

ASEAN Recognized the ASEAN Drug Monitoring Report 2020

The 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits 2021 hosted by Brunei Darussalam on 26-28 October 2021 gave the recognition to the ASEAN Drug Monitoring Report 2020. The ASEAN Leaders shared the concern on illicit drug problem in the region and reaffirmed their commitment towards a drug-free ASEAN and zero-tolerance approach towards illicit drugs.



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The Summits were chaired by His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and convened in accordance with the ASEAN Charter.

In the Chairman's Statement, ASEAN commended the annual publication of the ASEAN Drugs Monitoring Report, a flagship initiative of ASEAN cooperation against illicit drugs, which continued amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and welcomed the launch of the ASEAN Drugs Monitoring Report 2020.

The Summit also reiterated the importance of cross-sectoral and cross-pillar coordination to combat illicit drug activities in the region. The Summit stressed the importance of implementing the ASEAN Work Plan in Securing Communities Against Illicit Drugs 2016-2025 (ASEAN Work Plan 2016-2025) and the ASEAN Cooperation Plan to Tackle Illicit Drug Production and Trafficking in the Golden Triangle 2020-2022 and noted with satisfaction the outcomes of their mid-term reviews.