
MYANMAR'S NEW PRESIDENT SEES CHALLENGES AHEAD, EYES ASEAN DETENTE

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Myanmars new President Min Aung Hlaing on April 10 said his government has many challenges to overcome and would seek to enhance international relations, including normalising ties with South-east Asian grouping ASEAN after five years in the cold.

In his inauguration address, the former junta chief who was the architect of a 2021 coup that led to civil war and international sanctions said his government would strive to spur foreign investment and domestic business growth as part of effective, long-term strategic plans for resource-rich Myanmar.

Myanmar is now well on its way towards democracy, but the new government has a lot of challenges to overcome, he told a Parliament packed with lawmakers from an army-backed party and legislators hand-picked by the military.

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