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PAKISTAN – RULE OF LAW CRISIS

LAWASIA, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, expresses its deep alarm at developments in Pakistan that have seen the Chief of Army Staff, President General Musharraf, abrogate the Pakistan Constitution in declaring a state of emergency.

LAWASIA notes its particular concern that this action has led to a fierce and highly repugnant attack on Pakistan's judges and the independence of the judiciary.

In addition, the violent measures taken to suppress Pakistan's lawyers as they properly protest this threat to the rule of law in their country are a matter of extreme concern to the international legal community.

LAWASIA strongly condemns the action of General Musharraf in this regard as a breach of both rule of law and fundamental human rights in Pakistan, and notes that such a blatant attack on the independence of the judiciary is unacceptable in any civilised country.

It strongly support those judges in Pakistan who have declined to take oath under the Provisional Constitutional Order promulgated by the Prime Minister and calls on the authorities to reinstate the legitimate Pakistan Constitution immediately.

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