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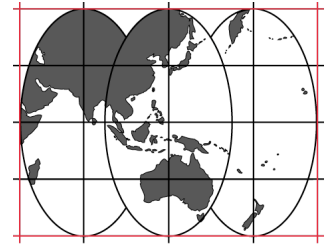
LAWASIA STATEMENT ON RECENT EVENTS IN MYANMAR

LAWASIA, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, representing the peak legal bodies of 24 nations of Asia and the Pacific, expresses its deepest concern for developments in Myanmar that have seen military forces react with unacceptable violence to protest within the country, resulting in death, injury, arrest and repression amongst the civilian population.

LAWASIA has, amongst its key aims and objectives, a responsibility to promote the administration of justice, the protection of human rights and the maintenance of the rule of law within the region. What is occurring in the Union of Myanmar constitutes a most fundamental breach of human rights and tramples on any semblance of justice or adherence to rule of law.

LAWASIA calls upon his Excellency, Senior General Than Shwe, as chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Commander in Chief of the military forces, to ensure that acts of violence against protesters as have been seen over recent days are ceased with immediacy and will not be repeated.

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