

ASEAN Regional Coalition to
#StopDigitalDictatorship

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Preamble

Digital spaces were once envisioned as tools for liberation. But not anymore. They have become arenas for surveillance, profit extraction, and the concentration of power in the hands of the very few. This manifesto seeks to reclaim technology as a means for collective empowerment, guided by the principles of solidarity, equity, and justice. Our ire is not directed at technology itself but at its capitalist exploitation, which alienates humanity from its liberatory potential. We acknowledge technology as a fundamental means of production that, when democratically owned and governed, can serve as a tool for collective empowerment and social transformation. However, under capitalism, technology has been weaponised to deepen inequality, extract profit, and consolidate power in the hands of the few. This manifesto calls for the reclamation of digital technologies to serve the many, not the few, and to dismantle the structures of oppression embedded within the digital realm.

We demand the following transformative actions:

- Technology must be seized from capitalist control and transformed into a commons, collectively owned and governed to serve the people, not profit.
- Data sovereignty must be recognised as a collective right, dismantling the individualistic illusion of privacy that enables systematic exploitation and corporate theft.
- Surveillance capitalism and all forms of state and corporate surveillance must be eradicated as tools of oppression and control.
- Workers must take full control of the technologies that shape their labour, with the right to unionise, co-govern, and dismantle exploitative systems.
- Digital infrastructures must be liberated from colonial power structures and governed locally to empower oppressed and marginalised communities.

- Artificial intelligence must be reclaimed and radically restructured under democratic control to dismantle, not reinforce, systems of profit and oppression.
- Internet access must be guaranteed as a fundamental human right, universally free, and shielded from corporate monopolies and state interference.
- The militarisation of digital technologies must end immediately, with resources redirected to dismantling imperialist systems and fostering global solidarity.
- Algorithms must be transparent and dismantled when used to perpetuate oppression, with their governance placed in the hands of the communities they affect.
- The fight for global digital liberation demands radical international solidarity, uniting oppressed peoples to overthrow digital imperialism and build a just, equitable future.
- The fetishisation of individual privacy must be abandoned, as it obscures the collective exploitation of data and diverts energy from the pursuit of systemic liberation.