



# ASEAN Must Unequivocally Reject Myanmar Junta's Sham Election during the Summit

24 October 2025

We, the undersigned **trade unions, civil society, and human rights organisations** from across the ASEAN region and international community, issue this urgent and unequivocal call to our governments ahead of the upcoming ASEAN Summit: outrightly reject the Myanmar military junta's planned sham election. Anything less would be a betrayal of the people of Myanmar and a stain on the conscience of our entire region.

The junta's planned election on 28 December 2025 is an illegal, cynical ploy to manufacture a façade of legitimacy for its rule of terror. This is the same military that defied the people's landslide verdict in 1990 and staged the fraudulent 2010 polls to disguise dictatorship as reform. To believe its promises now is to wilfully disregard history.

A genuine election cannot take place amid mass killings and repression. It is a charade held under the barrel of a gun. The junta has waged war on its own people, killing over 7,300 civilians, arbitrarily detaining more than 29,000, and displacing over 3.5 million. It has outlawed legitimate political parties, imprisoned and tortured democratic leaders, and enacted draconian electoral laws that impose the death penalty for dissent. As the UN Special Rapporteur stated, this is not an election, but a "fraud." In fact, this process has nothing to do with the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus; it is a unilateral act of a murderous junta that will only exacerbate the conflict.

The international democratic community has taken a firm stand. The European Union has refused to send observers, calling the poll a "regime-sponsored" exercise with only one possible outcome. In Bangkok, parliamentarians from Ireland, the United States, Norway, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and New Zealand reaffirmed their unified rejection of the junta's so-called election and called for global solidarity with Myanmar's democracy movement. Respected electoral monitoring bodies, including International IDEA and ANFREL, have unequivocally rejected the junta's planned election and called it [falling short of democratic legitimacy](#). ASEAN cannot afford to isolate itself by becoming an enabler of this farce.

To grant any form of recognition to this process is to give the junta a green light for more atrocities. This is a regime that bombs villages on holy days and launches airstrikes in the aftermath of earthquakes. Endorsing its electoral charade will only prolong the suffering of millions and add legitimacy to the weapons and aviation fuel it uses to terrorise civilians.

ASEAN member states have a profound moral and international obligation to act. The historic ILO Resolution under Article 33, adopted in June 2025, explicitly calls on all governments to "review... the relations they may have with Myanmar military authorities" to ensure they do not "enable, facilitate or prolong" these gross violations. Likewise, UN Security Council Resolution 2669 and ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus demand an immediate end to violence. Failure to reject this election would render ASEAN complicit in the junta's crimes against humanity.

The world is watching. ASEAN's credibility—and its future as a community founded on peace, democracy, and human rights—is at stake. We therefore demand that our leaders issue a clear, firm, and unified statement rejecting the junta's sham election and refusing to recognise its outcome. There must be no room for vague diplomatic language that the junta can manipulate for its propaganda.

We call specifically on **Malaysia**, as the 2025 ASEAN Chair, and on **Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim**, to demonstrate moral leadership. As a lifelong champion of free and fair elections who has personally endured political persecution, his voice must be the loudest and consistent in upholding democratic values, not just in Malaysia, but across our region.

This is a call for moral clarity, a call to stand on the right side of history.

**We urge all governments, institutions, and organisations of conscience to:**

- ▶ **UNEQUIVOCALLY REJECT** the Myanmar junta's sham election.
- ▶ **REFUSE** to send observers or provide any form of technical or political support.
- ▶ **STAND FIRMLY** in solidarity with the people of Myanmar and their legitimate democratic representatives.

**Endorsed by:**

**REGIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION:**

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| 1. Building and Woodworkers International (BWI) – Asia Pacific                                                                           | 12. ASEAN Services Employers Trade Union Council (ASETUC)      |
| 2. Education International (EI) – Asia Pacific                                                                                           | 13. ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR)             |
| 3. IndustriALL – Southeast Asia                                                                                                          | 14. Asia Democracy Network (ADN)                               |
| 4. International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) – Asia Pacific                                                                       | 15. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)  |
| 5. International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) – Asia Pacific                                                                          | 16. Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL)                  |
| 6. International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) – Asia Pacific                                                                      | 17. Asia Citizen Future Association (ACFA)                     |
| 7. International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) – Asia Pacific                                                                         | 18. Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia |
| 8. International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF) – Asia Pacific | 19. Milk Tea Alliance Friends of Myanmar                       |
| 9. Public Services International (PSI) – Asia Pacific                                                                                    | 20. Campaign for a New Myanmar                                 |
| 10. UNI Global Union – Asia Pacific                                                                                                      | 21. Burma Campaign UK                                          |
| 11. Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA                                                                                                              | 22. International Campaign for the Rohingya                    |
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ASEAN Member States:

