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BURMA: Opposition Leader Barred From Election

Burmese election officials yesterday reversed a lower-level ruling and rejected the candidacy of Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy, for the May election, [Redacted]

[Redacted] The party has appealed, and a final verdict is due on Monday. The military is on heightened alert in Rangoon, but [Redacted] no visible sign of public unrest, despite Aung San Suu Kyi's enormous popularity. [Redacted]

Comment: No major opposition party leader will be on the ballot unless Aung San Suu Kyi's disqualification is overturned. The regime may go further and try her on criminal charges for the most serious of her alleged offenses—associating with insurgents. Her party may boycott the polling to protest the disqualification, but government officials probably believe the participation of 100 other parties will give the election a veneer of credibility, at least for the international community. The regime's move to keep its only credible opponent out of the election is further evidence of its determination to retain power indefinitely. [Redacted]

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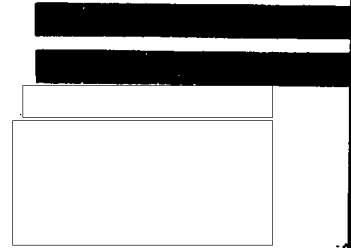
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