

CALD YOUTH STATEMENT ON MYANMAR SITUATION

Myanmar's military seized power on Monday, 1 February 2021, in a coup against the democratically elected government of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who was detained along with other leaders of her National League for Democracy (NLD).

Suu Kyi, Myanmar President Win Myint and other NLD leaders had been "taken" in the early hours of the morning and are now detained in the capital Naypyidaw.

CALD Youth condemns these unlawful detentions and arrests of political leaders in Myanmar. We call on the Myanmar military to respect the rule of law, to adhere to democratic norms, and to release Suu Kyi, together with the other leaders.

CALD Youth is also alarmed with the military's seizure of power. We call on the Myanmar Military to follow its constitution and to bring back Myanmar's true democracy.

We urge the Myanmar Military to be good examples to the youth as law abiding citizens. This political crisis in Myanmar will just further affect the youth - economically, emotionally and mentally.

CALD Youth was organized to create regional solidarity among the liberal youth community on issues relating to the violation of liberty, democracy, and equality. We call on our members around the region to speak up on these injustices and to stand up for our values.

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