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President of the Republic of Singapore Halimah Yacob
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Dear President Halimah Yacob

“They are punishing our entire family. This hanging sentence is not just a punishment for the person who committed the wrongdoing, it is a punishment for all of us.”

This is what Sarmila K Dharmalingam, the older sister of Nagaenthran K Dharmalingam (Nagen) – who is facing imminent execution after 12 years on death row for transporting a small amount of drugs across the border in 2009 – said in a recent media interview. As family members and friends with loved ones on death row in Singapore, we know the truth of her words. We feel her anguish deeply, and stand in steadfast solidarity with Nagen, Sarmila and their family.

There are no words to describe the pain of having a loved one on death row. Perhaps that is why we don't often speak of it, and our suffering goes unnoticed. And in Singapore, where the government and large segments of the public believe that those who face drug trafficking charges deserve to be hanged to death, our grief is silenced by all the shame we are subject to. When we lose our loved ones to illness, accidents, or death by any other means, our communities rally around us. Even strangers feel for us. Our pain has value, our experiences are honoured. But when we lose our loved one first to death row, and then to execution, we are shunned. We live with the knowledge that society sees someone we love as only a villain whose life has no value, not as the child we held in our arms, the sibling or friend we played and laughed and fought with, the partner whose tenderness we fell in love with, or the parent who worked hard to protect and provide for us.

For many families with a loved one on death row, life is a series of surreal lawyers' appointments, court dates, verdicts, appeals, clemency petitions, prison visits, letters, seeing your MP, dealing with bureaucracy, red tape, and a sterile, callous system where both information and compassion are scarce. You find yourself on a train that you know is going to crash, but you try desperately to stop it anyway. This is a hellish journey for family members who live in Singapore, and a far more arduous and soul-crushing one for families like

Nagen's, who live across the border and beyond. Nagen's family has been unable to visit him for two years, during the pandemic border closure, and with two weeks' notice that their worst nightmare has arrived, they have to scramble to see him through a glass wall for just a few days before the date of execution. Since the day Nagen was arrested, his family has not been able to touch him. The next time they will be allowed to, is only after his life has left his body.

From what his family members and lawyers have said about Nagen's current mental state, we are deeply concerned for his extreme vulnerability. Prisoners on death row live in single cells, where they are alone for 23 hours a day, contemplating their death. Many prisoners on death row live like this for many years. Is it any surprise that many face extreme distress as a result of these conditions, which could lead to different psychosocial disabilities, even if they didn't experience any before? For Nagen, who is neurodiverse and had intellectual and psychosocial disabilities to begin with, living in these conditions for 12 years is sure to have been particularly devastating.

Many people on death row in Singapore – like Nagen and our loved ones – come from very challenging circumstances, and have led difficult, troubled lives which have entangled them with the drug trade. Often, as a result of their marginalisation, they find themselves in desperate and compromising situations. Many a times, they suffer from addiction to substances. Their vulnerability, poverty and desperation are sometimes exploited by others. What they need is care, community, resources, healthcare services and opportunities for healing and living fuller lives. Their imprisonment and execution does not put a dent in a drug trade that is controlled by extremely wealthy and powerful syndicates and drug-lords who scapegoat them for profit. But instead, this cruel system takes these already distressed people and subjects them to far more cruelty.

Society looks for neat stories of who are the “good guys” and “bad guys”. Many families like ours live in the reality of grey areas. With love, hope and determination in our hearts, we plead with President Halimah Yacob to stop the execution of Nagaenthran K Dharmalingam.

We call for the death penalty to be abolished, and for all other prisoners on death row in Singapore to be freed from the nightmare of being a ‘dead man walking’. Please spare Nagen, and spare his family the unspeakable agony of living through and with his execution. Please don't force them to bury him.

