

**BRITISH ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEDULED
AREAS (1923-1947)**

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ABSTRACT

The Frontier Areas or so called Scheduled Areas (Shan States and other peripheral hill tracts) were placed under the British administration at the very outset of their annexation of the whole of Myanmar. The British established a system of colonial administration to cope with the newly occupied territories in a piecemeal fashion. But the British placed the Frontier Areas under the direct control of the Governor which resulted in a basic distinction between the hills and the plains. This was to become a hallmark of British administration. When Myanmar Proper was granted self rule step by step, these Scheduled Areas were set aside from the successive schemes. Thus the British administrative policy of divide and rule was apparent. The Frontier Areas themselves were in the Government of Burma Act of 1935 divided into two categories; Part One Scheduled Areas and Part Two Scheduled Areas. The Part Two areas were further divided into two groups (1) one with the right to elect members to Parliament and (2) one without that right. In this way, the face of Myanmar map became a curious patch-work of different administration islands. But with the advance of nationalist aspiration for complete independence under the banner of the AFPFL, the British divide and rule policy was no longer acceptable to the leaders of the Frontier Areas. The enlightened ethnic leaders were ready to enjoy complete freedom on an equal footing with Myanmar Proper and gave their unanimous consent in the Panglong Agreement. This resulted the complete termination of the British administration in the Scheduled Areas.

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