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Launch of Digital Security Guide for Journalists

The *Digital Security Guide for Journalists* was launched today in Yangon. The Guide is a simple, accessible tool to help journalists protect their communications and digital devices against hacking, surveillance and other forms of digital harassment. It was prepared by the Centre for Law and Democracy (CLD) in collaboration with International Media Support (IMS), FOJO Media Institute and the Myanmar Press Council (MPC).

"Given the high risk of attacks, journalists around the world need to put in place at least basic digital security measures," said Toby Mendel, Executive, Centre for Law and Democracy (CLD). "This Guide, available in both English and Burmese, provides working journalists with hands-on tools about how to protect themselves against digital attacks."

"Enhancing digital security for journalists is a priority for the Press Council," said U Thiha Saw, Secretary of the Myanmar Press Council. "The MPC will do its best to make sure that as many journalists as possible can access this Guide, which provides them with simple and practical advice on how to protect themselves online."

The launch event was attended by some 50 journalists from around the country, including a number working for ethnic media outlets. It is just the first step in disseminating the Guide, which organisers hope will be widely shared and disseminated in both electronic and physcial versions.

The Guide is available in English and Burmese at: <u>https://www.law-democracy.org/live/myanmar-launch-of-digital-security-guide-for-journalists/</u>

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