



Ms Suu Kyi's critics say while she is revered at home and around the world, she can be dictatorial, intolerant, inflexible and non-consultative -- she's not to be crossed, and those who do not agree with her can be frozen out.

Third, Joel Selway offers a cogent [analysis](#) of the ethnic challenges lurking in the wings. He argues that:

...reforms are bound to fail and could plunge the country back into violence unless the government addresses important ethnic divisions. Myanmar, formerly Burma, is potentially explosive because its many ethnic groups are concentrated in their own regions – a situation ripe for bloody secessions.

Finally, we have these fascinating pre-poll [predictions](#) from a number of senior Burmese commentators and political players. It is remarkable that *The Myanmar Times* is now able to provide such compelling coverage of [unfolding events](#).

This is yet another sign that Burma is going to be a different country in the years ahead.