INTRODUCTION

- The pre-election survey was commissioned by a consortium led by Mizzima Media Group with Merdeka Center for Opinion Research (Malaysia) as technical advisor. The survey was carried out by Myanmar Survey Research (MSR).
- The purpose of the survey is to understand the concerns and motivations of Myanmar voters ahead of the 2015 General Election.
A sample of 1,200 citizens aged 18 and above were interviewed via face to face. Respondents were selected through multi-staged random sampling (Kish Grid). The sample is nationally representative of the population based on the 2014 census. The results are weighted by age, gender and urban/rural. The survey covers all the regions and states except for Chin state (1% of the population). The questionnaire was translated to Burmese language while in ethnic states the interviews were assisted by local interpreters. The survey margin of error is estimated at ±2.83%. The survey was conducted between 14 October – 31 October 2015.

Limitations:
- Chin state was excluded due to accessible after massive floods
Respondents were randomly selected from the townships, wards and villages so as to have a nationally representative sample.

Number of sampling points as follows

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<td>Township</td>
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Respondent Profile

Ethnicity
- Bamar: 31%
- Non Bamar: 70%

Gender
- Male: 50%
- Female: 50%

Internet Access and Mobile phone
- Yes without Internet connection: 41%
- Yes with Internet connection: 26%
- No: 33%

Settlement
- Urban: 29%
- Rural: 71%

Age Group
- 18-29: 31%
- 30-49: 41%
- +50: 27%
Voters turnout
To Vote or Not to Vote

81% very likely to vote and 14% somewhat likely to vote

Only 5% not likely to vote

1. Don’t care about politics (20%)
2. Don’t understand politics (17%)
3. Don’t know how to vote (10%)
4. Vote will not make a difference (5%)
5. Don’t know enough about the candidates (2%)

1. Civic duty (30%)
2. To make a difference (27%)
3. Because everyone does (16%)
4. To choose a new government (12%)
5. To exercise my democratic rights (2%)
6. My family members told me to vote (1%)
7. End corruption (1%)
CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS
Will GE 2015 be Free and Fair?

Only 1/3 of the respondents said that the 2010 election was free and fair.

Q. Do you think the coming general election will be free and fair?
The UEC’s Performance

Q. Do you agree or disagree that the Union Election Commission (UEC) is doing a good job in ensuring that the elections will be free and fair?

Legend:
- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure
- Refused

All respondents
- Strongly agree: 36%
- Somewhat agree: 11%
- Somewhat disagree: 5%
- Strongly disagree: 7%
- Unsure: 16%
- Refused: 7%

Region
- Margin of error: ±3.36%
- Strongly agree: 78%
- Somewhat agree: 41%
- Somewhat disagree: 6%
- Strongly disagree: 5%
- Unsure: 10%

State
- Margin of error: ±5.24%
- Strongly agree: 72%
- Somewhat agree: 40%
- Somewhat disagree: 9%
- Strongly disagree: 12%
- Unsure: 7%

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Q. Do you agree or disagree that the problems with the Voters List would affect the credibility of the 2015 general elections?

Legend:
- **Strongly agree**
- **Somewhat agree**
- **Somewhat disagree**
- **Strongly disagree**
- **Unsure**
- **Refused**

Margin of error:
- Region: ±3.36%
- State: ±5.24%

All respondents:
- 30% Strongly agree
- 35% Somewhat agree
- 18% Unsure
- 10% Somewhat disagree
- 6% Strongly disagree
- 5% Refused

Region:
- 36% Strongly agree
- 29% Somewhat agree
- 18% Unsure
- 10% Somewhat disagree
- 6% Strongly disagree
- 4% Refused

State:
- 32% Strongly agree
- 30% Somewhat agree
- 15% Unsure
- 18% Somewhat disagree
- 18% Strongly disagree
- 4% Refused

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Q. How confident are you that your vote in the 2015 general elections will be kept secret?