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## MYTHS AND REALITIES..

Posted by thunderbolts - 2008/02/05 12:22

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CLUE OVER MYTH AND REALITY.

MAT. FEB 4 Monday.

The polls of 3, 000 people for UKTV Gold found that;

BRITONS are losing the plot on fact and fiction, with more than half believing Sherlock Holmes actually existed and nearly one in four people thinking Winston Churchill was a myth.

The revelation emerged in a survey in which 47 per cent of the people were also under the impression that Richard the Lionheart, the 12th -century England, was not real , and three per cent thought that the writer Charles Dickens was a fiction character.

Some thought India political leader Gandhi , Cleopatra , ruler of ancient Egypt , and British military Chief Field Marshal Montgomery was dreamt up Characters for films and books. /

My dear UKM,

In our discussions. we referred to our monarchs, we referred to our leaders in the past Though we have no time machine we went back to the time we referred to the time in the past. You even mentioned that it is for younger generation didn't you? What lessons do you think they have learned from these past, history or Thamaing?

What are the chances for the Myanmar, especially the so called younger generations?

Britain is one of the great nations. " Rule Britannia , Britannia rules the waves" Have you heard of it? The people of Britain are great, that is why they have created a great nation for themselves. Some Myanmar people even think Britain will make Myanmar a great nation. But these Myanmar may not know that Britain had Myanmar once for 125 years.

If I say, it was the military might and the brutal repression in the past that made Britain great, would I be wrong?

There was a time, Germany and Japan became mighty military machines, British Empire was gone. If United States and Eisenhower did not come in time you would not know where to find England on the Atlas or you would not find where Winston Churchill would be.

Britain had learned a great lesson, it made a pact permanently with US to materialise the dream of the great US General George S. Patton. He undermined and manipulated British attempts in WW II.

General George S. Patton idea was US and Britain together to rule the world.

That was what Germany and Italy and Japan intended to do, to rule the world, wasn't they? But they failed. But they managed to break the Empire.

If we want changes in Myanmar it cannot be done over night, you know that UKM.

We have to go down to the root, to educate the people. Building , schools, colleges and universities are not enough. What sort of education are we going to give our people in those schools colleges and universities?

The world knows more about, Shakespeare, Hemingway, Jane Austen. Einstein or Newton whether they are facts or fictions.

The world has no idea who Myawaddy Mingyi U Sa or Nat Shin Nong, Yaza-Thinjan or Dagon Shwe Mhyar, Dagon Taryar and Hnin Yu May and many others.

What are we going to do about that UKM? What kind of education are we going to give our children in next generation and beyond? What do they want is the next question.

UKM, whether you agree with me or not is another matter, frankly speaking with due respect even if we agree to each other it is of no relevance. What matters is the people inside Myanmar, they must have agreements, they must come to agreements that is relevant, the most relevant. No matter who rules Myanmar.

According to the New Constitution , I gathered that military representatives will not take public offices. In your words I think they are there to check and balance. Public offices will be filled with elected members of parliament. That is the job

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for the President and the Prime minister.

What I am saying is if this constitution is sooner agreed upon and approved by the people, it will be the better for the Myanmar. So that we can start from somewhere and something, we can cautiously speed up.

To remind ourselves with what Bogyoke had said. He said that we have worked very hard our heart out (Pye Nay Aung Lote Mha), with discipline for twenty years.

Even then we have to be free from all the insurgencies, including economic insurgency. All insurgencies are not desirable, especially economic insurgency. What is troubling today in Myanmar is this economic insurgency rather than other insurgencies. Though Tatmadaw (SPDC) can keep other insurgencies at bay at the moment or under control SPDC cannot control the economic insurgency yet due to many reasons.

In Myanmar we call it "See Pwar Yey Thoung Jan". They are above ground within legal fold. Since socialist economy is abolished, the people become the victims of these economic insurgents. Whether people have realised it or not.

November last year (2007) there were protests and demonstration against the rising of fuel price. As I saw it, it was a legitimate and reasonable demand it was right thing to do, as long as peaceful.

Why I said, it was a legitimate and reasonable demand it was right thing to do? Because these are the wish of the people to tell the SPDC to do something about the rising fuel prices. I saw this as the people authorisation to the government to do what is necessary to tackle this issue. I think I have said that in one of my messages before.

