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ASEAN Chair Special Envoy Urges Return of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi To Home

His Excellency Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, has conveyed to the State Administrative Council (SAC) of the Union of Myanmar the "deep concern expressed by ASEAN colleagues" with regard to the report on the transfer of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from the home to a jail in Nay Pyi Taw and urged the SAC to facilitate her return to the home where she was originally detained.

"I have no doubt that the same concern resonates beyond ASEAN, considering that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is regarded internationally and by many in Myanmar as having a critical role in your country's return to normalcy and national reconciliation through a peaceful political solution," wrote Deputy PM Prak Sokhonn in his recent letter to H.E. Wunna Maung Lwin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

In my capacity as the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, he continued, "I would like to echo the voice of our ASEAN colleagues in urging the State Administrative Council of Myanmar to exercise compassion and facilitate the return of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the home where she was originally detained, in consideration of her fragile health and well-being, as well as fair and judicious practice of the rule of law."

"We all share the view that a peaceful national reconciliation cannot be expected when one party to the conflict is taken out of the resolution equation," said the ASEAN Chair Special Envoy, underlining that "Therefore, all our ASEAN colleagues strongly encourage the State Administrative Council of Myanmar to begin an inclusive process of national reconciliation without further delay". A peaceful political resolution to a conflict, no matter how complex it is, must involve the sharing of political space by all involved, he added.

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