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DVB Debate aims to contribute to a new culture of open debate, in which anyone can participate and agree to disagree, in order to exchange ideas, create better mutual understanding and find solutions for societal issues to improve the future of Myanmar.

The team invites fellow media and debating clubs to join this initiative for open debate. A weekly press release, press picture and cartoon are available shortly after the recording. DVB Debate also has a modest budget to support local debating initiatives.

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Welcome to DVB Debate,
Myanmar's 1st open debate program.

This week's debate question is:

How to Solve the Peace Puzzle?

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This week's topic is PEACE PROCESS

Historical context:

The internal conflict in Burma is the world's longest-running civil war. It began soon after independence from British rule in 1948 when communist rebels started an uprising against the new government, and the ethnic Karen began fighting to create an autonomous Karen state. Other ethnic minorities began rebellions in the early 1960s after the Military Government took power and refused to allow any federal governance. Widespread human rights violations against ethnic groups in border areas also perpetuated the conflict. Over the years, ceasefire agreements have been made and broken, and hundreds of thousands of civilians have fled to neighbouring countries for refuge or been internally displaced. Since a new civilian government came into power in 2011 almost all armed groups have reached individual ceasefire deals but some fighting still continues.

Facts & figures:

- * The Civil War in Burma began in 1948 and has lasted over 66 years.
- * There are 16 ethnic armed forces officially recognized by the government.
- * The UNFC (United Nationalities Federal Council) was founded in February 16, 2011.
- * On August 18, 2011 President Thein Sein issued an official invitation for peace talks: "Peace Call 1/11"
- * On May 3, 2012, President Thein Sein announced the establishment of the Union Peace Making Central Committee.
- * Ceasefire agreements have currently been signed by 14 out of 16 government recognized Ethnic armed forces.
- * The Laiza summit, a meeting of ethnic armed groups to discuss the ceasefire, was held from Oct 30 to Nov 2, 2013.
- * Government representatives and NCCT (National Ceasefire Coordination Team) met on 2013, Dec 15 at MPC.

Points of view:

"Right now, you have what people call a peace process. I don't really quite see it as a process that can lead to peace. Both sides have put their papers on the table and you can see that they are incompatible."

(Bertil Lintner)

"Don't expect the gun sound to be silent even if the ceasefire is signed. It is not this way in the world. It will not be this way in our country."

(Dr.Min Zaw Oo)

"In Myanmar, national reconciliation is crucial to the situation. Other reforms will happen only if there is peace."

(U Sai Nyunt Lwin, SNLD)

"All must try to see national race youths who brandished arms using laptops."

(President Thein Sein)

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