

Burma beefs up troops in Kawthaung

Ranong — Burmese students plan to rally against the Rangoon Government at Victoria Point (Kawthaung) today, an informed source said yesterday.

The source also said that the Burmese Government has reinforced troops at Victoria Point to prevent the demonstration.

Barricades were erected to prevent the demonstrators from entering government buildings, the source said.

Meanwhile, a Thai skipper Chuchart Saeng-in, being detained in a prison at Victoria Point, wrote to his employer here that there are altogether 31 Thai fishermen held in that prison.

He wrote that they were likely to be freed yesterday.

A source said a Thai representative was sent to Victoria Point to urge the Burmese police at the prison to release Chuchart and other crew of Sin Samut 9 trawler.

The Burmese police, however, refused to do so, saying that some of the Thai captives were escapees from Marid prison.

Meanwhile, the Rangoon Government asked the Thai authorities to reveal the identities of the 19 Burmese who had fled into Thailand and were detained here.

Ranong Governor Chalerm Prommes said the Burmese request was made to the Interior Ministry via the Thai Foreign Ministry.

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