

Burma 'sitting on simmering volcano'

Dhaka (AFP) — Evacuees from strife-torn Rangoon said Burma was sitting on a "simmering volcano" though the situation looked quieter Thursday when they arrived in the Bangladesh capital.

Foreign evacuees who arrived by a special aircraft of the Bangladesh Airline said Rangoon airport was open but there had been no commercial flights since the coup.

Rangoon is calm, but there is an undoubted feeling of expected unrest on greater scale than before," said a young Australian.

"There were barricades everywhere until the coup came last Sunday, when the military ordered those to be demolished. ... that was one of the ways the army could further weaken the people's already shattered sense of security," he said.

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