

# Suu Kyi confirms run for parliament seat

Aung San Suu Kyi's decision to run in April's hotly anticipated by-elections is the latest vote of confidence for the rapid reforms being undertaken since Burma's nominally civilian government came to power last year

## PATH OF REFORM IN BURMA

**Nov 2010:** First polls in 20 years replace ruling military junta with government that remains strongly linked to military.

**Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi freed from house arrest**

**Mar 2011:** Former junta general **Thein Sein** sworn in as president

**Aug:** Suu Kyi meets Thein Sein

**Oct:** Over 200 political prisoners freed. New labour laws allowing unions passed

**Nov:** Burma granted **ASEAN** chair in 2014

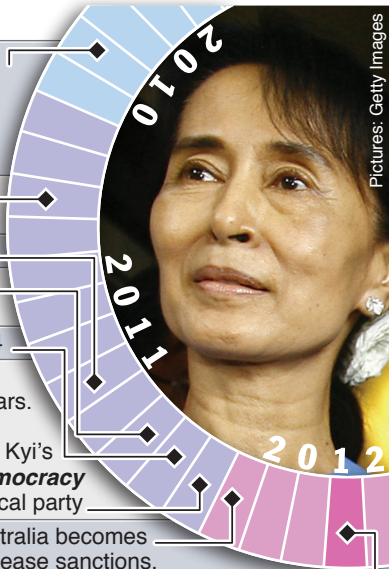
**Dec:** **Hillary Clinton** becomes first U.S. secretary of state to visit Burma in 50 years. Thein Sein signs law allowing peaceful demonstrations for first time. Suu Kyi's

**National League for Democracy** re-registers as political party

**Jan 2012:** Australia becomes first country to ease sanctions. Burmese government halts construction of power plant project in move seen as showing increased official sensitivity to public opinion

**April:** Suu Kyi expected to run for parliamentary seat in by-elections, potentially giving her a voice in parliament for first time

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