But everything gone chaos, berserk when politicians took the opportunity and meddled thing up. I am not surprised when SPDC detained or arrested some of the politicians and trouble makers. I have no pity on these opportunists, to be honest Don't forget some terrorist even managed to set bombs and explosions.

I only hope they will learn lessons through their own experiences, not through books, not through the past history or Thamaing.

Though some people are trying to make SPDC nervous or frustrated they must remember that SPDC is not a civilian government, they are not elected they are cool, nobody should underestimate them. They have confronted the enemies with arms, They have destroyed the enemies with arms. They are seasoned and weather beaten professional soldiers, and they are not upstarts.

If they were not there to protect and defend us, what's going to happen in Myanmar is not imaginable, unthinkable. Every ethnic races in Myanmar should thank the SPDC (Tatmadaw).

The only thing that needed in Myanmar today is an understanding of the people towards Tatmadaw or towards the politicians. To see the realities of Myanmar as they are.

The world may say what they like, the so called experts will say what they like. Do we have to do everything what they say? Are we not human enough? Don't we have enough common sense?

My dear UKM, Africa is filled with all sorts of wild animals, but no African are wild animal experts. Indonesia is full of Orangoutang Red Apes, but no Indonesian are experts neither. You know why? You better find out UKM, if I tell you that will only be my view.

I was talking about military might of US earlier. Where there are military cooperation with US military, nobody, no country but US must have the leading role. Do you get that?

Can we Myanmar be not the master in our own country? Are we so dumb?

Let us go back to education again what kind of education for our children? You have agreed that we Myanmar have our culture, our traditions etc.

What we do we have to do for education to fit into that culture, the traditions or leave it to them to choose?

The question is UKM, what are the myths and what are the realities in Myanmar?

Happy reading,

Thunderbolts.

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## Re:MYTH S AND REALITIES..

Posted by kmyaing - 2008/02/05 17:51

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Dear Thunderbolt,

Thank you so much for such a thoughtful posting.

What am I doing to preserve the national heritage of Burma/Myanmar or "the Golden Land".

Please go to this website and you will see what some people are doing:

[www.aungzay.org](http://www.aungzay.org)

I agree with you that we need to give the proper education to the people.

In the future, let this be discussed openly in the "Hluttaw" where the TRUE representatives will discuss openly without fear of arrest or detention or torture.

We need what is know as "parliamentary immunity".

Otherwise, people will not say what they wish to say.

We will therefore have "yay gnon" Hluttaw Representatives.

They will not say "yes" or "no".

They will just say, "Oh I cannot say anything, because there is some water in my mounth".

Hence the term "Yay gnon" representative.

I am sure you will agree when I say that we do not want that situation to happen.

Metta,

Km

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## Re:MYTH S AND REALITIES..

Posted by thunderbolts - 2008/02/06 11:31

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UKM,

Now you are talking. I am glad.

Some times ago in the old forum I said free speech is in the Hluttaws ( Parliament ) not on the streets or at the back yards. Even on the streets and at the back yards if you know how to talk it's OK, as long as you don't challenge the authority. Free speech and challenging the authority are all different matters.

The privileges of the Parliamentarian. The rights of the people.

Rules , regulations laws and procedures are permissions to the people what they can do and how they can do, how far they can do, what they cannot do. These are very important not only in Myanmar in every nations around the world.

If the people abide by these , there can be less troubles. Because these rules, regulation. laws and procedures are the protections for the people. These are their rights. If they break them they are themselves violating their own rights.

Sadly, some people especially educated people intellectual are forcing people to break these rules, regulations, laws and procedures, they are misleading the people.

What if they were in power, will they encourage the people to break them all ? I don't think so.

Talk to you later,

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Thunderbolts.

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## Re:MYTHS AND REALITIES..

Posted by thunderbolts - 2008/02/07 11:08

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My dewar UKM,

I think I had the shortest reply to you yesterday on "Yey Gnon ( Nhote Pate )" Hllutaw " and " parliamentary immunity " It is very hard for me to say. Do you know there are lots of people who do not understand what a " Hllutaw " is They only understand the word " Parliament ".House of Representatives or House of the Nationalities."

This is where the people must have full knowledge of how the system works. The understanding of the freedom. A little bit of knowledge of some people in this forum including you and I of that is never enough but the whole populace of Myanmar should and must have it. It should be start from kinder gardens. Is that too much ?

