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**Statement from Wat Phra Dhammakaya**  
**7 March 2017, 9.00 hrs.**

Today marks the 20th day of human rights violations at Wat Phra Dhammakaya. The government has spent an estimated 60-100 million THB of taxpayers' money thus far.

1. DSI officers found channels and empty 200L oil barrels near the Boonraksa Medical Building, hypothesizing that they were meant to stonewall the officers. Wat Phra Dhammakaya wants to re-emphasize that we have no intentions to obstruct the officers in any way. These are empty oil barrels used to anchor the mesh netting set up to help block the sun, dust, and hot wind.

2. Wat Phra Dhammakaya denies all accusations that the temple is a treason to the nation and the Monastic Code of Discipline for the following reasons:

2.1 Wat Phra Dhammakaya has always promoted the study of the Monastic Code of Discipline. There are over 3,000 monks and novices from the temple who have studied this Monastic Code. Wat Phra Dhammakaya's School for Scriptural Studies has 70 Pali Level 9 graduates, and another 12 monks who have earned doctorate degrees in Thailand and from abroad.

2.2. On 16-18 February 2017, with full cooperation from Wat Phra Dhammakaya, the authorities thoroughly searched zones A & B of the temple, some areas as many as three times. At the conclusion of the search, authorities documented in their summary report that the person of interest was not found and no structures in the temple were in violation of the law. 18 days have since passed, and the authorities have yet to leave and Article 44 remains in effect.

3. A total of 17 surveillance cameras at entrances around the temple have been vandalized by government officials. These had been installed for security purposes, to monitor third parties who may come in to disturb the peace or rob the temple. The temple will be installing new cameras at the same locations. The temple will also be inviting the press to the installations of these new cameras to demonstrate our transparency. We hope that this time, authorities will not vandalize the property of Buddhism again.