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Rebels want part in ^{Bpssoq17} interim govt

Rangoon (AP) — Burmese rebels have thrown their support behind the massive anti-government campaign in the country and said opposition leaders should consider including guerrillas in any interim government formed to restore democracy.

Brang Seng, head of the rebel Kachin Independence Organisation, affirmed the rebels' support for the protests in a telephone call on Thursday night.

"We support 100 per cent the struggles for democracy," he said. "Inclusion of representatives from the revolutionary forces (rebels) in the interim government should be considered for future deliberations for internal peace," he continued.

"We believe the situation augurs well for the cessation of international and civil war."

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