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**Declaration of the Second Anniversary Saffron Revolution
by the International Burmese Monks Organization, New York. U. S. A**

It has been 48 years: - since 2nd March 1962, our country has been governed by the self-seeking group of military officers. They have used the personals of the Defense Forces which is supported by the public funds, to suppress any form of dissent by the population. During this dark period in our history, our country, once known as the Granary of the South East Asia region has been reduced to the poorest country in the region. The people of all ages and sexes have to seek any occupation abroad just to survive. It is a well known fact that can be seen in the neighboring countries- Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore, where they have to work as domestics servants, illegal laborers, sex workers and drug countries. During those 48 years under the military administration, we have become a pariah nation in the world.

Two years ago, the Buddhist Monks of Burma, in their role as people's councilors and leaders, united and demonstrated to the military junta of the wretched status of the people. Instead of using peaceful means the military used force, shooting the demonstrating monks, beating them on the streets and torturing them after arrests.

The most shameless, cowardly act was organizing the criminals and ex-convicts into mafia like gangs to beat up the civilians who courageously oppose the military laws.

The new 2008 Constitution – Mockery of Law and Justice

In 2008 – the ruling junta realized that their illegal existence as the administrator is no longer being accepted by the World and brought about a new Constitution for the country, aided by a group of civilian and ex-military personal to enable the military to continue their rule by devious means.

Amnesty and release of prisoners

There had been so many arrests that the military junta has to empty the jails to make room for new arrests. Of the recent release of prisoners, only a few were political prisoners, the rest, over 6,500s were criminals. There are two thousand political prisoners in the jails all over Burma... Despite the cruel tortures and abominable living conditions, the brave people of our country continue to protest against the junta. We appeal to all responsible to treat these political prisoners in a more humane manner and release all of them.

We must continue to Protest because:-

1. The groups of military personal ruling the country are self-seeking, usurper of an elected organization NLD.
2. They have proposed and accepted by force, the illegal 2008 constitution.
3. That constitution will only serve and legalize the military junta as the government of Burma.
4. The country has no independent information media like Radio, Television, Newspaper and Magazine and those are all strictly censored and gagged.
5. Opposition political parties and organizations are not permitted to exist.
6. The NLD Party, which won a landslide victory in 1990 election, has been ignored.
7. All forms and methods of deceptions are used to keep Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other political activists under arrests.
8. Over two hundred monks imprisoned lawlessly.

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