
ASEAN Role in Restoring Democracy in Myanmar

What is happening in Myanmar is a catastrophe that needs international attention and responses, especially the neighbor countries and ASEAN community. The ASEAN community should come in one voice and give an immediate responses to stop normalizing the acts of the Burmese military towards its citizens. On the other hand, we have to stop considering this issue as an internal affairs, as it clearly consider as human rights violence and emotional and physical threaten that the Burmese citizen facing. These actions leads to an end of democracy, this should not happened as the Burmese people have experienced so much freedom in the past 10 years. Therefore, we have to raise our voice to help them restore the democracy in Myanmar.

Apart from the pandemic that happening around the world, the Burmese people also experiencing another chaotic moments earlier this year. The military cut the mobile networks and internets, limiting media and journalism, detained activist, politician and also social media public figures. This means that they have limiting the fundamental freedom of its people and violate their rights. On the other hand, the military accused that there was a fraud in the election that happened in November last year as the NLD won for more than 80% of the votes, since than the crises begun.

The ASEAN community have to look into the objective of ASEAN, as we can see the situation happening in Myanmar is completely against what ASEAN stands for. They are not contributing to peace, they are violating human rights, social progress and economic stability.

The ASEAN community always have a tight relationship, and investment happen across the countries within the communities. Since 2011 Myanmar opened its border to foreign investments and it brought attentions of many other countries, especially the ASEAN, since then the economy has rise seven percent a year. In the year of 2021, Thailand and Singapore is the top ASEAN community investors in Myanmar. Aside, many other international brands or the fashion retailers also importing products from Myanmar.

However, due to the current situation, the economy and the captivity as the foreign investment destination will be dimmed, also, the investors will lose their interest to invest in the country as all the activities are suspend and it creates a huge impact for the foreign investments.

The sense of solidarity is very important to overcome the status quo and to restore the democracy in Myanmar. Through diplomacy and political power the ASEAN member states should discuss to promote a peaceful solution for the people of Myanmar. The ASEAN must interfere, as Myanmar is committing violence and creating disharmonious society as one of ASEAN community, and the ASEAN member states should push forward for an end of human right violence and freed the political detainees as well as civilians. Moreover, the ASEAN member states through its Chairman's statement on the ASEAN leader's meeting, on April 24 of 2021 has stated the five point consensus as an immediate responses to stop the violence in Myanmar. This is such a trusty way to help restore democracy in Myanmar, hence, the ASEAN has a very important role to help bringing back the democracy to the Burmese people.

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