



President Joe Biden
The White House
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Dear Mr President,

With this letter we hope to bring your attention to the criminal and also murderous record of the Thai King, and to the fact that, since ascending the throne and becoming Head of State in 2016, King Vajiralongkorn has directed himself quite exclusively to the consolidation of his own personal power over the armed forces, the police, the senate, the parliament and the judiciary, to ensure that he himself can dispense his own conception of justice.

King Vajiralongkorn's father King Bhumibol was incapacitated for a long period prior to his death. Thus Thailand has been under the closed-door direction of Vajiralongkorn for around 15 years. During that time the Thai electorate has been forced to endure:

- two military coup d'états against democratically elected governments and legislatures;
- the imposition of two constitutions dictated by the military junta;
- the sacking of 4 Prime Ministers;
- the dissolution of 16 political parties;
- the banning of over 200 politicians from elections for 10 years.

Under the rule of the king's military junta, the people of Thailand are being subjected to a brazenly retrogressive attempt to institutionalize royalist nepotism, corruption and suppression of political rights.

The great majority in Thailand, all who care about Thailand and all who understand the importance of working towards representative democracy throughout the ASEAN, are appalled by the recent anachronistic resurgence of monarcho-militarism in Thailand, under a murderous, militarist king who claims hereditary immunity from all law. And people are deeply fearful of the consequences: increasing poverty, civil unrest and violence.

With encouragement from a great number of Thais who recognize that the Thai king cannot escape justice, especially from the Thai youth who fear for their future under such a king, we are arguing that the Thai king's immunity should be lifted. His violent and financial criminal record and his gross violations of human and political rights are being researched and documented.

With a highly qualified team of human rights lawyers we are exploring opportunities to bring the actions of the Thai king to justice in Europe, as a step to more comprehensive investigation into the scale and depth of his criminal operations, and the impact these have not only on the well-being of the population of Thailand but also on our neighboring countries, in particular on the lives of the people in Myanmar, and on the ASEAN as a whole.

We are aware, as are most people, of the geo-political conundrums and challenges facing the Asia Pacific, ASEAN and Mainland Southeast Asia.

With this letter, in requesting your attention to the situation in Thailand, we hope to underline that open recognition of the struggle and demands of the youth of Thailand today will do far more for the future of ASEAN and the Asia Pacific than undue diplomatic acceptance of, or covert material support for, the current, retrogressive, in-house royalist attempt to resuscitate royalist autocracy in Thailand.

Right now Thailand is suffering a political absurdity because the political consciousness of the population has matured and far outgrown the monarchy.

The Asia Pacific needs the USA as a mature, responsible democracy. We fervently hope that your Presidency will succeed in facing-down the reactionary, retrogressive forces within the USA, and recognize that pro-active support for those struggling for democracy in, for instance, Thailand and Burma can only burnish the democratic credibility and credentials of the USA -- to the long-term benefit of all.

We thank Senators Bob Menendez, Dick Durbin and their colleagues in the Senate for raising-up the struggle for people's rights in Thailand, and commend the refreshing clarity of their Resolution (DAV20G50 C11 S.L.C.) in support of the pro-democracy movement.

We hope that the great body of the International Community, all members who do recognize that sustainable development is not possible in the absence of democracy, will recognize that accepting the monarcho-military dictatorship of King Vajiralongkorn as *fait accompli* (as he calculates, hopes and expects that it will) would be a disastrous dereliction of responsibility, undermining possibilities and pathways to sustainable development.

Close to desperation the vast majority of people in Thailand and Burma live in hope that the USA will lead the International Community in standing firm for the dissolution of the military dictatorships attempting to claim right to rule.

We support your struggle for democracy in the USA and we hope *you* will support ours, by refusing to accept the idea that King Vajiralongkorn and his junta have any right to over-rule the Thai people's democratic aspirations and achievements.

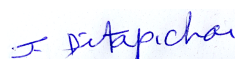
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Attachments:

1. Background information (ACT4DEM briefings and letters to Leaders).
2. 'The Extravagant Cruelty of the Vajiralongkorn Junta' (a report).