

**CALD Statement urging the immediate release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
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The Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) expresses deep concern over the prospect of continued detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. CALD is united with the call of the international community urging for the release of Nobel laureate and democracy icon, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, along with the release of other political prisoners deprived of their rights.

It is most disconcerting to note that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi could again be given additional jail terms because of allegedly violating her house arrest. The international community is aware that the military junta can no longer extend her house arrest, legally.

CALD is gravely concerned that Burmese military junta has undermined the national reconciliation effort and betrayed the ASEAN's call for all political and ethnic political parties and stakeholders to be included in the process of political democratization.

With the mandate to safeguard democracy, protect human rights and strengthen the rule of law, CALD reiterates its call for international action to secure the release of Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners and for the military junta to move towards the next essential steps of building genuine peace and democracy in Burma