



## Letter Writing Campaign Fact Sheet

### CENSORSHIP AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

#### Concerns:

” Zulkiflee Anwar “Zunar” Ulhaque faces a lengthy jail sentence after taking to Twitter to condemn the jailing of Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim.

Zunar is a political cartoonist well known for his satirical attacks on government corruption and electoral fraud. He now faces nine charges under the Sedition Act, a draconian, outdated law from 1948 dredged up to grant the government sweeping powers to arrest and lock up its critics.

It’s not the first time Zunar has fallen foul of the Malaysian authorities. Since 2009, when his offices were first raided by police, he has been intimidated, arrested and imprisoned. They also confiscated and banned his books, and threatened to close down his printers.

Zunar is not the only one. In the first six months of 2015, more than 40 journalists, academics, political activists and lawyers were interrogated, arrested or charged under the Sedition Act. The government is going to enormous lengths to silence dissent and debate, and lock up its critics. The space for dissent and debate in Malaysia is disappearing fast.



Malaysia  
**ZULKIFLEE  
ANWAR  
“ZUNAR”  
ULHAQUE**

**AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL**



# Show your solidarity to ZUNAR

Please send solidarity messages or messages of support to Zunar

*Sample messages:*

- I know that you have been threatened because of your peaceful activities, and I am campaigning for your protection.
- We are with you in spirit and solidarity here in the Philippines.
- We stand shoulder to shoulder with you.

Or you can make your own message of solidarity and hope.

Please send your letters to the Amnesty International Philippines office until 30 September 2016.

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## WRITE TO MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER **NAJIB RAZAK**

Ask him to **immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Zunar, as well as all other journalists, academics, political activists and lawyers charged under the Sedition Act in Malaysia.**

Take action now. Join us!

### *Sample Letter*

Dear Prime Minister Razak,

It has come to my attention that Zulkiflee Anwar "Zunar" Ulhaque, a political cartoonist, is currently facing 9 charges under the Sedition Act, a draconian, outdated law from 1948 that I believe was dredged up to grant the government sweeping powers to arrest and lock up its critics.

We strongly urge your government to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Zunar, as well as all other journalists, academics, political activists and lawyers charged under the Sedition Act in Malaysia.

Sincerely,  
(Your name and country)