



## **News Release**

### **on the civilian litigation in the military court**

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According to the announced order of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) that designated some forms of civilian offenses to be processed by the military court, under the martial law that had been in use. Once the martial law was canceled, such order becomes irrelevant under the current situation of the nation, which deemed appropriate for the commander of the NCPO to issue the order 55/2559 on 12 September 2016 to designate the aforementioned civilian offenses to be processed by the Court of Justice, that normally processes civilian cases. However, given that the order 55/2559 does not contain transitional provisions, there may be several issues in processing civilian cases by the military court. In such cases, the mechanism of the Commission on Jurisdiction of Courts established by Act of the Commission on Jurisdiction of Courts (1999) may be in use to resolve such issues.

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**Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand**

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