

**THE ROLE OF MYANMAR ARMY IN SAFEGUARDING  
MYANMAR INDEPENDENCE (1948 - 58)**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This thesis describes the role of Myanmar Army in safeguarding Myanmar Independence. In 1947 October agreement between the Myanmar Leader Thakin Nu and British Prime Minister Atlee led to the attainment of independence on 4 January 1948. In 1949, the insurgency was at its heights, and the whole country was under the occupation of the insurgents with only downtown Yangon under the jurisdiction of the government. The country was subjected to foreign aggression. KMT problem became a national problem. Endeavour to solve the problem politically was of no avail. There was nobody else to go to when even the U.N was ineffectual. The only course left was for the Tatmadaw to solve the problem militarily after attempts at a political solution failed. This could be said to have been the army in safeguarding Myanmar Independence. What must the Tatmadaw do when the country is beset with problems of national politics and is faced with an emergency? In those days Leftists urged the Tatmadaw to take over power and cooperate with them Rightists also endeavoured to win over the Tatmadaw to their side. Middle of the roaders also could not let the Tatmadaw go out of their hands. But the Tatmadaw neither took over power nor sided with any political force. It fought only against lawless armed groups and stood tall on the side of the people. Nevertheless the Tatmadaw saved the country out of a sense of responsibility as the caretaker Government. The government appreciated the objective conditions and assigned appropriate responsibilities to the Tatmadaw. The theme of this thesis is to describe the role of Myanmar Army safeguarding Myanmar Independence

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