

The Powerful Influence of Japanese Military Authorities in Wartime Myanmar Administration

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Abstract

The Japanese established the Military Administration in 1942 to control and utilize Myanmar for the war effort, in order to restore law and order the Japanese Military Authority allowed to set up the local administrative committee headed by Thakin Tun Oke. However, these local administrative committees was dissolved due to the totally control of Myanmar. The Preparatory Committee for Establishing of Central Executive Administration led by Dr. Ba Maw was substituted. But it was totally subordinated to the Commander of the Japanese Army who acted supreme powers over aspect of all Myanmar important affairs. The Central Executive Administration could not make any important decisions without approval of the Commander-in-Chief. On 1 August 1943, the Japanese declared Myanmar independence and Myanmar Independent Government headed by Dr. Ba maw as *Adipati* was formed. But, the independent given by the Japanese was not real independence. Myanmar Independent Government, indeed, became a Japanese Puppet Government.

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