



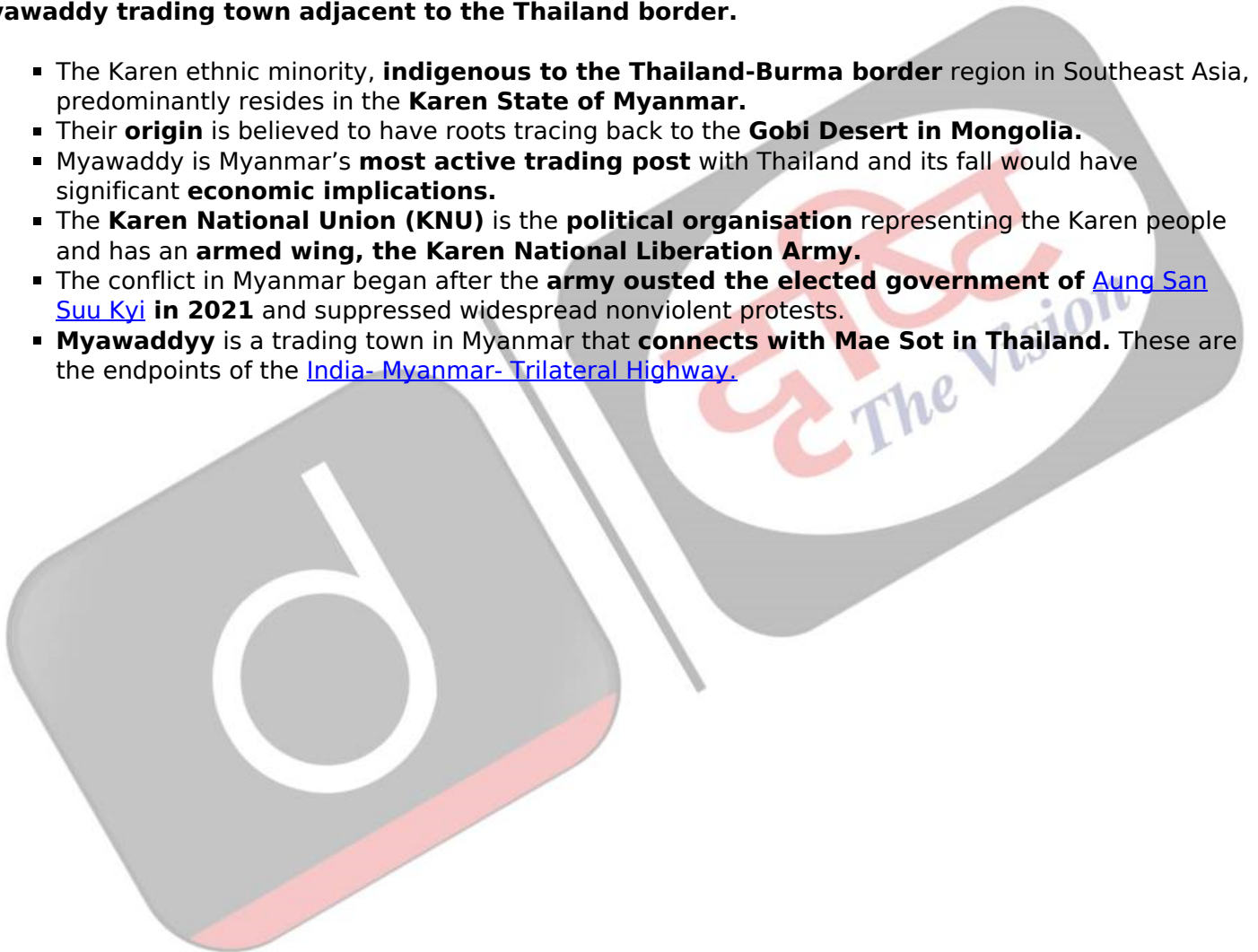
## Myanmar's Karen Ethnic Minority

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Recently, **Myanmar's Karen ethnic minority** asserted their proximity to capturing a significant **Myawaddy trading town adjacent to the Thailand border**.

- The Karen ethnic minority, **indigenous to the Thailand-Burma border** region in Southeast Asia, predominantly resides in the **Karen State of Myanmar**.
- Their **origin** is believed to have roots tracing back to the **Gobi Desert in Mongolia**.
- Myawaddy is Myanmar's **most active trading post** with Thailand and its fall would have significant **economic implications**.
- The **Karen National Union (KNU)** is the **political organisation** representing the Karen people and has an **armed wing, the Karen National Liberation Army**.
- The conflict in Myanmar began after the **army ousted the elected government of [Aung San Suu Kyi](#) in 2021** and suppressed widespread nonviolent protests.
- **Myawaddy** is a trading town in Myanmar that **connects with Mae Sot in Thailand**. These are the endpoints of the [India- Myanmar- Trilateral Highway](#).

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