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Order of the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order

No. 4/2558

**Subject: Measures to Enhance Law Enforcement to Protect Public Interest
and the General Public**

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Whereas there remain widespread actions that violate the laws to protect public interest and the general public, and whereas law enforcement is not sufficiently strict or effective, thereby obstructing national reforms and upsetting peace and order, for example the trespassing of public lands, national reserved forests and national parks and the use of public areas which obstructs traffic and causes problems to people in maintaining their daily activities; thus it is deemed appropriate to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement according to the purpose of relevant laws.

By virtue of Section 44 of the Interim Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2557 (2014), the Head of the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO), with the approval of the NCPO, hereby issues the following:

1. In case where it is necessary to strictly and effectively enforce the laws to protect public interest and the general public, a Minister in charge as stipulated by the law may request assistance from military officers by notifying the Minister of Defence to appoint military officers to carry out such operations.

Where it is deemed appropriate, the Minister of Defence may request the Head of the NCPO to issue an order designating military officers as public officers under relevant laws in order to strictly and effectively enforce such laws.

2. In implementing clause 1, the authorised military officers shall have the same power and duties as public officers or competent authorities under relevant laws, and shall be regarded as public officers under the Criminal Code as well as superior administrative or police officials under the Criminal Procedure Code.

3. In case where a Minister has requested assistance from military officers pursuant to relevant laws, the public officers under the Criminal Procedure Code and public officers or competent authorities under other relevant laws shall continue to carry out their duties diligently and shall cooperate with military officers authorized to act pursuant to this Order. Any person who resists or fails to cooperate, thereby rendering law enforcement ineffective and causing damages, shall be deemed to have committed a gross breach of discipline.

4. This Order shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Ordered on 8 April B.E. 2558 (2015)

General Prayut Chan-o-cha

Head of the National Council for Peace and Order