Writer, political prisoner 1964-67, native of Nyaung U, Mandalay
- 7 October (1931), DOB, Archbishop *Desmond Tutu*, retired, South Africa
- 7 October (1998), death in custody at Tharawaddy prison, Tharawaddy Hospital, U *Saw Win (a) Kyaw Zaw Linn*, MP, NLD Htilin, Magwe, assistant editor of *Botataung* Newspaper, University Student Union
- 9 October (1983), Rangoon bombing by North Korea, North Korean commandos detonated a bomb in Rangoon during a state visit by Republic of Korea officials. Twenty-one Burmese and Korean officials were killed.
- 9 October (2007), death in custody at interrogation center Palate, Mandalay, U *Win Shwe* (1965-2007), NLD Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay.
- 10 October (2003), death in custody at Insein prison, Saw *Do Saw (a) Saw Than*, Karen National Union, Karen
- 11 October (1999), death of U *Ye Kyaw Thu*, co-founder of Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma (CRDB)
- 11 October (2002), death in custody at Kengtung prison, *Sai Pha Than*, NLD Kengtung, Shan
- 12 October (1988), Founding Day of Arakan League for Democracy (ALD)
- 13 October (1993), death in custody at Thayet Prison, Ko *Ai Ko (a) Aik Ko*, student at Workers' College during 8-8-88 uprising, Hlaing, Rangoon
- 14 October, Abhidhamma Day (according to lunar calendar Thadingyut Full Moon Day)
- 14 October (1988), Founding Day of Democratic Party for New Society (DPNS)
- 14 October (1991), Norwegian Nobel Committee announced Aung San Suu Kyi as 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner.
- 16 October (2006), death in custody at Mandalay prison, Ko *Thet Win Aung*, US State Department statement: This death demonstrates the tragic price the people of Burma are forced to pay for opposing the repressive policies of the regime and standing up for their human and democratic rights
- 18 October (1936), DOB, *Dr. Than Nyein*, MP, NLD Kyauktan (1), Rangoon, political prisoner 7-year imprisonment (1997) and extended yearly in January at Insein / Tharawaddy / Paungde / Prome prisons
- 18 October (1962), DOB, Ko *Min Ko Naing*, 88 Generation Students Group
- 18 October (1990), death in custody at Insein prison, *Hse Shi (a) Hsi Shi (a) Se Shi*, Kachin Independence Army, Kachin
- 19 October (2004), death in custody at Insein prison, Rangoon General Hospital, Ko *Zaw Myo Htet (a) Zaw Zaw*, university student, Min Hla, Mandalay.
- 20 October, World Malaria Day

- 20 October (1998), death in custody at Wakema prison, U *Kyaw Din*, NLD Wakema, Irrawaddy
- 21 October (1998), death in custody at Military Camp Mandalay, U *Aung Min*, NLD, Mandalay
- 24 October (1876), DOB, *Sayar San (a) Ya Gyaw* (1876-1931), native of Shwebo, leader of the anti-British rebellion of 1930-32
- 26 October (2006), death in custody at Moulmein prison, *Maung San*

November 2008

- 1 November (1992), assassinated by the Burmese military in Kunming, China, U *Win Ko*, MP, NLD Ye-U, Sagaing, Finance Minister of NCGUB
- 3 November (2007), died one month after being beaten, *Ko Ko Win*, Saffron Revolution 2007, NLD South Okkalapa, Rangoon.
- 5 November (1988), Founding Day of All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF, Ma Ka Da Ta)
- 5 November (2005), death in custody at Insein prison, Ko *Aung Myint Thein*, human rights activist, Free Trade Union of Burma, Democracy and Peace Party, Shwe Paukan, Rangoon
- 9 November (1990), death in custody at Interrogation Center, U *Maung Ko (a) Sayar Ko (a) Min Thit*, General Secretary of All Burma Port Workers' Union, NLD, Rangoon
- 12 November, Tazaungdine Festival (according to lunar calendar Tazaungmone Full Moon Day)
- 15 November (2002), death in custody at Insein prison, Insein Hospital, U *Maung Ko*, NLD Kyaukpadaung, Mandalay
- 18 November (1992), death in custody at Insein prison, Rangoon General Hospital, Ven. *U Zawtika*, monk, Shwe Phone Pwint Monastery, Pazundaung, Rangoon
- 22 November (1920), National Day (according to lunar calendar Tazaungmone Waning Day 10th), 5 December 1920, student leaders: *Sayagyi U Tun Pe, U Tun Wai, Ko Pe Thein, Ko Myint, Ko Ba Oo, Ko Tun Thwin*)
- 28 November, Shan New Year (according to lunar calendar Nataw Waxing Day 1 of the year 2103)
- 28 November, Writers Day (according to lunar calendar Nataw Waxing Day 1)
- 29 November (1915), DOB, *Ludu Daw Ahmar (a) Amah* (1915-2008), native of Mandalay, Mother of Burma

