

# [Bomb blasts amid Burmese protests

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Mae Sot, Tak — About 5,000 Burmese led by students and monks yesterday demonstrated in the town of Myawaddy opposite Mae Sot District calling for the government to resign.

Two explosions were heard from the outskirts of Myawaddy yesterday morning before the people marched around the town.

Burmese who crossed the border to buy necessities in Mae Sot in the afternoon said the explosions were two 81mm mortars fired from a military camp in a bid to stop the people from staging the demonstration.

They said most of the demonstrators were from outside Myawaddy and

that they moved into the town on Wednesday.

The demonstration came to a halt in the afternoon and the students who have taken over government offices allowed the people to cross over to Mae Sot to buy necessities.

The Burmese who crossed over to Mae Sot said this was the first time they did not have to pay high fees to the Burmese immigration.

They said the confrontation between the demonstrators and soldiers in Myawaddy has caused tension that could explode any time now that the 44th Division has ordered all of its soldiers to report to headquarters by October 3.

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