

Malaysia: PSM Urgent Appeal — action against repression requested

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54 protesters arrested in relation to a protest against price hikes organised by the Coalition Against Inflation (Protes).

The government's crackdown on peaceful assembly continued, when the police arrested more than 50 individuals, including opposition leader and supporters near Ampang Park LRT station at about 3pm this afternoon.

Those arrested are reported to be held at the Lumpur Contingent Police Headquarters (IPK Kuala Lumpur) Kuala Lumpur. As of 5.10pm, 54 individuals are confirmed to be detained at IPK Kuala Lumpur. S. Arutchelvan and 2 others were taken to Pudu Jail.

1st batch of arrest made at about 2.35pm. Among those arrested were:

1. S. Arutchelvan (PSM Secretary General)
2. Mai Suharah (Female)
3. Siti Fatimah (Female)
4. Nor Aziyati (Female)
5. Aiman (Female)
6. Nashita (Female)
7. Hidayat (Female)
8. Zamri Effendi
9. Marzuki
10. Solahuddin
11. Syed Jaymal

Others who arrested later when they are on their way to KLCC from Jalan Ampang City Bank. Among them are:

12. Badrul Hisham
13. Dino
14. Dr. Nasir Hashim (PSM President)
15. Simon
16. Dr. Hatta Muhd Ramli (PAS)
17. Thevarajan
18. Saraswathy (PSM Vice-President)

19. V.Selvam (PSM CC member)
20. Rani Rasiah (PSM CC member)
21. Ganesan (PSM Kajang Branch President)
22. Ramalingam
23. Kartik
24. Gana
25. Vijaya
26. Sugumaran
27. Thinakaram
28. Nehru
29. Kohila Yanesegaran
30. Dr Dzulkifli Ahmad (PAS)
31. Dr. Badrul Amin
32. Mohd Sabo
33. Mohd Yusof
34. Khairul Nizad
35. P. Mohan
36. Thinamaran
37. Ginie Lim
38. Tian chua
39. Johson
40. Zaid Ibrahim (16 year old)
41. Tan ah kau
42. Nuridah Mohd
43. Mohd Azemi Azman
44. Azmi

45. Chou/Chan
46. Isa Mudin
47. Mohd Aminuri
48. Mohd b. Naw
49. Tan Chee Hooi
50. Fathi Othman
51. Gomathi A/P Gunalan
52. Saravanan A/L Teruma
53. Mohd Azah b. Yaakob
54. Nur Mohd Faizal b. Harun

A full list of arrested civilian is yet to be announced later by the police.

Article 10 of the Federal Constitution of Malaysia guarantees the right to freedom of assembly and expression. However, the draconian Police Act circumvents the right by requiring a permit to be applied from the police for a gathering that is more than three people.

Therefore, PSM call for all the detainees to be released unconditionally and immediately.

Actions needed

- 1) Make a phone call to IPK KL and call for a immediate and unconditional release of all detainees.
- 2) Spread this news and get friends to call to IPK and sent protest letter.
- 3) Please send your protest to the various Malaysian authorities for clamping down the right to freedom of assembly and freedom of expression of Malaysians. Your protest letters should be sent to the following:

- 1) Prime Minister's Office Malaysia

Perdana Putra Building

Federal Government Administrative Centre

62505 Putrajaya, Wilayah Persekutuan,

Malaysia.

Tel: 03 8888 8000

Fax: 03 8888 3444

- 2) Tan Sri Musa Hassan

Ketua Polis Malaysia (Inspector-General of Police)

Ibu Pejabat Polis Diraja Malaysia,

50560 Bukit Aman,

Kuala Lumpur.

Tel: 03-22626015

Fax: 03-22725613

3) Ibu Pejabat Polis Kontinjen Kuala Lumpur (Kuala Lumpur Contingent Police (HQ)

Polis Diraja Malaysia

Jalan Hang Tuah

51100 Kuala Lumpur

Tel: 03-21460522, 03-2485522

Fax: 03-20726786

Cc:

1) Malaysian Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM)

Tingkat 29, Menara Tun Razak

Jalan Raja Laut 50350

Kuala Lumpur.

Tel: 03-26125600

Fax: 03-26125620

Chairman: Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman

SAMPLE LETTER

26 Januari 2008

Tan Sri Musa Hassan

Inspector-General of Police

Ibu Pejabat Polis Diraja Malaysia

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Tuan,

BEBASKAN DENGAN SEGERA AKTIVIS YANG DITAHAN di IPK !!

Kami/saya daripada _____ membantah tindakan pihak polis yang menahan 54 orang aktivis yang menyertai perhimpunan protes yang dianjurkan oleh Gabungan Membantah Kenaikan Harga Barang (PROTEST) untuk menyuarakan kesusahan dan ketidakpuasan orang ramai terhadap kos sara hidup yang semakin melambung tinggi.

Apa rasionalnya pihak polis menahan orang yang prihatin terhadap kesusahan ekonomi masyarakat sedangkan begitu banyak kes jenayah yang tidak diselesaikan oleh pihak polis dengan alasan tidak cukup anggota polis.

46 orang ini telah ditahan semasa perjalanan mereka ke KLCC untuk menghadiri protes hari ini. Tetapi, polis bertindak terus menahan mereka yang jelas memaparkan pihak polis tidak menghormati hak asasi individu untuk menyertai perhimpunan aman.

Oleh yang demikian, kami mendesak Pihak Polis serta-merta membuat keputusan untuk melepaskan semua aktivis yang ditahan secara tanpa syarat.

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