

Press Statement

Malaysia: Launch of “Stand up for SUARAM” campaign

Monday 17 September 2012, by [Collective / Multiple signers](#) (Date first published: 17 September 2012).

We, the undersigned NGOs, wish to invite all Malaysians who support the promotion and protection of basic human rights to join the “Stand up for SUARAM” campaign which will be launched this Tuesday (18 September).

The campaign is aimed at mobilising support for SUARAM in the face of the unjust persecution launched against them by the government who persists in investigating the human rights organization in unprofessional and irregular ways beginning early July.

Organisations both within Malaysia and around the world have recognized SUARAM as a key NGO that constantly pushes for greater awareness of human rights in our country. Yet our government appears intent to harass them, seemingly due to the ongoing Scorpene submarine investigations which are taking place in France. However, as we stated last week, the authorities should focus on ensuring that justice and integrity prevail in the Scorpene investigations, instead of trying to shoot the messenger.

SUARAM has given its full cooperation to the investigations and has thus far only been rewarded with an even greater amount of unwarranted prosecution from government agencies who surely have many more important public interest issues to focus on.

Thus, we ask that the public stands up in solidarity with SUARAM, to counter the many half-truths being reported in the government-controlled media. We also hope to see a strong show of support at the launch, which will be held at the agency which began the witch-hunt against SUARAM, the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) :

Details of the launch:

Time & date: 9.30am, 18 September 2012

Venue: CCM office, Menara SSM@Sentral No 7,

Jalan Stesen Sentral 5, Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50623 Kuala Lumpur

Other ways to support SUARAM are:

- 1) Add this PicBadge [\[1\]](#),
- 2) ‘Like’ the FB page [\[2\]](#),
- 3) Tweet your support using the hashtag #StandUp4SUARAM and please follow @StandUp4SUARAM

4) Email your stories of how SUARAM has helped you/someone you know [3]

For more information, please contact E. Nalini : 019 375 8912

Thank you.

Signed and supported by:

1. 528 Media Action Group
2. Academy of Tamil Studies
3. ADC MERADONG-JULAU
4. Aliran
5. All Women's Action Society (AWAM)
6. Angkatan Nasional India Malaysia (AGNI)
7. Angkatan Warga Aman Malaysia(WargaAMAN)
8. Association of Women Lawyers (AWL)
9. Bersihkan Malaysia Perth
10. Borneo Resources Institute, Malaysia
11. Bruno Manser Foundation (BMF)
12. Center for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC)
13. Centre for Independent Journalism (CIJ)
14. Centre for Policy Initiative (CPI)
15. Child Development Initiative
16. Civil Right Committee KLSCAH
17. Coalition of Kelantan NGOs
18. Community Action Network (CAN)
19. Community Development Centre (CDC)
20. Council of Temples Malaysia
21. Friends in Conversation (FIC)
22. Friends of Kota Damansara
23. G4- KANIBUNGAN
24. Gabungan Bertindak Malaysia (GBM)
25. Gabungan Mansuhkan ISA (GMI)
26. Global Bersih
27. Group of Concerned Citizens
28. Himpunan Hijau
29. Indian Malaysian Active Generation (IMAGE)
30. Indigenous People Development Centre (IPDC)
31. IPIMAS
32. Islamic Renaissance Front (IRF)
33. Japan Graduates' Association of Malaysia
34. Jaringan Kampung Orang Asli Semenanjung Malaysia (JKOASM)
35. Jaringan Orang Asal Baram
36. Jaringan Orang Asal Se-Malaysia (JOAS)
37. Jaringan Rakyat Tertindas (JERIT)
38. Jawatankuasa Bertindak Hak Kg. Spaoh-Benat
39. Jawatankuasa Bertindak Melindungi Hak Kawasan Penduduk Tutoh-Apoh
40. Jawatankuasa Bertindak Rumah Ampau
41. Jawatankuasa Tindakan Rakyat Baram (JTRB)
42. Jingga 13
43. JKPK Pusat Krokong.
44. JKPK Pusat Jagoi

