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When it comes to Burma there are only two stakeholders – the military-backed Thein Sein government and Aung San Suu Kyi led National League for Democracy (NLD). However, the third force, the non-Burman ethnic nationalities who occupy almost 60 per cent of the territory and constitute at least 40 per cent of the population, cannot be left out of the political equation. It is only logical that any political settlement excluding them would never work. In a legal constitutional sense, the Union of Burma ceased to exist when the Burmese military, following a coup d'état in 1962, declared the suspension of the constitution and terminated the only existing legal bond between them and the non-Burman nationalities. This presentation seeks to highlight the ethnic conflict in Burma, since independence, spanning over more six decades, with a focal point on the Shan State. National reconciliation and a lasting solution to the ethnic question are being assessed in the light of the recent unfolding reform process, initiated by the quasi-civilian Thein Sein regime.

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