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- 1 December (1969), South East Asia Peninsular (S.E.A.P) Games uprising
- 1 December (1988), World AIDS Day
- 1 December (1999), death of U *Tin Maung Win*, founder and chairman of Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma (CRDB)
- 3 December (1919), DOB, *Bo Kyaw Zaw (a) Thakin Shwe*, Thirty Comrades
- 3 December (1996), 1996 December student movement in Rangoon and students marched to downtown. Over 200 students were arrested.
- 5 December (1974), 1974 U Thant uprising, approximately 1,000 students were killed during anti-government demonstrations. One student leader was hanged.
- 6 December (1936), DOB, U *Win Khet*, editor, Burma Media Association, NLD (LA) Australia
- 6 December (1959), DOB, Dr. *Cynthia Maung*, Backpack Health Worker Team, Maesot clinic
- 7 December (1920), Burmese Student Uprising
- 10 December, World Human Rights Day (a) International Human Rights Day
- 10 December (1945), DOB, U *Aye Tha Aung*, Arakan League for Democracy, Secretary of Committee for Representing the People's Parliament (CRPP)
- 11 December (1949), Anti-Feudal Pa-O Resistance Day
- 11 December (1987), Least Developed Country. The Burmese economy was in the 1950's second in Asia only to Japan in wealth and prosperity. As some critics labeled it, "Military Mismanagement," the junta had run the country into a state of poverty and depression to the point that Burma qualified

under the UN's Least Developed Country Status. The UN recommended "Least Developed Country" Status on 29 October 1987. The UN's General Assembly approved LDC status for Burma on 11 December 1987.

- 12 December (2003), death in custody at Insein prison, Rangoon General Hospital, Saw **Sar Do Saw**, school teacher, Karen National Union, Lepadon, Irrawaddy
- 15 December, Kayan Martyrs' Day
- 16 December (1972), DOB, Ma **Su Su Nway**, native of Htan Manaing Village, Kawmoo Township, Twante, labor and rights activist, first Burmese citizen to take government officials to court for making people labor without compensation
- 16 December (2005), death in custody at Pegu prison, Ko **Aung Zaw Latt**, student
- 17 December (2006), Founding Day of the Justice Restorers, a group of 30 Burmese law students
- 18 December (1961), DOB, **Ko Ko Gyi**, 88 Generation Students Group
- 18 December (1990), Founding Day of National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB)
- 19 December (1784), Fall of Mrauk-U Arakanese Kingdom to Burmans (according to lunar calendar Nataw Waning Day 7 of 1146 AE)
- 19 December (1990), death in custody at Myingyan prison, U **Chit Htaung**, NLD Phasawng, Kayah State
- 20 December (1938), Bo **Aung Kyaw** was killed by the British police during third Rangoon University student boycott.
- 23 December (1997), death of former CPB Chairman **Thakin Ba Thein Tin**
- 24 December (2006), death of former KNU Chairman Gen Saw **Bo Mya** (1926-2006)
- 25 December, Christmas Day
- 26 December (1944), Burma Army Day, Motto: People are our parents! Serve the people heartily! Do all for our people! Unite the people during the war!
- 26 December (1988), Founding Day of People's Defense Force (PDF) by former Col **Sein Mya**
- 30 December (1988), death after release with disability, Ko **Zaw Win Tun**, physics student, Rangoon University, Thaketa, Rangoon

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