I am not happy with my people, I am frustrated UKM because of their lack of education or knowledge. Even some of those lucky ones who are living abroad. They have all the chances all the opportunities to educated themselves and still they are wasting time. Most of them have only one reason to come abroad. That reason you know very well.

What about the Myanmar inside the country. For most of them education is a waste of time rather than essential commodity. As much as they can reading, write and calculate some sums, they think that's all the need. The rest they don't want to know they don't bother. In my view that is ignorant, pure ignorant UKM.

Education is free in Myanmar, it was free in Phongyi Kyaung as well. Because it is free, the people don't think too much of it, they do not know the value of it. They don't know the worthiness of it.

I don't blame them. When we were young we must be the same. Our parents must be the same. It would be fair for me to say that we all are the same " Pe Bote from the same basket". But some of us have realised the time has changed, may be some of us have open our eyes and ears. We realised that this is a wider world, there are other planets, and the universe ( Setkyar Walar ) .

Myanmar have been told through Buddhism, there are ten thousand universes. "Setkyar Walar Teik Ta Thoung" . Myanmar know that these universe are out of their reach , they are happy in their own little world they don't want to know about the wider. Why? Because there are many problems in their own little world, so there must be more problems in the wider world. They are afraid to explore , they are afraid to face it, simply because they know nothing or they are ignorant.

The ignorant are easy to lead, through fear. They are " Nar Youg Lwe De ". and " " Be Thu Pyaw Pyaw - Hote Kno Kno " Especially they like to hear what they want to hear.

That is about my people Myanmar in my country Union of Myanmar.

So some of them may be elected to the parliament (Hllutaw) as Mps , but Myanmar are Myanmar and when some body fire the first shot in the Hllutaw other Mps " Nhote Pate Yay Ngon" gone quiet. They don't know how to speak, how to talk how to debate how to argue , simply because they have nothing in their heads. They have no ideas they have no visions. They even don't dream UKM they are afraid to dream.

" Yes sir , Yes sir ", will make their " three bags full." That is another kind or corruption, in my view. Do you think this will change, if the people don't change?

Even in this forum , there are not too many people taken part in discussion. They are just bystanders, just watching. They don't have to " Ushin Gyi Tin de " for " Andaye Kin ".There are more people watching than anticipating.

One thing led to another. To educate people , we need facilities, resources, Can we afford them. Let me bring Buddha into this, because most Myanmar are Buddhists.

Whenever Buddha gave a sermon, he had his reason out of thousands of audience or devotees he meant for just one person to get the " Akyut Tayar ". Others became only "Thawta Ban or " Anar Gan " For 45 years He taught he could not make every one to get the " Akyut Atyar " or Thawta Ban or Anar Gan " then He died.

There are 52 millions of them in Myanmar. How many of them with learning difficulties, blindness, deafness and dumbness you don't know. But somebody has to try , he may not be the Buddha but he must try and educated them first

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to be able to understand what he was about to say about to do. That will be hell of a job UKM, hell of a job. Educating people is harder than building a bridge across the ocean.

How will we educate them especially to those who do not want to learn. Persuasion UKM persuasion. You realise that this world is a material world now not because of what Medonna said it a reality. What was it said? This a material world so she is a material girl.

For some sitting in a class room for at least 6 hours a day is too much reading writing calculating sums. Theories after theories. No practical works or not enough practical works, no work experiences at all.

Well it all comes down to what the country can afford isn't it? From where will the money come to facilitate these? It will depend on the country's economy. And the development and progress of the private sectors.

What is the state of the country's economy of Myanmar? What are the private sectors doing? How many world standard economist are there in Myanmar? The progress and the developments of a nation does not solely depends on a Government. This is the responsibility of all people in the nation from all walks of life.

In the human anatomy all parts of your body must function accordingly Other wise your body is in trouble and you are in trouble, some times death. Is it not true UKM?.

That is an education which must go into the head of the Myanmar through their thick skull. Who will do it , how we will do it.?

To have a rapid change for now it may need a little bit of drastic measure, revolution?. If it is for the future , continuity and changes go together, evolution you may say. The sticking point is if you have revolution there must be better leaders and better system and the better people ready and prepared to replace the old one.

