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Current Political Situation in Thailand

Rationale Behind the control of national administration

During the past 6 months, Thailand has been under increasing political turmoil. Different groups with strong beliefs have been pitted against each other, deepening social divisiveness and leading to the entrenchment of each side's positions. There was increasing violence against demonstrators; nearly 30 innocent lives has been lost, more than 700 people injured, public and private properties destroyed and some government building were taken over. The previous administration has declared the Emergency Decree and the Internal Security Act in order to control the situation, while security forces were also mobilized to calm the situation. However, these measures were deployed to no avail. The administration of the country was almost paralyzed. This prolonged political deadlock and the administrative paralysis have been highly detrimental to the stability of Thailand. Had Thailand continued on the path we were heading, it would have led to more instability, protracted conflicts and divisiveness.

Given the situation, the military was compelled to take control of national administration in order to provide a cooling-off period for all sides, and to prevent further deterioration of the situation. The action taken by the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) should therefore be viewed in the context of prevailing political situation of past six months.

Latest situation

The NCPO action is intended to prevent further violence, restore stability, and put the country back on track towards full democracy. Individual rights and freedoms are to be upheld. The limitations that have been put in place are only those necessary to prevent further disruption and pre-empt efforts to instigate violent incidents. Imposition of Martial Law and the announcement of curfew were intended to restore law and order, and prevent untoward incidents.

