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Statement on the 66th Anniversary of the Ven Ottama Day

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To marks the 66th anniversary of the demise of Ven Ottama, the sun of Asia, distinguished benefactor, which Burma should hold memorable and honorable.

With his glorious valor out of the colonial darkness as an unrivalled pioneer of the martyrs, the massive monument of martyrs' blood, the facade of the Burma's revolution, he deserves the honor and recognition of those that do not nullify the true history, uphold chauvinism and supremacy, of whom he is a banner.

Such glorious dignity of his as the sun still hold out against the attempts of chauvinist faction to blur his history, and discard his milestone achievements. To the oppressed common folk that are demanding the brave new word of an era, such malicious efforts are clearly attributable to the military regime that survives under the cloaks of BSPP, SLORC, and SPDC. To their eyes he is still defying colonialists, delivering speeches against diarchy and 91–region administrations and bogus sovereignty. His ardent political spirits are still felt in the hearts of the Burmese citizens.

Thus, we, comrades of the ALL Arakan Students' and Youths' Congress, pledge to champion his true history, and recognize him as the beacon light of our future.

At present, in opposition to the world, SPDC regime is hosting the national convention to adopt a self- contradictory hypothesis of the Union of Burma plagiarizing the concept of sovereignty proposed in the 91- region administration by the British on April 1, 1937. Thus, we, AASYC comrades, suggest that all citizens struggle for democracy and people's liberation, liberation, bearing in mind his adoption of defiance doctrines against unjust law and order.

Basing on the solid political background of Ven Ottama, we, AASYC comrades, demand that SPDC fulfill the following demands from the right political track.

- 1. September 9 on which he passed away be set official holiday.
- 2. The history of political movements of Ven Ottama be revived.
- 3. Recognize the political movements and demands of the monks in Burma.

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