Dear Tun Dr. Mahathir

Re: Enforced Disappearances of Amri Che Mat and Pastor Raymond Koh

Firstly, allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the first anniversary of your new Pakatan government in Malaysia!

With this, the international community expects the Malaysian government to be truly committed to upholding the rights of its citizens. Malaysia’s reputation is at stake if your government does not give due attention to bringing the perpetrators of this crime to justice.

We believe, under your leadership, we will see a final closure to the two cases of enforced disappearances of Amri Che Mat and Pastor Raymond Koh, which the panel of the Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM) public inquiry had unanimously agreed that “on a balance of probabilities, (they were) abducted by State agents namely, the Special Branch, Bukit Aman, Kuala Lumpur.”

The facts of the two cases are also clearly stated in a letter written to your good self by the Human Rights Watch (HRW) dated May 5, 2019. We, therefore, view with great urgency the need for an independent high-level committee to probe into these two cases, leaving no stones unturned in the course of uncovering the motives of the enforced disappearances.

Two other persons, Joshua Hilmy and his Indonesian wife, Ruth Sitepu have similarly disappeared around the same period between November 2016 and February 2017, and their whereabouts are still unknown to their families and friends.

The prompt administration of justice cannot be compromised in order to safeguard the good name of Malaysia in the international community.

Thank you.

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