

Emergency Motion to stop funding oppression in Burma

This Union notes:

1. That the Student Union's petrol account is with Total.
2. Total is in a joint venture with the Burmese dictatorship in the Yadana gas project, which earns the regime hundreds of millions of dollars every year.
3. That Aung Sun Suu Kyi, the democratically elected leader of the Burmese government in exile, says: "Total has become the main supporter of the military regime"
4. That the Alliance of All Burmese Buddhist Monks have vowed to continue the protests until the Burmese military junta is deposed. This Alliance is supported by National League for Democracy, and are joined by members of the public.
5. That these peaceful protests have been met with violence by the military regime. So far, six protesters have been killed.

This Union believes:

1. In democracy and human rights.
2. That the military junta is one of the worst violators of human rights in the world.
3. That the military junta relies heavily on foreign investors, such as Total.
4. That we should not support the Burmese dictatorship in any way, including indirectly such as by using Total's products.

This Union resolves:

1. To send a message of solidarity to protesters and students in Burma. (Communications Officer)
2. To write to Total expressing our outrage and informing them that we are looking for other suppliers (Communications Officer)
3. To investigate the most ethically acceptable supplier of power for the Union's minibuses. (Internal Affairs and Sports & Societies Officers)
4. This policy should be reviewed at least every two years by council and executive

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