In solidarity always,

1. Sharmila Rockey, sister of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
2. Selvan, cousin of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years

3. Jayanthi, cousin of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
4. Jeremy, cousin of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
5. Mary Anne, cousin of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
6. Serene, childhood friend of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
7. Deniel Simon Singh, childhood friend of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
8. Razak, childhood friend of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
9. Herman, childhood friend of Syed Suhail bin Syed Zin, on death row for 10 years
10. Sister of Norasharee bin Gous, on death row for 6 years
11. Sister of Masoud Rahimi bin Mehrzad, on death row for 12 years
12. Salina Abdullah, sister of Rosman Abdullah, on death row for 11 years
13. Shapiee bin Yahya, father of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
14. Zubedah binte Mohd, mother of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
15. Muhammad Hanafiee bin Shapiee, brother of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
16. Norhafizah binte Shapiee, sister of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
17. Muhammad Afiq Anaqi bin Mohamad Anif, nephew of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
18. Ayra Anifa binte Mohamad Anif, niece of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
19. Nur Ashikin binte Razali, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
20. Hamidah binte Yahya, aunt of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
21. Ab Rahman bin Mohd Ali, uncle of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
22. Noraliza binte Ab Rahman, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
23. Norazri bin Ab Rahman, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
24. Norfaridah binte Jantan, aunt of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
25. Siti Hajar binte Awalludin, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years

26. Siti Nur'Ain binte Awalludin, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
27. Raden Iskandar bin Awalludin, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
28. Hamzah bin Yahya, uncle of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
29. Hashimah binte Mohamed Amin, aunt of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
30. Hasmizah binte Hamzah, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
31. Hazwani binte Hamzah, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
32. Haziqah binte Hamzah, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
33. Nor Elham bin Haron, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
34. Juliana binte Haron, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
35. Kamisah binte Man, aunt of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
36. Hamdan bin Razali, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
37. Ismail bin Razali, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
38. Puteri Effa binte Razali, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
39. Patimah binte Jusoh, aunt of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
40. Mohamad Nor bin Yahya, uncle of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
41. Azlinda binte Ismail, aunt of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
42. Nor Dinie bin Mohamad Nor, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
43. Nur Anis binte Mohamad Nor, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
44. Jeffery Lim Yoke Nguang, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
45. Eddy Lim Yoke Khuay, cousin of Abdul Rahim, on death row for 6 years
46. Sangkari Pranthaman, sister of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
47. Pranthaman, father of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
48. Saratha, mother of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
49. Parthipan, brother of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years

50. Joshua, brother of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
51. Isaac, brother of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
52. Angelia, sister of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
53. See Prasad, brother-in-law of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
54. Prema, sister-in-law of Pannir Selvam Pranthaman, on death row for 7 years
55. Yasirah, wife of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
56. Jihan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
57. Bilal, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
58. Aimar, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
59. Fadhil, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
60. Noorjahan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
61. Aziz, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
62. Yazid, father-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
63. Siara, mother-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
64. Munir, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
65. Syed, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
66. Leila, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
67. Shima, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
68. Aekyd, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
69. Ina, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
70. Naomi, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
71. Aisha, sister-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
72. Banu, sister-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years

73. Rozana, sister-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
74. Zaheeb, brother-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
75. Muhammad, brother-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
76. Nuh, brother-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
77. Jamal, brother-in-law of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
78. Dhiyaulhaq, child of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
79. Yariqa, child of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
80. Imtiyaz, child of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
81. Zill, child of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
82. Ozil, child of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
83. Roza, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
84. Zikri, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
85. Aryan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
86. Shiek, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
87. Wati, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
88. Rin, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
89. Fauzi, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
90. Muhammad, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
91. Hassan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
92. Shaik, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
93. Naqi, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
94. Fen, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
95. Zaini, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years

96. Zainal, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
97. Hussin, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
98. Yan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
99. Yaz, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
100. Wan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
101. Mastura, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
102. Yayah, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
103. Zara, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
104. Qis, niece of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
105. Indah, niece of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
106. Dayah, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
107. Siti, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
108. Fir, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
109. Faiz, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
110. Dillah, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
111. Yati, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
112. Dan, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
113. Rizal, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
114. Ulfa, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
115. Fikri, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
116. Ain, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
117. Fahmi, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
118. Mira, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
119. Mustaffar, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years

