
ASEAN RE ENGAGE WITH MYANMAR EVEN AFTER POLLS, THAI FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

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The Association of South-east Asian Nations will find it difficult to re-engage with Myanmar even after its upcoming election, the Thai foreign minister said on Nov 25, calling for the release of the countrys detained former leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Myanmar is scheduled to hold a multi-phase general election starting on Dec 28 amid a raging civil war, an exercise that critics have derided as a sham to extend the control of the ruling military that took power in a 2021 coup.

Many pro-democracy parties have either been banned or are refusing to take part in the polls, which junta leader Min Aung Hlaing has acknowledged will not be held nationwide.

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