**MALAYSIA (2025 ASEAN CHAIR):**

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| 26. Sabah Timber Industry Employees' Union (STIEU)                                       | 49. PLUHO, People Like Us Hang Out!                                                           |
| 27. Union of Forestry Employees' Union (UFES)                                            | 50. Beyond Borders Malaysia                                                                   |
| 28. Malay Forestry Officers' Union (MFOU)                                                | 51. Aliran                                                                                    |
| 29. Kesatuan Pekerja-Pekerja Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Selangor                         | 52. The Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall - Civil Rights Committee (KLSCAH-CRC) |
| 30. National Union of Transport Equipment & Allied Industries Workers Malaysia (NUTEAIW) | 53. The Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall - Youth Committee (KLSCAH Youth)      |
| 31. Sabah Plantation Industries Employees Union (SPIEU)                                  | 54. G25 Malaysia                                                                              |
| 32. National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE)                                              | 55. Persatuan Martabat Untuk Semua Petaling Jaya (Martabat PJ)                                |
| 33. Sarawak Bank Employees' Union                                                        | 56. Project Stability and Accountability for Malaysia (Projek SAMA)                           |
| 34. Malayan Nurses Union                                                                 | 57. Society for the Promotion of Human Rights                                                 |
| 35. Electronic Industry Employees' Union Western Region Peninsula Malaysia               | 58. PUSAT KOMAS                                                                               |
| 36. National Union of Journalists – Peninsula Malaysia (NUJM)                            | 59. To Earth with Love                                                                        |
| 37. BERSIH – The Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections                                  | 60. Kachin State Civilian Movement                                                            |
| 38. Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)                                                       | 61. All Women's Action Society (AWAM)                                                         |
| 39. Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM)                                                 | 62. Kachin Refugee Learning Centre                                                            |
| 40. IKRAM Malaysia                                                                       | 63. Muslim Aid Malaysia                                                                       |
| 41. Greater Equitable Measures (GEM)                                                     | 64. Rohingya Society in Malaysia (RSM)                                                        |
| 42. Gindol Initiative for Civil Society Borneo                                           | 65. University of Malaya Association for New Youth (UMANY)                                    |
| 43. Pride In Research                                                                    | 66. Suara Mahasiswa University Malaysia Sabah (UMS)                                           |
| 44. Tenaganita                                                                           | 67. Gerakan Anak Muda Pantai Timur (GEMPUR)                                                   |
| 45. North South Initiative (NSI)                                                         | 68. Federasi Pemuda Kebangsaan                                                                |
| 46. HAYAT                                                                                | 69. Ikatan Anak Muda Tawau (IKAT)                                                             |
| 47. MANDIRI                                                                              | 70. Liga Mahasiswa Malaysia                                                                   |
| 48. Initiative to Promote Tolerance and Prevent Violence (INITIATE.MY)                   | 71. SIS Forum (Malaysia)                                                                      |

