



Election Commission



**Military Takeover of Myanmar and Imprisonment of Democratically
Elected Leaders and Election Commission Officials**

The Election Commission of Sri Lanka expresses its dismay over the overthrow of the democratic rule in Myanmar after the election. We are shocked by the imprisonment of officials of the Election Commission Myanmar including its Head, Mr. U Hla Thein, who take charge of the election process and it is very unfortunate that the officials of the Election Commission of Myanmar who carry out a legitimate duty entrusted upon them by the law have been imprisoned for carrying out the very duty. Election Commission of Sri Lanka which considers the imprisonment of officials of the Myanmar Election Commission as prejudicial and detrimental to democratic rule urges the relevant authorities to release them immediately and urges all forces that value democracy to press for the release of Myanmar Election Commission officials.

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