

Statement of 8888 Day

The forthcoming August 8 is the 17th Anniversary day of Burma Democracy uprising which started on 8 August 1988. On this day, the whole people of Burma actively participated in the struggle of building a genuine state with granted Democracy and Human Rights under the rule of the military regime. It is also a struggle of stepping down three Presidents by the unity of the whole people.

The army supported by the Burmese Socialist Program Party, however, inhumanely killed several thousands of students and monks. And, for the reason of their committing on the people who were alive charging in prisons, raping school girls and expelling activists, millions of people are being stay abroad without getting a chance going back to mother country.

Although the struggle of 8888 is in the period of (17) years, we always are in memory of the essence of victory and the unity and courage of the whole people for that struggle. Therefore, we celebrate this day as memorizing 8888 Day and saluting those comrades who involved in that struggle, and welcoming 8888 new generations.

We, the Rakhaing Women's Union, mainly warn a great attention to all Rakhaing people to remember that involved from various classes in the struggle of 8888, capability of battles without falling any blood on raid towns in the implementation of people administrative.

Although we as being the comrades of 8888 are attempting to grab our goals, we are far away from our objectives and goals hoped from the struggle of 8888 for brutal oppressions done by the military regime. In order to reach our goal, however, we deeply analyze that it should be a people uprising as well as 8888 Day inside and outside Burma joining hand by hand.

At the same time, in order to come out national reconciliation and a meaningful dialogue that can solve politics by political way, we demand the military regime to implement the following points.

- (1) To withdraw all battalions from various ethnic areas and hold cease-fire for the whole country,
- (2) To free unconditionally all political prisoners including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Tin Oo, U Khun Tun Oo who are being arrested and detained, and to implement a political dialogue in which people from various classes include.

Democracy Struggle must win.

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