## MYANMAR:

72. Confederation of Trade Unions Myanmar (CTUM)
73. Building and Wood Workers' Federation of Myanmar (BWFM)
74. Agriculture and Farmer Federation of Myanmar (AFFM)
75. Industrial Workers' Federation of Myanmar (IWMF)
76. Food Workers' Federation of Myanmar (FWFM)
77. Energy Unions Federation of Myanmar (EUFM)
78. Myanmar Railway Workers Union Federation (MRWUF)
79. Myanmar Employer Organization (MEO)
80. Myanmar Labour Alliance (MLA)
81. Progressive Voices (PV)
82. 5/ of Zaya State Strike Committee
83. A New Burma (ANB)
84. Action Committee for Democracy Development
85. Ah Nah Podcast - Conversations with Myanmar
86. Anti-coup Forces Coordination Committee (ACFCC -Mandalay)
87. Anti-Junta Alliance Yangon-AJAY
88. Anyar Pyit Taing Htaung Lay Myar
89. Arakan Youth Peace Network (AYPN)
90. Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP)
91. ASR-ASSOCIATION of SPRING RAINBOW
92. Athan – Freedom of Expression Activist Organisation
93. Aung San Suu Kyi Park Norway
94. AWDO ငဝဲ။
95. AWDO ဧရာဝတီမြစ် အနောက်ဘက် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေး အင်အားစု
96. A-Yar-Taw People Strike Steering Committee
97. Blood Money Campaign (BMC)
98. Budalin Strike Force
99. Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK
100. Campaign for New Myanmar
101. Chaung Oo Township Youth Strike Committee
102. Chin Community in Norway
103. Civil Information Network (CIN)
104. CRPH & NUG Supporters Ireland
105. CRPH Funding Ireland
106. CRPH Support Group, Norway
107. Dagon University Student's Union (DUSU)
108. Defend Myanmar Democracy
109. Doh Atu - Ensemble pour le Myanmar
110. Ethnic Youth General Strike Committee (Mandalay)
111. Equality Myanmar (EQMM)
112. Federal Myanmar Tourism Committee
113. Federal Myanmar Tourism Union
114. Free Rohingya Coalition (FRC)
115. General Strike Collaboration Committee (GSCC)
116. General Strike Committee of Basic and Higher Education (GSCBHE)
117. General Strike Coordination Body (GSCB)
118. Generation Wave
119. Generations' Solidarity Coalition of Nationalities (GSCN)
120. GGWDO ဂန့်ဂေါဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးအဖွဲ့။
121. Hpakant Hmawlae Strike Force
122. HTY Scout Channel
123. Information & Scout News (Hlaing)
124. Insein Scout Channel
125. Inter Religious Institute for Peace (IRIP)
126. Justice and Equality Focus (JEF)
127. Justice For Myanmar
128. Kachin Association Norway
129. Kalay Township People's Strike Steering Committee - KPSSC
130. Kanbalu Strike Force
131. Kani Strike Force
132. Karen Human Rights Group (KHRG)
133. Karen Peace Support Network (KPSN)
134. Karen State Civil Society Organization Network (KSCN)
135. K'cho Ethnic Association (Europe)
136. Kyae Lak Myay
137. Kyauktada Strike Committee (KSC)
138. Kyimyindaing Scout Channel
139. Latpadaung Anti-coup Strike Force
140. Latpadaung Region Strike Committee
141. Let's Help Each Other (LHEO)
142. LGBT Alliance Myanmar
143. Los Angeles Myanmar Movement
144. Magway People's Revolution Committee
145. Mandalay Medical Family (MFM)
146. Mandalay Strike Force (MSF)
147. MATA စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း
148. MayMyo Strike Force
149. Monywa People's Strike Steering Committee
150. Monywa-Amyint Road Strike Leading Committee
151. Myanmar Catholic Community In Norway
152. Myanmar Community in Norway
153. Myanmar Hindu Union
154. Myaung People Strike Steering Committee
155. Myaung Youth Network
156. MyaYar Knowledge Tree
157. Myingyan Civilian Movement Committee
158. Network for Human Rights Documentation Burma (ND-Burma)
159. New Step Women Empowerment Group
160. NOK Information & Scout Echo
161. North Dagon & East Dagon News
162. Norway Matu Community
163. Norway Rvwang Community
164. Nyan Lynn Thit Analytica
165. Olive Organization
166. Owl Community
167. Pale Township People's Strike Steering Committee
168. PDO ပွင့်ဖြူ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးအဖွဲ့
169. People Defense Supporting Force
170. People Strikes Force
171. Progressive Muslim Youth Association (PMYA)
172. Queers of Burma Alternative
173. Rohingya Community in Norway
174. Rohingya Maiyafuinnor Collaborative Network (RMCN)
175. Shwe Bo Strike Force
176. Sisters2Sisters
177. Sitt Nyein Pann Foundation
178. South Dagon Scouting Infos (SDG)
179. Southern Initiatives
180. Southern Youth Development Organization
181. Ta'ang Students and Youth Union (TSYU)
182. Ta'ang Women's Organization (TWO)
183. Tamwe Nway Oo Channel
184. Thaketa & Dawbon Scout Channel
185. The Ladies Organization
186. Thint Myat Lo Thu Myar Organization
187. Union of Karenni State Youth (UKSY)
188. University of Medicine Mandalay Student Union Revolutionary Front (UMMSURF)

