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Governing by force is no way to govern.

Â Sadly, the Burmese government is intensifying its violence against peaceful protestors.Â Burmese soldiers have already killed at least nine people duringÂ its demonstration crackdown.Â Â Meanwhile, the Internet has beenÂ a powerful tool for the demonstrators and their supporters (and the Burmese government responded by cutting off cellphone service and some or all Internet connections). Here is a blog of a Kho Htike, who is a Burmese man in Europe who posts news on the events in Burma, and photos that apparently can get the senders in very dangerous hot water with the Burmese government for sending them. Jon Katz.Â

Posted by Jon Katz in Jon's news & views at 00:00

Governing by force is the only kind of government there is. Every law in this country is ultimately backed up by men with guns.

The difference between our country and Burma is that they use force indiscriminately to serve the needs of the rulers and we (on a good day) use force to enforce laws for the good of the people.

Anonymous on Sep 28 2007, 10:54

Hi, Windy- Thanks for your posting.

<http://markskatz.com/justiceblog/archives/717-Why-do-we-have-criminal-laws.html> talks more about my feelings about overcontrolling governments. Take care. Jon

Anonymous on Sep 30 2007, 23:07