

## Abbreviations

AFPFL	– Anti Fascist People’s Freedom League
ALO	– Arakan Liberation Organization
ALP	– Arakan Liberation Party
ASEAN	– Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BCP	– Burmese Communist Party
BDA	– Burma Defence Army
BIA	– Burma Independence Army
BNA	– Burma National Army
BSPP	– Burmese Socialist Programme Party
CPB	– Communist Party of Burma
FACE	– Frontier Areas Commission of Enquiry
KIA	– Kachin Independence Army
KIO	– Kachin Independence Organization
KKY	– Local defence force, or homeguard
KMT	– Kuomintang (Chinese nationalists)
KNDO	– Karen National Defence Organization
KniNPP	– Karenni National Progress Party
KNLP (Padaung)	– Kayan New Land Party
KNU	– Karen National Union
KNUP	– Karen National Union Party
MIS	– Military Intelligence Service
MNSP	– Mon New State Party
NDF	– National Democratic Front
NDLF	– National Democratic Liberation Front
NDUF	– National Democratic United Front
NLA	– Nationalities Liberation Alliance
NLUF	– Nationalities Liberation United Front
OSS	– Office of Strategic Services (U.S.)

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PBF	– Patriotic Burmese Forces
PDP	– Parliamentary Democracy Party
PVO	– People’s Volunteer Organization
SCOUHP	– Supreme Council of the United Hill Peoples
SEATO	– Southeast Asian Treaty Organization
SNIA	– Shan National Independence Army
SNUF	– Shan National United Front
SSA	– Shan State Army
SSA.E	– Shan State Army East
SSIA	– Shan State Independence Army
SSCC	– Shan State Command Council
SSPP	– Shan State Progress Party
SSWC	– Shan State War Council
SUA	– Shan United Army
SUPC	– Shan Unity Preparatory Committee
SURA	– Shan United Revolutionary Army
TNA	– Thailand National Army
TRA	– Thailand Revolutionary Army
TRC	– Tai Revolutionary Council
UNDF	– United Nationalities Democratic Front
UMP	– Union Military Police (paramilitary police)

# Glossary

Baht	– Thai currency
Bo (Burmese)	– military leader
Chao	– Shan royal rank
Chao Haw Khan	– Shan royal rank
Chao Haw Seng or Chao Wong (Shan)	– emperor
Chaofa (Shan)	– “Lord of the Sky” (prince); <i>Sawbwa</i> in Burmese
Chaofa Luang	– senior Chaofa
Farang (Thai)	– white-skinned (foreigner/westener)
Haw (Shan)	– palace
Hso (Shan)	– a tiger; in ancient times, names of kings of princes as, for example, Chao Hso-khan Hpa, but nowadays adopted by military leaders
Ka-kwe-ye (Burmese)	– local defence forces
Kawthoolei	– Karen nationalist movement
Kem Muang	– heir apparent to the Chaofa
Keng (Shan)	– a fortified town as in Kengtung; in Thai, “Chiang”, as in Chiangmai
Kham	– Shan royal rank
Khun	– Shan royal rank
Khun Haw Kham	– non-Tai kings
Khunmuang	– lord; <i>myoza</i> in Burmese
Kyat	– Burmese currency
Mahadevi	– Shan title for Chief Consort or Queen
Muang (Shan)	– Town or urban centre; sometimes spelled “Mong”

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- Noom Suk Harn (Shan) – “Brave Young Warriors” (the first resistance group)
- Poy (Shan) – a fiesta or celebration; *pwe* in Burmese
- Pyithusit (Burmese) – village militia organized by the Burmese army
- Sai (Shan) – a boy or young man; also for addressing a young male
- Sala (Shan) or zayat (Burmese) – pavilion on monastery grounds
- Sanad – grants bestowed upon the Burmese by the British
- Saw – Karen form of address for an adult male
- Thakin (Burmese) – master
- U (Burmese) – form of address to an adult male
- Zat-pwe (Burmese) – opera