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## **Thailand: Amnesty International's meeting with the National Council for Peace and Order**

Amnesty International visited Thailand between 9 and 18 July to undertake research on the human rights situation following the declaration of martial law on 20 May 2014.

As part of its research, the human rights organization met with representatives of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) – the military government – and welcomed their openness in responding to questions.

In a report to be issued in the coming weeks, Amnesty International will detail violations of Thailand's international human rights obligations. The report will include recommendations for the Thai authorities to address concerns and ensure that Thailand respects, protects and fulfils human rights.

Since the declaration of martial law, Amnesty International has raised serious concerns about the situation of human rights in Thailand, including harsh restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, arbitrary detention of those perceived as critical of the new government, and the use of military courts to try civilians.

### **Background**

["Thailand: First conviction of protester under military rule sets dangerous precedent"](#), Press Release, 3 July 2014.

["Thailand: Grim outlook for human rights after a month of martial law"](#), Press Release, 20 June 2014

["Thailand: Respect and protect the human rights of people in Thailand"](#), Oral statement to the UN Human Rights Council 26th regular Session, 10 June 2014.

["Thailand: Deepening repression as high-profile activist arrested, others summoned by military courts"](#), Press Release, 6 June 2014.