



Burmese American Democratic Alliance

Advocating freedom for the People of Burma

Burma Human Rights Day Statement denouncing the Burma's Military Regime for 2010 Sham Election

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On the anniversary of Burma Human Rights Day, marking the brutal killing of Rangoon Institute of Technology students by the military on March 13, 1988, the Burmese American Democratic Alliance (BADA) strongly condemns the Burma's military regime for the ongoing crisis in Burma and regime's continued refusal to peacefully resolve the country's problems caused by the prolonged dictatorship.

With the release of one-sided election laws this week, the regime has once again proven to the international community that its only goal is to hold on to the power while erasing the 1990 election results in which the National League for Democracy (NLD) led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi won a landslide victory. It is also eliminating the people's beloved leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the NLD and all political opposition in Burma. This action ignores the sufferings of the people of Burma under military dictatorship. The regime stubbornly resists the will of its people as well as that of the international community.

We completely reject the military regime's 2008 sham constitution, new election laws and planned election in 2010 as unfair, exclusive and most importantly undemocratic. We welcome the strong condemnation and outcry by the United Nations General Secretary, United States, United Kingdom and the growing number of international community against the 2010 sham election.

We firmly believe that the one and only genuine desire of the people of Burma is to honor the results of the general elections held in 1990. We therefore support the NLD Shwegondaing declaration as a way forward to finding the peaceful political solution in Burma. We also believe that military dictatorship itself is a roadblock to the long overdue democracy development and national reconciliation process in Burma.

We denounce the regime's continued detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners in Burma. We continue to fear for her safety and for the well-being of all political prisoners in Burma.

We call upon the United Nations, the United States, the United Kingdom and the international community to do their utmost to take swift and effective measures to secure the safety and release of all political prisoners and to restore the fundamental citizens' rights for all the people of Burma.