

URGENT ACTION

MALAYSIAN MAN HANGED IN HURRIED, SECRETIVE MANNER

Prabakaran Srivijayan, a Malaysian national was executed at dawn on 14 July 2017 at Changi Prison, in Singapore. Contrary to international standards, he was sentenced to the mandatory death penalty in 2012 for a drug related offence. An appeal was pending in his home country at the time of execution, exposing a disregard of due process.

Prabakaran Srivijayan was executed at dawn on Friday, 14 July 2017 in a rushed, secretive manner, a pattern that has been observed by Amnesty International in previous death penalty cases. The application for a stay of execution filed by his lawyers on 11 July, on the grounds that there was a pending appeal in the Malaysian Court of Appeal, was dismissed on the 13th of July on the grounds of 'abuse of process'. The Singapore Court of Appeal ordered the execution to proceed on 14 July 2017.

Prabakaran Srivijayan, a Malaysian national, was convicted for attempting to import 22.24g of diamorphine into Singapore and, in violation of international law, was sentenced to the mandatory death penalty on 22 July 2012.

In an effort to seek remedy for these violations, his legal representatives launched a case in Malaysia in March 2017 to urge the country to seek the intervention of the International Court of Justice. An appeal in the matter is still pending and the authorities of Singapore have been made aware of the ongoing litigation. International safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty clearly state that the death penalty must not be carried out while appeals or other recourse procedures are pending.

The family of Prabakaran received a letter from the Changi Prison Complex authorities on 6 July 2017, informing them that they would be able to have 'additional visits' between 11-13 July 2017 before his execution scheduled for 14 July 2017.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the second update for UA: 12/17. Further information <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/asa36/6687/2017/en/>

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