120. Lia, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
121. Fai, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
122. Amy, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
123. Zal, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
124. Roki, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
125. Mad, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
126. Ali, uncle of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
127. Zaidah, aunt of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
128. Dil, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
129. Farid, uncle of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
130. Din, uncle of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
131. Faat, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
132. Min, family member of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
133. Ulhaq, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
134. Chacha, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
135. Masitah, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
136. Lydia, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
137. John, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
138. Lan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
139. Diana, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years

140. Nana, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
141. Roslan, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
142. Rahim, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
143. Hanafi, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
144. Karim, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
145. Boy, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
146. Nor, aunt of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
147. Gul, uncle of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
148. Sue, aunt of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
149. Fifi, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
150. Shah, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
151. Ray, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
152. Is, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
153. Fiq, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
154. Putri, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
155. Ashraf, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
156. Aminah, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
157. Irfan, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
158. Hilmi, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
159. Mikhail, cousin of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
160. Yiz, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
161. Adam, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
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166. Ghazaar, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
167. Harun, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
168. Kechik, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
169. Megat, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
170. Yusof, friend of Mohammad Reduan bin Mustaffar, on death row for 2 years
171. Maimunah, mother of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
172. Hariyati, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
173. Rosilawati, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
174. Abdul Nassir, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
175. Abdul Halim, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
176. Fatimahwatiee, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
177. Mohd Khir Johari, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
178. Mohd Fauzi, family member of Ramdhan bin Lajis, on death row for 5 years
179. Friend of Prabhu N Pathmanathan, executed in 2018
180. Jumai Kho, sister of Jabing Kho, executed in 2016
181. Lenduk anak Baling, mother of Jabing Kho, executed in 2016
182. Martin Isak, brother-in-law of Jabing Kho, executed in 2016
183. Donny Edward, family member of Jabing Kho, executed in 2016
184. Adrinus Stenlly, family member of Jabing Kho, executed in 2016
185. Azman, acquitted and released from death row in 2012

186. Mazeeda, wife of Azman, acquitted and released from death row in 2012
187. Mohamad Ibrahim, brother of Zainal bin Hamad, on death row for 4 years
188. Hj Medah binte Abdullah, mother of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
189. Johan bin Khamis, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
190. Dang Suriya binte Saren, cousin of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
191. Daeng Sari, cousin of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
192. Daeng Masri, cousin of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
193. K Min, sister of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
194. Fareez Nazari, friend of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
195. Zarah, sister of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
196. Ratno, brother-in-law of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
197. Indra, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
198. Rashid bin Bakar, brother of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
199. Haminah, sister of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
200. Zaimi, brother-in-law of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
201. Afiq, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
202. Atiqah, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
203. Kamaruzaman bin Rosli, friend of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
204. Shafie Senin, childhood friend of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
205. Osman, brother of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
206. Shahiran, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
207. Shazani, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
208. Fikri, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
209. Danish, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
210. Salmah, sister of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years

211. Abdul Rahman, brother-in-law of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
212. Masyitah, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
213. Jefri, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
214. Kartini, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
215. Azahar, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
216. Aishah, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
217. Faris, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
218. Umar, brother of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
219. Saweah, sister-in-law of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
220. Muhammad, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
221. Ria, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
222. Yusof, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
223. Jihan, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
224. Nurma, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
225. Ella, niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
226. Yana niece of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
227. Ali, brother of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
228. Ros, sister-in-law of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
229. Shamsubari, brother of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
230. Mahaya, sister-in-law of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
231. Shaharani, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
232. Sufian, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
233. Isa, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
234. Lamah Dollah, aunt of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
235. Yasin, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
236. Yusri, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years
237. Yusof, nephew of Roslan bin Bakar, on death row for 11 years