

US denies sending in ships

THE US Embassy in Rangoon has issued a statement denying rumours of US naval ships entering Burmese waters, Burmese state radio said on Tuesday in a report monitored in Bangkok by AFP.

The statement said rumours "spread in Rangoon and Mandalay," a northern city, that US troops had arrived in Burma were also untrue, the radio reported.

"The United States has not interfered in the internal affairs of Burma and has no plans to do so in the future," the statement said according to a text of the radio broadcast provided by a Western embassy in Bangkok.

"As has been stated on many occasions previously, the United States hopes the present situation in Burma will be settled as quickly and peacefully as possible in accordance with the Burmese people's aspirations for democracy," it added.

Rangoon residents said rumours about US ships and troops entering Burmese territory existed but dismissed them as an example of the many far-fetched claims circulating as protesters continue to oppose single-party rule.

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