

URGENT ACTION

MAN IN MALAYSIA AT RISK OF IMMINENT EXECUTION

Chandran s/o Paskaran, 36, is facing execution by hanging in Malaysia. His execution is scheduled for 7 February.

Chandran s/o Paskaran was convicted of murder and sentenced to death on 16 April 2008. He has been imprisoned for the last 11 years in Kajang Prison, in the Selangor state of Malaysia.

On 5 February Chandran s/o Paskaran's family had been notified of his imminent execution. They were allowed to visit him for the last time on 6 February, after 9am. Chandran has exhausted all his legal appeals and his clemency petition has been rejected by the Malaysian King.

Lack of transparency has been surrounding the use of the death penalty in Malaysia in recent years. Executions are not announced to the public before or after they are carried out. Transparency on the use of the death penalty is an essential safeguard in death penalty cases, as it not only allows for informed and meaningful debates on the issue, but also gives the possibility of appeals being filed to ensure that due process has been followed.

Please write immediately in English or your own language:

- Calling on Malaysian Prime Minister to immediately take all the necessary steps to halt Chandran's any other scheduled executions;
- Asking to commute Chandran's and all other prisoners' death sentences to terms of imprisonment;
- Calling to immediately establish a moratorium on executions as a first step towards abolition of the death penalty, as the government of Malaysia reviews its mandatory laws.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 7 FEBRUARY 2014 TO:

Malaysian Prime Minister

Najib Razak

Fax: +603-88883444 or +603-88883904

Email: ppm@pmo.gov.my

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 Fax Fax number Email Email address Salutation Salutation

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Against international law, murder in Malaysia is mandatorily punished by death. The mandatory imposition of the death penalty denies judges the possibility of considering the mitigating circumstances of a case. A review of Malaysia's mandatory laws was announced in 2012.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty unconditionally, in all cases and all countries, without exception, regardless of the crime for which the person was condemned or the execution method the state uses. The death penalty violates the right to life and is the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment.

Name: Chandran s/o Paskaran

Gender m/f: m

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