

Winning Parties in Self-Administered Zones in the 2015 General Elections

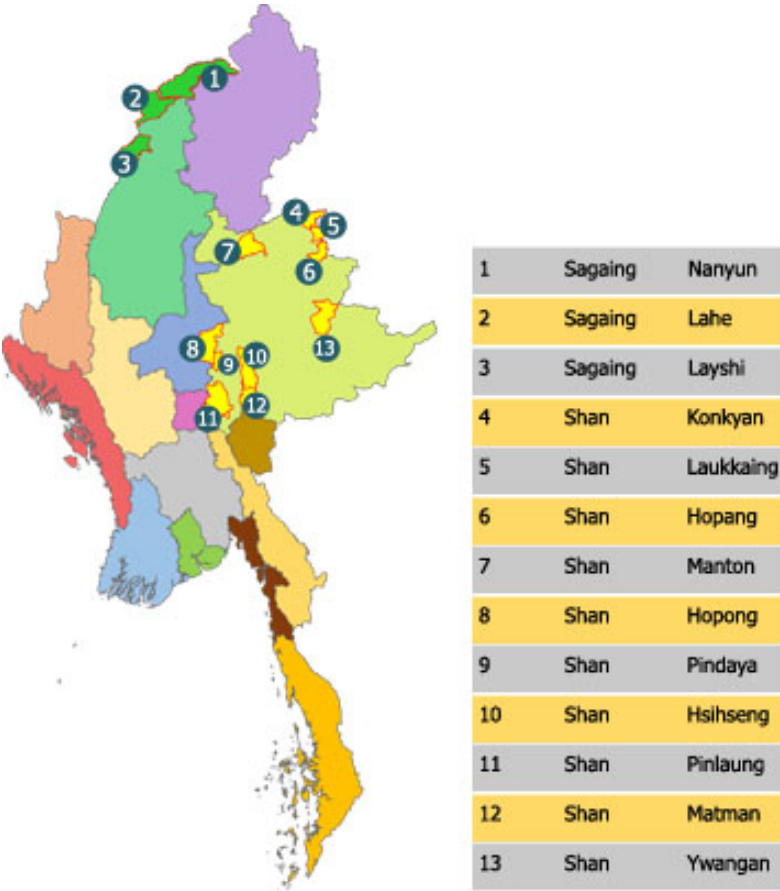


Figure 1: Six Self-Administered Zones in Myanmar

In Myanmar ethnic identities are represented by four different forms: ethnic states, self-administered areas, ethnic affairs ministers and constituencies won by ethnic parties. The 2008 Constitution stipulated 5 “Self-Administered Zones” for the Naga in the Sagaing Region, and Danu, Kokang, Palaung and Pao, as well as a larger “Self-Administered Division” for the Wa, in Shan State. The 2015 General Elections took place in Self-administered zones polling excerpt five townships in Wa Self-Administered Division: Mongmao, Pangwaun, Namphan, Pangsang and Mongla. In addition, some villages tracts in Hopang and Matman did not have elections either.

Ta-Arng Palaung National Party and Pao National Organisation (PNO) won all the seats for Pyithu and State/Region Hluttaws in their respective self-administered zones. National League for Democracy (NLD) won all 3 seats for Pyithu Hluttaw in Naga self-administered zones and won 5 out of 6 seats for state/region hluttaw. Union Solidarity and Development Party won all the seats in Kokang self-administered zones. In Danu self-administered zone, party preference was ambiguous since NLD and USDP shared seats for the state/region hluttaw.

Although NLD is popular nationwide, ethnic parties, for example, PaO National Organization and Ta-Arng Palaung National Party, are also influential in self-administered zones. There is an internal ethnic division in the Wa case. As Myanmar is moving towards peace process, ethnic politics in election has become crucial and it is interesting to look at the winning parties in self-administered zones.

Details are mentioned in the table below.

Table 1: Winning Parties in Self-Administered Zones

State/Region	Self-administered Zone	House	Party	Constituency
Sagaing Region	Naga	Pyithu Hluttaw	National League for Democracy (NLD)	Lahe
				Lay Shi
				Nanyun
		State and Region Hluttaw	National League for Democracy (NLD)	Lahe (1)
				Lay Shi (1)
				Lay Shi (2)
				Nanyun (1)
				Nanyun (2)
Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)	Lahe (2)			
Shan State	Danu	Pyithu Hluttaw	National League for Democracy (NLD)	Pindaya
				Ywangan
		State and Region Hluttaw	National League for Democracy (NLD)	Pindaya (2)
				Ywangan (1)
				Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)
	Kokang	Pyithu Hluttaw	Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)	Konkyan
				Laukkaing
		State and Region Hluttaw	Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)	Konkyan (1)
				Konkyan (2)
				Laukkaing (1)
Laukkaing (2)				

	Paluang	Pyithu Hluttaw	Ta-Arng Palaung National Party	Manton
		State and Region Hluttaw	Ta-Arng Palaung National Party	Manton (1)
				Manton (2)
	PaO	Pyithu Hluttaw	Pao National Organisation (PNO)	Hopong
				Hsihseng
				Pinlaung
		State and Region Hluttaw	Pao National Organisation (PNO)	Hopong (1)
				Hopong (2)
				Hsihseng (1)
				Hsihseng (2)
				Pinlaung (1)
				Pinlaung (2)
	Wa	Pyithu Hluttaw	Individual	Matman
			Wa Democratic Party	Hopang
		State and Region Hluttaw	La Hu National Development Party	Matman (2)
Wa Democratic Party			Hopang (1)	
			Hopang (2)	
Wa National Unity Party			Matman (1)	

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