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Consciousness of Consequences in Myanmar Coup

There are far too much violence and abuse of power as a means to control and dominate; these distorted acts have left marks in history throughout the world. The history is bloodied and tainted as people have to pay the price by having their fundamental rights and democracy taken away by force.

A coup d'état that began since February 1st in Myanmar have been the cause of public turmoil; violence and abuse of power should have no place in any societies as nations have struggled and aim to establish more progressive environments and fundamental human rights. Pertaining this case, although the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) must abide by its principles, and one of them is non-interference in the internal affair one another, we must address the fact that the current issues in Myanmar, which involved several acts of violence against human rights, has left its people in shambles, vulnerable, and neglected.

Consciousness of consequences; it is in everyone's best interest to respect the fundamental human rights as we know how much abuse and oppression will impact a nation and its people, as well as neighbouring countries. Violence and abuse of power by the military like what is currently happening in Myanmar will only lead to civil disobedience and even possibly them fleeing their country to seek sanctuary to neighbouring countries. The unsettling situation also will impact the economic stability in the country as some companies and small business owners have to ceased all activities while some other have to reduce their activities since the coup.

Violence should no longer be used as a means to control and rule others. As ASEAN will continue to abide by its principles, ASEAN should also state clearly how the military in Myanmar has violated many principles of ASEAN and how in turn it can impact its people and the neighbouring countries. Because of these circumstances, ASEAN must direct its focus on making sure the well-being and safety of the people in Myanmar by pressuring the military to halt the violence against the people in Myanmar and making sure that democracy, civilized diplomacy, and an aim to reach a fair decision to put an end to Myanmar's internal conflict are prioritized without harming any civilians by facilitating all parties in Myanmar for constructive discussions and communications as well as providing humanitarian aid.

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The truth of the matter is that we shall not allow or engage in any more violence and abuse of power; nor shall we prolong any kind of violence and abuse of power which currently exists. We can direct our focus to create an environment where fundamental human rights are ensured. If we have the conscience and humanity in ourselves, we would feel ashamed for every violence against human rights.

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