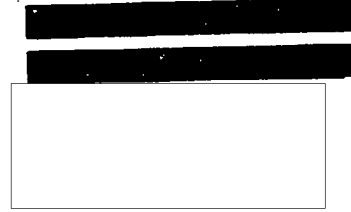


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**BURMA: Military Stalling on Transfer of Power**

Burma's military leaders are setting the stage to postpone transferring power to the National League for Democracy (NLD), which last month won four-fifths of the seats in the Constituent Assembly. The Army says a new constitution is necessary before it will step down. But [redacted] Gen. Saw Maung has suggested publicly that he will not allow the Assembly to adopt a slightly revised version of the 1947 Constitution, as the NLD proposes.

**Comment:** The regime took 18 months to organize the recent election, and a constitutional referendum probably would delay the formation of a civilian government by at least several months. The NLD is likely to demand that the regime set a date for the Assembly to convene after the final election results are released in a few days. The military council may not have reached a decision on Aung San Suu Kyi's future. It wants to keep her out of politics to weaken the NLD but probably fears demonstrations if she is not released.

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