UNu scrapshis government list

Rangoon (AFP) — Former Burmese premier U
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He had used this status as a step towards gaining democracy more speedily and with this idea in mind stated last Friday that he had wrested back power.

He said he did not want political power but made the move as he was still legal head of government and that he was willing to hand over power to any legitimate government in future.

He had no intention of standing for election, U Nu added.

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he was retracting the list because of criticism from other opposition leaders that he had been opportunist.

He said some four people had resigned from the opposition League for Democracy and Peace after Friday's statement but this was their prerogative.

Aung San Suu Kyi,

daughter of Burmese founding father Aung San, warned anti-government protesters in a statement on Monday against resorting to violence.

"I have come to learn that some of you believe success will be achieved only by resorting to arms," she said.

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