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Burma students get BPSS Thai support

THE Student Federation of Thailand (SFT) yesterday announced its backing for its Burma counterparts and urged worldwide support for the people's struggle in Burma against the authoritarian regime.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, SFT Deputy Secretary-General Mana Trirayathiwat said Thai students are very concerned about the violence that has gripped Burma and led to the killings of unarmed students and innocent people by the security forces.

He said the SFT will circulate letters worldwide seeking mass media support and ask the Thai Government to come out with a clear stance over the developments in Burma.

The SFT letter, released yesterday in Thai and English versions said the coup staged by self-appointed Prime Minister Gen Saw Maung contradicted the will of the Burmese people who are yearning for freedom and a democratic way of life.

The military's totalitarian rule has oppressed the Burmese people for 26 years, it said, adding that the Burmese people have the right to struggle and reconstruct their society.

The coup does not change existing conditions but further violates basic human rights through brutal force, it said.

The SFT urged Saw Maung to respect the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights and stop the killings.

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