- 189. University Students' Unions Alumni Force
- 190. Volunteers in Myanmar
- 191. Wetlet Revolution Leading Committee
- 192. White Coat Society Yangon (WCSY)
- 193. Women Advocacy Coalition - Myanmar (WAC-M)
- 194. Women Alliance Burma (WAB)
- 195. Women's League of Burma (WLB)
- 196. Yadanabon University Students' Union (YDNBUSU)
- 197. Yain Nwehh Par - ဝိမ်းနွဲ့ဝါး  
(Rainbow Win The Storm - RIS)

#### PHILIPPINES:

- 208. Associated Labor Union (ALU)
- 209. Burma Solidarity Philippines
- 210. Federation of Free Workers (FFW)
- 211. Independent RightPak Employees Union
- 212. Mitsubishi Motors Workers Union-Philippines
- 213. National Federation of Labor (NFL)
- 214. National Public Workers Congress (PUBLIK)
- 215. National Union of Bank Employees-Insurance and Finance Organization (NUBE-IFO)
- 216. National Union of Building and Construction Workers (NUBCW)
- 217. Philippine Metalworkers Alliance (PMA)
- 218. PKI Employees Welfare Union
- 219. PKI Supervisory Union
- 220. Public Services Labor Independent Confederation (PSLINK)
- 221. TF Logistics Philippines Supervisory Union
- 222. Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP)

#### INDONESIA:

- 236. AJI Indonesia
- 237. Badan Eksekutif Mahasiswa (BEM) STHI Jentera
- 238. Federasi Kebangkitan Buruh Indonesia (FKUI)
- 239. Federasi Serikat Pekerja Metal Indonesia (FSPMI)
- 240. Federasi Serikat Buruh Kerakyatan Indonesia (SERBUK Indonesia)
- 241. Federasi Serikat Pekerja Bandara Indonesia (FSPBI)
- 242. Federasi Serikat Buruh Persatuan Indonesia (FSBPI)
- 243. Federasi Serikat Pekerja Mandiri (FSPM)
- 244. Federasi Serikat Pekerja Pulp dan Kertas Indonesia (FSP2KI)
- 245. Federation of Pharmaceutical and Health Workers Union
- 246. Gabungan Solidaritas Perjuangan Buruh (GSPB)
- 247. Serikat Buruh Federasi Kehutanan, Industri Umum, Perikanan dan Pertanian Konfederasi Serikat Buruh Sejahtera Indonesia (FHUKATAN-KSBSI)
- 248. Independent Educator Union Indonesia (INERU Indonesia)
- 249. Jaringan Nasional Advokasi Pekerja Rumah Tangga (Jala PRT)
- 250. Keluarga Seni Pinggiran Anti-Kapitalisasi Serikat Pengamen Indonesia (Kepal SPI)
- 251. Koalisi Perempuan Indonesia Untuk Keadilan dan Demokrasi (KPI)
- 252. Komisi Untuk Orang Hilang dan Korban Tindak Kekerasan (Kontras)

#### THAILAND:

- 274. Thai Action Committee for Democracy in Burma Foundation
- 275. Cross Cultural Foundation (CrCF)
- 276. Humanitarian Self Help Group
- 277. Milk Tea Alliance Thailand

- 198. Yangon Deaf Group
- 199. Yangon Public Relations
- 200. Yinmarpin and Salingyi All Villages Strike Committee
- 201. Youth for Democratization of Myanmar (UDM)
- 202. Youth Scout For Democracy (YSD)
- 203. Zomi Christian Fellowship of Norway
- 204. Zomi Community Norway
- 205. မင်းဘူး တောင်သူများအစုအဖွဲ့။
- 206. မင်းလှ တောင်သူများအစုအဖွဲ့။
- 207. အညာလွင်ပြင်ရပ်ဝန်း

