

## **NUCC Response to Thai–Myanmar Meeting in Phuket**

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The National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) acknowledges Thailand's recent informal meeting with the Myanmar military regime in Phuket. As a frontline neighbour, Thailand directly faces the humanitarian challenges, cross-border complexities and security implications arising from Myanmar's crisis, and NUCC welcomes initiatives aimed at easing suffering and promoting dialogue with ethnic communities.

However, NUCC stresses that ASEAN's credibility depends on consistency. The electoral process conducted in Myanmar between December 2025 and January 2026 was neither free nor inclusive, and ASEAN has already taken the principled position of not recognizing the election results. This position must extend to all institutions arising from that process, including the Hluttaws and USDP claimed parliamentarians.

Engagement with Myanmar must remain strictly humanitarian and security focused. ASEAN unity requires that political legitimacy be reserved for inclusive dialogue with all stakeholders, as reflected in the Stakeholders Engagement Meetings (SEM) initiated by Malaysia and reinforced by the Philippines.

NUCC reaffirms its commitment to work with ASEAN's Chair Troika and member states to uphold this principled stance and ensure that ASEAN's engagement with Myanmar remains balanced, constructive, and legitimacy-preserving.

In Solidarity,

National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC)