

**(Unofficial Translation)**

**Announcement by the Council for Democratic Reform No. 25:  
Action regarding Criminal Justice**

Whereas it is appropriate to specify that it is the duty of the accused in criminal cases to have their fingerprints taken as ordered by judicial officials involved in criminal cases to ensure efficiency in the prevention and combating of illegal acts, the Council for Democratic Reform declares as follows:

Those accused in criminal cases have the duty of having their fingerprints, handprints or footprints taken as ordered by public prosecutors, officials conducting cases or inquiring officials. Those in violation will be considered as having committed an offence relating to justice and shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding six months or fine not exceeding 1,000 baht, or both.

This Announcement shall become effective when it is published in the Government Gazette.

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