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CLARK CALLS ON MYANMAR GOVERNMENT TO  
RESPECT DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, called on the interim ruling military government of Myanmar to release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the Myanmar National League for Democracy, and to complete the transition of Government to the National League for Democracy which swept the Myanmar general elections on May 27.

Mr. Clark had raised the issue of Myanmar at the meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Jakarta, urging his colleagues there to press Myanmar military authorities to respect the results of the May election.

" The Myanmar people have clearly spoken in an election which is accepted even by the present military government to be fair. Completing the transition quickly to the democratically chosen representatives of the Myanmar people is urgent," said Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark noted as well in the Jakarta meeting that the Myanmar military's pledge to release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by July 20 had not been honoured. He stressed that this commitment should be implemented as soon as possible.

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