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JOINT STATEMENT BY FIVE ASEAN COUNTRIES ON THE PHILIPPINES

As member states of ASEAN, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand have followed with increasing concern the turn of events following the Presidential elections in the Philippines. A critical situation has emerged which portends bloodshed and civil war. The crisis can be resolved without widespread carnage and political turmoil. We call on all parties to restore national unity and solidarity so as to maintain national resilience.

There is still time to act with restraint and bring about a peaceful resolution of the crisis. We hope that all Filipino leaders will join efforts to pave the way for a peaceful solution to the crisis.

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