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Order of the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order No.4/2558 on Measures to increase efficiency on enforcing laws that protect public interest and the public as a whole

It appears that at present there are still many acts that violate provisions of laws that protect public interest and the public as a whole and law enforcement is not as rigorous and efficient as it should be. Consequently, it hinders country reform in various fields and causes problems of unrest in matters such as trespassing public places, national forest, national parks, using public areas to impede car traffic causing people to suffer their daily life. Therefore, it is expedient to formulate measures to increase efficiency on law enforcement so as to fulfill objectives of those laws.

By virtue of Section 44 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand (temporary edition) B.E.2557, the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order, with the approval of the National Council for Peace and Order, hereby orders as follows:

Article 1. In case there is a need to strictly and effectively enforce laws that protect public interest and the public as a whole. A minister in charge of the law may request support from military personnel by notifying the request to the Minister of Defense to consider assigning military personnel to carry out such request.

When deemed appropriate, the Minister of Defense may request the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order to issue an order delegating assigned military personnel to have authority to act as officers under one or more laws for benefit of enforcing such laws strictly and effectively.

Article 2. On implementing Article 1, the assigned military personnel shall have the same powers and duties as officers or officials under the relevant law and be an officer under the Criminal Code and be a senior administrative or police officer under the Criminal Procedure Code.

Article 3. Officers under the Criminal Procedure Code and officers or officials under laws whereby the minister in charge of that law seeks help from the military personnel shall continue to perform their duties strictly in accordance with respective laws and work together with the military personnel assigned to carry out this order. If non-compliance or non-cooperation leads to causing damage on effective law enforcement, that officer shall be deemed to have committed a serious disciplinary offense.

Article 4. This order shall become effective from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Ordered on April, 8th B.E. 2558

General Prayut Chan-ocha

Head of the National Council for Peace and Order