No way, says Aung San Suu Kyi

RANGOON — A leading figure in Burma's mass popular uprising brushed aside today an appeal by the socialist rulers for patience, saying it was "totally unacceptable to the people."

Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of national hero Aung San, said after yesterday's broadcast speech by the socialist President Maung Maung: "I doubt the people will accept his position because there has been no change."

Maung Maung, responding to a general strike that brought Rangoon to a halt and some of the biggest street rallies in six months of national protest, implored people to accept the government's timetable for

political reform.

Aung San Suu Kyi, one of a handful of people who have emerged to articulate the demands of the unorganized opposition, told Reuters: "I think most people will shrug their shoulders and go ahead with their plans."

A general strike and rally were called in the northern city of Mandalay. — Reuter