

Burmese march in Tokyo

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Tokyo (AP) — About 130 Burmese waving banners demanding democracy in their homeland marched in the rain to their embassy in Tokyo yesterday.

The group, organized by the newly formed Association of Burmese Residents of Japan, chanted slogans demanding the resignation of President Maung Maung and other

officials of the Burma Socialist Programme Party, according to police spokesman Katsuhiko Hasebe.

"I, as a Burmese, decided to join the demonstration because I thought this was a right thing to do," said Hting Aung, a Burmese translator in Tokyo.

"We thought we should

protest here, too," after hearing of massive protests in Burma, he added.

Burmese embassy officials could not be reached for comment because of a Japanese national holiday yesterday.

Hasebe said the march, which began in a park in southern Tokyo, was peaceful and there were no arrests.

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