

HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT ON THE RULE OF LAW IN MYANMAR

The Hong Kong Bar Association sends fraternal greetings and support to the Independent Lawyers Association of Myanmar.

The Hong Kong Bar Association shares the deep concern which has been expressed by bar associations in other jurisdictions and international legal fraternities at the collapse of the rule of law caused by the recent military coup in Myanmar.

Reports indicate that a number of lawyers are being detained, that legal assistance to those protesting against the coup is being denied violating the right to legal counsel which is an essential part of the rule of law, and that the judicial system is paralyzed.

The Hong Kong Bar Association urgently calls for the restoration of constitutional government and the rule of law in Myanmar, and for an end to the escalating violence which is shocking the world.

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