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The presentation today comprises of two following topics:

- 1. The Policy and Strategy related to HADR and International HADR operation at the Ministry of Defence Level (Representative from MOD)**
- 2. The Roles of the Armed Forces to Support HADR and International HADR operation (Representative from RTArF HQ)**

1. The Policy and Strategy related to HADR and International HADR operation at the Ministry of Defence Level

1.1 Concerned Legal basis for the Use of Military Assets in HADR and international HADR

1.2 Policies of Minister of Defence in relating to HADR and International HADR operation

1.3 International Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relieve (International HADR)

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- Constitution of 2007. Part 2 Section 77 states that the State shall provide such armed forces, military weapons and technology as are modern, necessary and sufficient for protecting and upholding the independence, sovereignty, national security, the institution of monarchy, national interests and the democratic regime of government with the King as Head of the State and for the development of the country.**

1.1 Concerned Legal basis for the Use of Military Assets in HADR and international HADR

- The duties of Thai Ministry of Defence are prescribed in the Defence Organizational Act B.E.2551 (2008.)
Section 8 (3) given clear responsibility of the Thai Ministry of Defence for protecting and safeguarding national interests, democratic governance which the King as the Head of State, national development for stability as well as **support other government tasks for national development, preventing and solving problems arise from disaster, and assisting Thai people.** In addition (5) of Section 8 also authorize the Ministry of Defence to conduct **the Military Operations Other Than War** for the security of the Kingdom or other mission as prescribed by laws or resolutions of the Cabinet.

1.2 Policies of Minister of Defence in relating to HADR and International HADR operation

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- Develop the capabilities of the Armed Forces to be multi-purposed Armed Forces with abilities to uphold independence, security of the kingdom, counter insurgent and unrest, safeguard national interests, and perform other military operations other than war or other operations as stated by the laws or resolutions of the cabinet, as well as, promptly terminate the dispute where our side holds an advantage with emphasis on the order of border area and the security environment in preparation for response of situation. The preparation includes flexibility and combat sustainment, joint operations and readiness to respond to non-traditional challenges both domestically and internationally.**

1.2.2 Promote the resources utilisation of the Ministry of Defence for optimal benefits of the nation

- Promote the resources utilisation of the Ministry of Defence for optimal benefits of the nation by employing the capabilities of the Armed Forces to develop national powers that assist the people from hardship and facilitate the development of the nation. These can be achieved by supporting the continuation of the Royal Initiative Projects, protecting national interests, developing for security and prosperity of the nation under His Majesty the King's Philosophy of self-sufficiency economy, as well as, protecting, relieving and solving important national problems which comprise of environment problems, disaster victims, terrorism, domestic crimes and other transnational crimes including drug, illegal immigrants, illegal foreign labour, illegal trade, human trafficking, piracy and cyber crimes. However, the mentioned supports shall not cause any damage to the mission of the Armed Forces in defending the nation.**

1.3 International Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relieve (International HADR)

- Like many countries, Thai military is a government agency that maintains readiness in terms of resources, personnel, equipment and skills to support civil agencies in reacting to disaster, either natural or man-made disasters under National Master Plan on Disaster Prevention and Mitigation of Ministry of Interior, which normally the master plan operates at the domestic level.**

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- However, at the international level Thailand responded to the international disaster crisis by appointing the Ad-hoc committee, under the direction from the Prime Minister, with the representatives from government agencies, including Chief of the Armed Forces, upon the approval of the Cabinet.**

1.3 International Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relieve (International HADR)

- The main role of the Ad-hoc committee is to respond and facilitate operation in International HADR with all means as necessary for the situation.**

**For topic 2 The Roles of the Armed Forces
to Support HADR and International HADR operation
will be presented by the representative from
The Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters.**