



MYANMAR : URGENT CALL FOR ACTION

▶ WHAT HAPPENED?

On 1 February 2021, the Myanmar military seized power after alleging unsubstantiated voter fraud in the November 2020 elections, and has since declared a one year state of emergency, established a new governing State Administrative Council and replaced judges, administrators and election officials.

Almost immediately after, a coordinated civil disobedience campaign took off, led by doctors and nurses, civil servants, trade unions and student groups. Every day thousands of peaceful protesters march throughout the country, while many workers have gone on strike.

The Myanmar military has responded with a severe crackdown on fundamental freedoms. Hundreds of senior officials from the NLD, including elected MPs, and pro-democracy activists have been arrested, mobile phone and Internet communications heavily restricted, highly repressive laws adopted, and restrictions on gatherings imposed. Security forces have also increasingly responded with force against peaceful protesters.

Given the historic abuses committed by the Myanmar military we are seriously concerned about a potentially brutal response. As regional lawmakers, you can help in preventing violence, ensure that democracy is upheld, and the will of the Myanmar people respected.

▶ TAKE ACTION

- Use your position in Parliament to encourage your Ministry of Foreign Affairs to call for ASEAN to immediately hold an urgent special meeting on Myanmar, to monitor the situation and help negotiate a democratic and human rights-based solution;
- Call on your country to impose targeted financial sanctions on the military and its economic holdings and to impose an arms embargo on Myanmar;
- Advocate publicly for the rights of the Myanmar people to freely choose their representatives, to peacefully protest and to exercise the right to freedom of expression without fear of violence or arrest.

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