



Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Prize winner and opposition leader in Myanmar (Burma), spent 15 years under house arrest after an authoritarian military junta took over the government. Released from house arrest to participate in the changing political situation in Burma, she and her party recently won 40 of 45 elected seats in the government. She is now the state counselor, a position superior to the presidency, and she has authority to direct many of the country's affairs.