Russia's New Scramble For Africa

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Aung San Suu Kyi resigned her seat in the lower house of Myanmar’s parliament on Thursday, July 2, 2009, as a result of a by-election that was called by the military government. Ms. Suu Kyi had been elected to the house in 1990, the year the last election was held.

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