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2IC Second-in-Command
ABRO Army of Burma Reserved Organization
AFPFL Anti-Fascist People’s Freedom League
AG Adjutant General
APC Armoured Personnel Carrier
ASO Adjutant Staff Officer
AWCS Advanced Warning and Control System
BATD Burma Army Training Depot
BCP Burma Communist Party
BEDC Burma Economic Development Corporation
BIMS Battlefiled Information Management System
BSO Bureau of Special Operations
BSPP Burma Socialist Programme Party
BTF Burma Territorial Force
BWS Burmese Way to Socialism
C3I Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence
CAFTO Chief of Armed Forces Training
CGE Central Government Expenditure
CGSC Command and General Staff College
CIPS Central Institute of Political Science
CO Commanding Officer
DDSI Directorate of Defence Service Intelligence
DI Defence Industries
DMT Directorate of Military Training
DSA Defence Services Academy
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<td>DVB</td>
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Glossary

OTS  Officer's Training School
PBF  Patriotic Burmese Force
PLA  People's Liberation Army (China)
QMG  Quartermaster General
QSO  Quartermaster Staff Officer
RC  Revolutionary Council
RFA  Radio Free Asia
RMA  Revolution in Military Affairs
ROC  Regional Operation Command
SAC  Security and Administrative Committee
SAM  Surface-to-Air Missile
SAO  State Administrative Organizations
SBSD  South Burma Sub-District
SEADS  Suppression of Enemy Air Defence System
SEE  State-owned Economic Enterprises
SHORAD  Short Range Air Defence
SIGINT  Signal Intelligence
SLORC  State Law and Order Restoration Council
SPDC  State Peace and Development Council
SSM  Surface-to-Surface Missile
TGE  Total Government Expenditure
TOC  Tactical Operation Command
UMEHL  Union of Myanmar Economic Holding Limited
UMP  Union Military Police
USDA  Union Solidarity and Development Association
WMD  Weapons of Mass Destruction