

Burma sets up referendum panel

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BURMA'S military rulers say they have set up a 45-member commission to oversee a constitutional referendum slated for May, but have given no precise date for the balloting.

State television said a law to govern the referendum had been enacted, but said details on its provision would be released tomorrow.

The new commission will be headed by Supreme Court chief justice Aung Toe, who also led up the panel tasked with writing the final version of the proposed charter.

That panel wrapped up its work one week ago, but the document still has not been released.

Foreign Minister Nyan Win told a regional gathering in Singapore that the constitution would ban detained pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi from running because she was married to a foreigner.

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