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Malaysia: Solidarity with the prisoners of conscience

Today (10 April) Amnesty International's members worldwide sent a message of solidarity to the families and friends of six prisoners of conscience imprisoned under the Internal Security Act (ISA) in Malaysia. They applauded the courage, determination and support shown by those close to the detainees, and expressed their hope that the six would soon be released and reunited with their families.

The detainees, Tian Chua, Mohd.Ezam Mohd.Nor, Dr.Badrul Amin Bahron, Saari Sungib, Lokman Noor Adam and Hishamuddin Rais were arrested two years ago this month under the ISA that allows for indefinite detention without charge or trial.

The Malaysian authorities allege that the six were plotting to overthrow the government through militant means. No evidence to support these claims has ever been made public.

Five of the detainees are leading members of the opposition political party Parti Keadilan Nasional (PKN), National Justice Party, whilst the remaining detainee is a journalist and film-maker.

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