45. Kampung Bukit Limau-Sungai Nat
46. Kampung Bukit Peninjau
47. KELAB BELIA KAMPUNG GANA (KBKG)
48. Kill the Bill
49. Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Youth Section
50. Lawyers for Liberty (LFL)
51. LLG (Lim Lian Geok) Cultural Developement Centre Berhad Melaka
52. LLG Cultural Development Centre
53. Malaysia Youth & Student Democratic Movement (DEMA)
54. Malaysian Association of Indian University Graduates
55. Malaysian Indian Development Association
56. Malaysian Indian Historical Association
57. Malaysian Indian Youth Development Foundation
58. Malaysian Indians Progressive Association (MIPAS)
59. Malaysian Indians Transformation Action Team (MITRA)
60. Malaysian Youth Care Association (PRIHATIN)
61. Malaysians for Beng Hock
62. MEBUSA
63. Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF)
64. MyOverseasVote (MOV)
65. National Human Rights Society (HAKAM)
66. Negeri Sembilan Chinese Assembly Hall (NSCAH)
67. Northern Green Youth
68. OHMSI (Oriental Hearts and Mind Study Institute)
69. Pahang Raub Ban Cyanide in Gold Mining Action Committee (BCAC)
70. PANGAU
71. PDBT
72. Pekan Kenowit
73. People's Green Coalition
74. People's Welfare and Rights Coalition (POWER)
75. Perak Women for Women (PWW)
76. Persahabatan Semparuthi
77. Persatuan Alumni PBTUSM KL & Selangor
78. Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti Selangor (Empower)
79. Persatuan Komuniti Prihatin Selangor & KL
80. Persatuan Masyarakat Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan (PERMAS)
81. Persatuan Penduduk Balingan Satu (PPBS)
82. Persatuan Sahabat Wanita
83. Persatuan Seni Rumah Air Panas KL
84. Persekutuan Alumni Han Chiang Pulau Pinang
85. Pertubuhan IKRAM Malaysia (IKRAM)
86. Pertubuhan Rakyat JGPT TONGOD
87. Pertubuhan Rakyat AARP ULU SENAGANG-MONGOOL
88. Pertubuhan Rakyat ALAB LANAS
89. Pertubuhan Rakyat BALAT-KUAMUT
90. Pertubuhan Rakyat G14 TELUPID
91. Pertubuhan Rakyat G5 MANGKAWAGO
92. Pertubuhan Rakyat G5 SIMBUAN
93. Pertubuhan Rakyat G5 ULU TOMANI
94. Pertubuhan Rakyat G8 KOMOKITUKOD
95. Pertubuhan Rakyat GOMPITO

96. Pertubuhan Rakyat KAWAKAHAN
97. Pertubuhan Rakyat MAMAKAT
98. Pertubuhan Rakyat MONGOPUD
99. Pertubuhan Rakyat MONUNGKUS
100. Pertubuhan Rakyat MUKAKAS
101. Pertubuhan Rakyat NAMBAYAN
102. Pertubuhan Rakyat NOKIIKITO
103. Pertubuhan Rakyat PIROTON DAGALING
104. Pertubuhan Rakyat PUSAKAG
105. Pertubuhan Rakyat SINUNGKALANGAN
106. Pertubuhan Rakyat TINIPOT
107. Pertubuhan Rakyat TINUNGKUSAN
108. Pertubuhan Rakyat TONIBUNG
109. PPU
110. Pusat KOMAS
111. Research for Social Advancement (REFSA)
112. Rumah Rajang dan Tatu (RATA)
113. Sabah Women's Action Resource Group
114. SABM Australia (SABMoz)
115. Sarawak Dayak Iban Association (SADIA)
116. Sarawak Indigenous Youths Network (SYIN)
117. Sarawak Keruan Organisation
118. Save Our Sungai Selangor (SOS Selangor)
119. Save Vui Kong Campaign
120. Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia (SABM)
121. Serdang Bharu School Alumni Youth Section
122. Serdang Bharu School Alumni Youth Section
123. Sibu Bersih
124. SILOP
125. Sinui Pal Nanuk Sngik, Perak (SPNS)
126. Sisters in Islam (SIS)
127. Solidariti Anak Muda Malaysia (SAMM)
128. Solidariti Mahasiswa Malaysia (SMM)
129. TAHABAS
130. Tenaganita
131. The Association for the Promotion of Human Rights (PROHAM)
132. The Micah Mandate
133. Tring-Kameh
134. United Chinese School Alumni Association of Malaysia (UCSAAM)
135. WADESA (Persatuan Wanita Desa Sarawak)
136. Women's Aid Organisation (WAO)
137. World Tamil Federation - Malaysian Chapter
138. Writers' Alliance for Media Independence (WAMI)
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Footnotes

[1] <http://www.picbadges.com/badge/2772872/>

[2] <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stand-Up-4-Suaram-Bangkit-Bersama-Suaram/156249814513967>

[3] suaram suaram.net