

THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL UNITY IN MYANMAR
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ABSTRACT

Stability and everlasting of one country's sovereignty and freedom depends on the unity and solidarity of the nationalities. If we look back the history of Myanmar, the good traditions of the unity of the ethnic nationalities could be clearly seen. History has proved that Myanmar, in which Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan etc. live, is a sovereign state and all the ethnic nationalities live there through thick and thin. After the annexation by the British colonialists, they ruled the country with divide and rule policy so that the nationalities were divided. They had become alien in their own country because various laws were passed. In administration, different types of laws were used in the Myanmar proper and in the hill tract areas. If situation was pushed to give independence to Myanmar, hill tract areas were to be separated from the Myanmar proper and continued to rule it. In spite of the British government's divide and rule policy, the nationalities united basing on the spirit of not to bow-down the imperialists. The nationalities have shown that blood is thicker than water proving the holding of the Panglong Conference and signing the Panglong Agreement. When Myanmar has become an independent country, defending and preserving the independence of Myanmar is the main duty of all the nationalities. It is based on the solidarity of sovereignty, not to disintegrate the union and the unity of all the nationalities. This thesis has shown the consecutive governments, who took control of State Power, focus their attention on the national unity of all the ethnic nationalities.

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