



**Statement of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand
on Respect for Human Dignity and Responsible Communication on
Sensitive Issues regarding the Incident at Ramkhamhaeng Soi 53**

The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) has taken note of reports concerning the gathering of thousands of Muslim community members protesting against "Madam Ram 53," an LGBTQ+ TikTok creator, in the Ramkhamhaeng Soi 53 area. The protest reportedly arose from online content in which the TikToker wore attire and makeup resembling those of Muslim women and displayed behavior perceived as insulting to religious beliefs, including mockery of the Qur'an. The situation subsequently escalated through emotionally charged livestreams and public pressure compelling the individual to shave the head as an act of apology.

The NHRCT reaffirms that every person is entitled to freedom of religion and freedom of expression. However, such expression— particularly in public spaces— must be exercised with due respect for the beliefs and faith of people of all religions. The denigration or mockery of any religion therefore constitutes a violation of the rights and dignity of others, as protected under both the legal and international human rights principles. At the same time, no person should be subjected to punishment beyond the bounds of the law, nor be coerced or pressured into performing any act that infringes upon their right to life and bodily integrity, or human dignity.

Given that Thailand is a multicultural society characterized by diversity in thought, belief, religion, and gender identity, the NHRCT calls upon public figures and all members of online community to exercise caution and responsibility when communicating on sensitive issues that may easily escalate into hatred, social division, and violence against each other. Such outcome is detrimental to peaceful coexistence, mutual respect for the rights of others, and the principles of peace, which are fundamental to all religions.

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