In Myanmar, changes have taken place through revolution and through continuity and changes. These changes are at the top only not at the bottom ,I mean not at the root. The same root will have the same result. Multi party democracy and semi-socialist economy , RC, BSPP and Socialist Democracy. Now what? I don't know.

What I know is most economy is in the hands of the private hands . May be in hands of the generals, may be in the hands of their relatives, may be in the hands of their cronies. I cannot say anything for sure. What I can say for sure is economy insurgencies is rising up.

The question is if the economy is in the hands of the generals who believe in socialism , would they put the prices so high? Or the private sector having free hands, in the name of free trade doping what they want, putting the prices up as much as they want everyday? Economy is the life line to everything, education, health, housing etc., etc. in Myanmar. The unofficial exchange rate, who are fixing these rates?

Why is there economic sanctions on Myanmar to choke Myanmar to squeeze SPDC ?

Two days ago United States took further actions against Myanmar , But United States of America dares not take action or economic sanction against China or Russia or Australia or any other countries for trading with Myanmar.

Educating the people we can start from kindergarten. Yet we need all our supposed to leaders agree on a certain methods. This it self is a great task don't you think? Forget about the 52 millions, a few handful of our leaders cannot agree on a little thing at the moment. Do they really have their interest in the nation their interest in the people? That is the question.

United States of America, do they have insurgencies like we have in Myanmar ? The native American who once belonged to Sioux Nation, why are they not fighting for their rights? After all America belonged to them that is their property. Just because they did not put it on the paper and registered it as their own, they lost every thing to the white men.

There are many things I do not accept, let alone to agree with US . No matter what, Americans are American citizens, they are one people in one nation. That is the best part I like. That is what we Myanmar should look into. We need peace in Myanmar. Everybody must know that., everybody . We need peace through negotiations or annihilation which ever way it would bring.

What about United Kingdome and Northern Ireland. What about in European countries, do they have insurgencies like we have in Myanmar ?

In Myanmar today, there are not only armed insurgencies but also economic insurgency which are given a lot of troubles to the people and to the nation of Myanmar. We call them " Taw Kyaung " wild cats. Do the people know that or they

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leave it to the government to tackle them?

What kind of support or what kind of assistance the people give to the government to tackle them, in the past when Myanmar was a democratic nation with democratically elected government or at present? None . But they expect too bloody much from the government.

The people must be educated enough to know these things UKM, the education of rocket science and space technology can wait for the moment . In a figure of speech. for Myanmar , they don't need to know rocket science or space technology, because when they sit down and meditate , they can travel around all the universe within minutes. Don't you believe it? Believe me UKM , Myanmar are already enlightened people they don't need to know anything anymore. There is nothing they don't know.

In future Democratic Myanmar we need educated people , intellectuals. If we don't have enough of them we will be in the same shit hole again. Believe me.

I am sorry UKM.

It is a pleasure to talk to someone who can understand what one is talking about about. As I have stated many times before. Disagreement is no reason nor an excuse to become enemies. There are no enemies in politic UKM.

By the way this forum is much cleaner than before , much educational than before. That is an improvement that is a kind of progress.

Regards,

Thunderbolts.

Post edited by: thunderbolts, at: 2008/02/07 11:18

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## Re:MYTH S AND REALITIES..

Posted by kmyaing - 2008/02/07 16:07

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Dear Thunderbolt,

I enjoyed reading your long posting where you have touched on many important topics.

- 1) Need for Unity
- 2) Need to end insurgencies
- 3) How will we uplift the Educational level of our people
- 4) How do we take care of the people's basic needs during this transitional period
- 5) What kind of economic system do we want (is it going to be a "do what you like" market-economy or is there going to be some form of government regulation for and on behalf of the people's interest.
- 6) Need to solve family matters within the family (Myanmar matters within Myanmar if we do not wish to become another Cambodia).

I do not agree with you that the PEOPLE do not WANT education.

Have you gone around to every house in our country and asked each father and mother whether they want to educate their children or not.

I think there is a "silent emergency".

The people do not have a voice.

They are afraid to say what they feel inside because the normal man in the street is afraid of the government.

That is why they keep their mouths shut.

It is better to keep your mouth shut and be free than to become involved in politics. That is what the people feel.

I think you understand what I mean as you have been to Burma/Myanmar many times.

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You have eyes to see and ears to listen.

Personal observation is the best as news media can always distort the reality.

So let us discuss the above points in future postings.

Warm regards and metta,

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