



**Statement from the Asia Internet Coalition (AIC)
on
Myanmar Junta Cyber Bill**

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The Asia Internet Coalition is deeply concerned by this attempt to disrupt access to information and knowledge for the people of Myanmar during a time of significant political change. The military's proposed bill grants its leaders unprecedented power to censor citizens and violate their privacy, contravening democratic norms and fundamental rights guaranteed under international law. This would significantly undermine freedom of expression and represents a regressive step after years of progress. We urge the military leaders to consider the potentially devastating consequences of these proposed laws on Myanmar's people and economy.

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About the Asia Internet Coalition

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