

BURMA: MONKS VOW TO WIPE OUT MILITARY DICTATORSHIP NUNS JOIN IN THE -JUNTA RALLIES

23 Sept, 07. About 5,000 Burmese monks have been joined by (*Buddhist*) nuns for the first time on the seventh day of protests calling for an end to the military government. Cheered on by 10,000 onlookers, up to 150 nuns joined the march through the heart of Rangoon.

The protest is the biggest public show of opposition since the 1988 uprising. But unlike a day earlier, police barred a group of monks from entering the road that leads to the home of detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

BBC South Asia correspondent Jonathan Head says the demonstrations are escalating because the monks are now urging civilians to join in, after advising them last week not to get involved.

On Friday, the Alliance of All Burmese Buddhist Monks, which is leading the demonstrations, vowed to continue until they had "wiped the military dictatorship from the land".

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