

**Statement of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand on End the Acts of Violence from Assembly Situations 2 December 2013**



**Statement of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand**

**Subject: End the Acts of Violence from Assembly Situations**

From political assembly situations in Bangkok areas, there is violence occurred in many points at present. For examples, as violence situations occurred at Ramkhamhaeng University and Rajamangala National Stadium, movements of protestors blockading government places and several television stations until the acts of violence are occurred in apparently.

The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand (NHRCT) continuously following situations together with monitoring in all area points, has concerned on happened situations and been afraid that occurred violence may increasingly expanded. The NHRCT calls for all relevant sections to proceed as follows:

1. Groups of protestors around Rankhamkaeng University must end the acts of violence and police officers are requested to carry out their duty on protecting safety and maintaining public peace and order. Including that the Royal Thai Police Headquarters are requested to accelerate investigation operations in order to find out facts and perpetrators

in that case that the arms are used and people have killed and wounded on Saturday 30 November 2013, and to announce overall results to the public in every stage in order to build up the trust of judicial process and protect the rights of life and persons which are fundamental rights of people;

2. Protestors must support and respect mass media to carry out their duty by not threatening the media on information presentation to public, and meanwhile mass media themselves must give priority to information presentation in accordance with the fact accurately in order that the public can access and receive information correctly;

3. Both parties should have to avoid confrontation, temptations and must not use violence to dissolve problems;

4. Any official operations in withholding disturbances or law infringements should have to be conducted tenderly and be followed dispersal practice of gradually increasing the level of force in accordance with international practice guideline;

5. In the part of those killed and injured from such incidents, the relevant agencies must consider in providing remedies to affected persons and their family in accordance with non-discrimination principles including giving priority to mental status of affected persons with fairness and equality.

The NHRCT calls upon all parties to end acts of violence which are violations of human rights and to prevent the loss of life, body and properties together with finding a way out by a peaceful means.

The National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

2 December 2013