



## The Myanmar Crisis: Where do we go from here?

Myanmar is once again under the watchful eye of the international community. The seizure of power by the Myanmar military, the detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and other NLD leaders have ignited widespread protests throughout the country and drawn worldwide consternation.

Among the western countries, there are growing calls for tough actions and sanctions. For the new US administration of President Biden, the unfolding events in Myanmar obviously represent the first crucial test of its foreign policy.

ASEAN, on its part, has also expressed deep concern but have yet to come up with a collective response, with views apparently divided among the member states. ASEAN is under increasing pressures to demonstrate the so-called ASEAN centrality and take a more pro-active stance to help resolve the situation in Myanmar.

Where the Myanmar crisis is heading and what are implications for ASEAN and the international community? In the light of these developments, the Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (APRC), a non-profit organization dedicated to conflict prevention and resolution, and the Political Science Faculty of Ramkhamhaeng University will be jointly organizing a roundtable webinar on “ the Myanmar crisis: Where do we go from here ?” bringing together leading personalities and well-known experts to brainstorm and mobilize thinking on the way forward with regard to challenges facing Myanmar.

Among the eminent panelists are Jose Ramos-Horta, former President of Timor-Leste and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Sayed Hamid Albar, former Foreign Minister and Home Minister of Malaysia, Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, former Secretary-General of ASEAN, Jose Isidro Camacho, former Finance Minister of the Philippines, Christian Lechervy, Ambassador of France to Myanmar, Michael Vatikiotis, Regional Director for Asia of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and Larry Jagan, a journalist with in-depth knowledge of Myanmar.

The session will be co-chaired by Dr Surakiart Sathirathai, former Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of the APRC, and Associate Professor Satin Soonthornpan, Dean of the Political Science Faculty of Ramkhamkaeng University. The discussion will be moderated by Ambassador Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Secretary-General to the APRC.

The webinar will be held on 22 February 2021 between 1400-1600 hrs at the Sri Srattha Building of the Faculty of Political Science, Ramkhamhaeng University.

Those who wish to attend either online or in person need to register at

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