COUNTRY PROFILE

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Location: Southeastern Asia, bordering the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, between Bangladesh and Thailand
Capital: Naypyidaw
Government type: Parliamentary Republic
Area:
  Total: 676,578 sq km
  Land: 653,508 sq km
  Water: 23,070 sq km
Population: 56,890,418
Population Density: (per sq KM) 83 (2015)
Population Growth Rate: 1% (2016 est.)
Population below Poverty Line: 32.7% (2007 est.)
Ethnic Groups: Burman 68%, Shan 9%, Karen 7%, Rakhine 4%, Chinese 3%, Indian 2%, Mon 2%, other 5%
Climate: Tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)
Natural Resources: Petroleum, timber, tin, antimony, zinc, copper, tungsten, lead, coal, marble, limestone, precious stones, natural gas, hydropower, arable land
Languages: Burmese (official)
Religions: Buddhist 87.9%, Christian 6.2%, Muslim 4.3%, Animist 0.8%, Hindu 0.5%, other 0.2%
Land Use:
  Agricultural Land: 19.2% (arable land 16.5%; permanent crops 2.2%; permanent pasture 0.5%)
  Forest: 48.2%
  Other: 32.6% (2011 est.)
Natural hazards: Destructive earthquakes and cyclones; flooding and landslides common during rainy season (June to September); periodic droughts
Literacy: 93.1%
GDP - Real Growth Rate: 8.1% (2016 est.)
GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $6,000 (2016 est.)
Exports: $10.49 billion (2016 est.)
Export Commodities: Natural gas; wood products; pulses and beans; fish; rice; clothing; minerals, including jade and gems
Improved Drinking Water Source: 80.6% of population
Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 77.4% of population