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The new Union government

Sworn in on 30 March 2016, the new Union government is composed of the following persons:

Office	Person	Affiliation	Background
President	U Htin Kyaw	NLD	Ethnic Mon-Bamar; studied economics in Yangon and computer science in London and Tokyo, then held several posts in government ministries from 1975 until his resignation in 1992. He is a confidant of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and was briefly imprisoned in 2002 for having assisted her. http://tinyurl.com/jjvp6st
First vice president	U Myint Swe	Military	Ethnic Mon; high-ranking officer during the military government; was chief minister of Yangon Region prior to becoming first vice-president. http://tinyurl.com/zplb2xg
Second vice president	U Henry Van Thio	NLD	Ethnic Chin; studied law; was a military officer and, after entering the civil service, ran a tobacco factory in Mandalay, worked in a liquor plant and was a deputy general manager in the ministry of industry. http://tinyurl.com/gp8az3d
Minister of agriculture, livestock and irrigation	U Aung Thu	NLD	Professor of mathematics; former rector of Yangon University. http://tinyurl.com/z2ae5gs
Minister of border affairs	Lt. Gen. Ye Aung	Military	Graduate of the Defence Services Academy's 23 rd intake; close to General Min Aung Hlaing. http://tinyurl.com/zgurbjlg
Minister of commerce	U Than Myint	NLD	Studied economics at Yangon (then: Rangoon) University; chairman of the Hlaingtharyar NLD chapter. Came under scrutiny for having used academic titles from a title mill. http://tinyurl.com/j5wktxk http://tinyurl.com/jyn9xkl
Minister of construction	U Win Khaing	Independent	Studied engineering at Rangoon Institute of Technology (now: Yangon



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			Technological University); worked at Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) and later established his own engineering company. Chairman of the Myanmar Engineering Society and member of several engineering-related organizations; served as member of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC). http://tinyurl.com/j5wktxk
Minister of defence	Lt. Gen. Sein Win	Military	Graduate of the 54th intake of the Officer Training School of the Burma Army; former chief of the bureau of air defence; was also defence minister in the previous government. http://tinyurl.com/j5wktxk
Minister of education	Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	NLD	Daughter of the father of independent Myanmar, General Aung San, and hero of the democracy movement. http://tinyurl.com/cbf3z2j
Minister of electric power and energy	Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	NLD	See above.
Minister of ethnic affairs	U Naing Thet Lwin	MNP (Mon National Party)	Political activists from Mon State for decades with extensive business interests in rubber, fisheries processing, food export and hotels. The ministry of ethnic affairs has been newly created to emphasize commitment to solve ethnic conflicts. http://tinyurl.com/has6de5
Minister of foreign affairs	Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	NLD	See above.
Minister of health	U Myint Htwe	Independent	Studied medicine; was an officer in the Ministry of Health for 17 years; thereafter held various positions in the World Health Organization's regional office for South East Asia. http://tinyurl.com/z4gag4p
Minister of home affairs	Lt. Gen. U Kyaw Swe	Military	Graduate of the 22nd intake of the Defence Services Academy; held several high-ranking positions in the



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			military; was minister of border affairs in the previous government. http://tinyurl.com/j5wktxk
Minister of hotels and tourism	U Ohn Maung	NLD	Operated the first guest house beside Inle Lake; imprisoned from 1990-1992 for his participation in the democracy movement; thereafter launched several successful hotels. http://tinyurl.com/z2ae5gs
Minister of industry	U Khin Maung Cho	Independent	Engineer; worked at the official distributor of Kia Motors. http://tinyurl.com/hy4a7rr
Minister of information	U Pe Myint	Independent	Studied medicine and worked as a medical doctor until 1988, then trained as a journalist. Was vice-chairman of the Myanmar Press Council. http://tinyurl.com/hy4a7rr
Minister of labour, immigration and population	U Thein Swe	USDP	Former minister of transport; former spokesperson of the USDP; ally of Thura U Shwe Mann. http://tinyurl.com/z2ae5gs
Minister of natural resources and environmental conservation	U Ohn Win	Independent	Former professor of Forestry at Yezin University; has a master of science in watershed management from Colorado State University. Currently on the advisory board of a non-profit organization developing concepts for rural development. http://tinyurl.com/z2ae5gs
Minister of planning and finance	U Kyaw Win	NLD	Studied economics at Yangon (then: Rangoon) University; officer in the planning department and revenue department until 1997; thereafter economic advisor of the NLD. Came under scrutiny for having used academic degrees from a title mill. http://tinyurl.com/z2ae5gs http://tinyurl.com/jyn9xkl
Minister of religious affairs and culture	U Aung Ko	USDP	Senior member of the USDP; ally of Thura U Shwe Mann. Member of parliament from 2010-2015. Former



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			brigadier-general. http://tinyurl.com/j78gvue
Minister of social welfare, relief and resettlement	U Win Myat Aye	NLD	Studied medicine; was rector of the University of Medicine, Magway. Practices as pediatrician. http://tinyurl.com/glbaydl
Ministry of transport and communications	U Thant Sin Maung	NLD	Studied mathematics; worked in various positions at Myanmar Railways until his retirement as general manager. http://tinyurl.com/hnphfb
Minister of the president's office	Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	NLD	See above.
Union auditor general	Not nominated yet		
Union attorney general	Not nominated yet		

A good overview of the new Union government and the challenges ahead can be found here:
<http://tinyurl.com/hgvxgfu>