- 223. Union Network International-Philippine Liaison Council (UNI-PLC)
- 224. Unified Filipino Service Workers (UFSW)
- 225. Workers Union of Pozzolanic Philippines Inc.
- 226. Manila Water Employees Union (MWEU)
- 227. Alliance of Government Workers in the Water Sector (AGWWAS)
- 228. Philippine Government Employees Association (PGEA)
- 229. Maynilad Water Supervisors Association (MWSA)
- 230. Alliance of Filipino Workers (AFW)
- 231. Sentro ng mga Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa (SENTRO)
- 232. Partido Manggagawa (PM)
- 233. National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP)
- 234. NAGKAISA Labor Coalition from Philippines
- 235. Partido Sosyalista

- 253. Komite IWD Tulungagung
- 254. Konfederasi Persatuan Buruh Indonesia (KPBI)
- 255. Koreksi.org
- 256. Lembaga Bantuan Hukum (LBH Jakarta)
- 257. Lembaga Bantuan Hukum (LBH Makassar (Makassar Legal Aid)
- 258. Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Surabaya Pos Malang (LBH Pos Malang)
- 259. Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Bali (LBH Bali)
- 260. Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Surabaya (LBH Surabaya)
- 261. Local Initiative for Occupational Safety and Health Network Indonesia (LION)
- 262. Marsinahid.ID
- 263. Partai Pembebasan Rakyat (PPR)
- 264. Sentral Gerakan Buruh Nasional (SGBN)
- 265. Serikat Buruh Konstruksi Indonesia SBKI)
- 266. Serikat Pekerja Angkutan Indonesia (SPAI)
- 267. Serikat Pekerja Kertas Pindo Deli Karawang (SPKPD)
- 268. Serikat Pekerja Media dan Industri Kreatif untuk Demokrasi (SINDIKASI)
- 269. Serikat Pekerja Perusahaan Daerah Air Minum Jakarta (SPPDAM Jakarta)
- 270. Serikat Pekerja PT PLN Persero (SP PLN)
- 271. SP Angkasa Pura Indonesia (SPAP)
- 272. SPNP (Serikat Pekerja PLN Nusantara Power)
- 273. Yayasan Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Indonesia - YLBHI (Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation)

- 278. Friends Against Dictatorship (FAD)
- 279. ETOs Watch Coalition
- 280. The Mekong Butterfly
- 281. Rangsit Area Labour Union Group (RLUG)
- 282. Workers' Union Thailand

**TIMOR-LESTE:**

- 283. Timor Leste Press Union (TLPU)
- 284. Working Women's Centre Timor-Leste
- 285. Syndicate Domestic Workers
- 286. Timor Leste Trade Union Confederation/  
Konfederasaun Sindikatu Tumor Leste (TLTUC/ KSTL)

- 287. Electricity, Carpenter and Construction Workers  
Union of Timor Leste - SITRECC
- 288. Albano dos Santos

**CAMBODIA:**

- 289. The Building and Wood Workers Trade Union  
Federation of Cambodia (BWTUC)
- 290. Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights  
(CENTRAL)
- 291. Community Legal Education Center (CLEC)
- 292. CamboJA
- 293. Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of  
Human Rights (LICADHO)
- 294. Independent Democracy of Informal Economy  
Associations (IDEA)
- 295. Cambodian Institute of Democracy (CID)
- 296. Free Independent Trade Union Federation (FUI)

- 297. Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia  
(COMFREL)
- 298. Empowering Youth For An Equitable Society (EYES)
- 299. Equitable Cambodia (EC)
- 300. Cambodian Tourism Workers Union Federation  
(CTWUF)
- 301. Cambodian Human Rights and Development  
Association (ADHOC)
- 302. Cambodian Food and Service Workers Federation  
(CFSWF)
- 303. Cambodian Alliance of Trade Unions (CATU)
- 304. Labor Rights Supported Union of Khmer Employees  
of Nagaworld

**SINGAPORE:**

**305. From Singapore to Myanmar (FS2M)**

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Non-ASEAN states:

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**TAIWAN:**

- 306. Taiwan Association for Human Rights
- 307. Taiwan Alliance to End the Death Penalty (TAEDP)
- 308. Association of Taiwan Journalists (ATJ)