



RCI Must Establish Cause of Teoh's Death and Have Credible Members to show Najib's sincerity

We, the undersigned civil society organisations (CSOs) say "NO" to the "lame duck" Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) on the late Teoh Beng Hock which Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak intends to set up.

We demand that the RCI to be given specific and comprehensive Terms of Reference [TOR] to clear all doubts pertaining to Beng Hock's mysterious and torturous death.

a. Investigating thoroughly and identifying the cause of Beng Hock's death, especially identifying the cause of bruise which appeared on his neck.

b. Reviewing and reforming the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) investigation protocols to be in line with human rights standards and international best practices.

c. Identifying the political, administrative and criminal responsibility of all individuals or institutions whose decisions and acts had directly or indirectly led to the death of Teoh Beng Hock and recommending specific actions to charge or penalize these individuals;

d. Investigating into other allegations of torture, illegal detention and other misconducts by MACC if and when necessary and proposing reforms in the formal procedures of and actual practices in MACC investigation and interrogation.

In upholding the cardinal principle of transparency, we demand that the Report of the RCI and all related documents be made available to the public, without conditions.

Transparent Appointment of RCI Members

In order to show his sincerity in seeking the truth and justice, the Prime Minister has to ensure transparency and independence in the selection and appointment of RCI members.

The selection panel must include representatives of the Teoh family, Bar Council, Selangor State Government and human rights community to ensure full consultation and credibility.

We strongly urge the government to appoint only individuals who meet the following criteria to the RCI:

- Is an outstanding and professional figure with high integrity
- Has a proven track record of defending human rights
- Has relevant experience in the area of human rights, law enforcement, judiciary and non-governmental activism.

In this regard, we fully support the list of potential commissioners proposed by the Malaysians for Beng Hock Movement as follows:

1. **Tun Musa Hitam**: Former Deputy Prime Minister and the first chairperson of Malaysia Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM)

2. **Raja Aziz Addruse**: Former Bar Council president and former president of the National Human Rights Society (Hakam)

3. **N.H. Chan**: Former Court of Appeal judge

4. **Tun Haniff Omar**: Former Inspector General of Police

5. **Datuk Ambiga Sreenivasan**: Former Bar Council president and awarded Sreenivasan International Women of Courage 2009

6. **Dr. Irene Fernandez**: Director of NGO Tenaganita and awarded Right Livelihood Award in 2005

7. A medical professional upon consultation of Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), its ex-president **Dr Ronald McCoy** (a human rights defender) and other members of the medical community.

We urge the Federal Government not to finalise the RCI and announce its membership without consulting the Teoh family, Bar Council, Selangor State Government and human rights community. Otherwise, the RCI will be seen as a public relations exercise of the Federal Government, with its independence and credibility called into question even before embarking on its task.

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1. The KL & Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall
2. Amnesty International Malaysia
3. Pusat Pembangunan Kebudayaan LLG
4. SUARAM
5. Young Buddhist Association of Malaysia
6. Jemaah Islah Malaysia
7. Islamic Renaissance Front Malaysia
8. Persekutuan Alumni Han Chiang Malaysia
9. Group of Concern Citizen
10. KOMAS
11. JERIT

12. Malaysia Students' Association In Taiwan

13. All Women Action Society of Malaysia, AWAM

14. Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia

15. Solidariti Mahasiswa Malaysia

16. Gabungan Mahasiswa Islam Se-Malaysia

17. Gerakan Demokratik Mahasiswa dan Pemuda Malaysia

18. Kesatuan Mahasiswa New Era Kolej

19. Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti Selangor, Empower

20. Persatuan Prihantin Komuniti Kuala Lumpur & Selangor, PRIHATIN

21. Persatuan Masyarakat Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan, PERMAS

22. Bahagian Pemuda Persatuan Char Yong S'gor dan Wilayah Persekutuan

23. Bahagian Wanita Dewan Perhimpunan Cina KL & S'gor

24. Persatuan Wui Leng Kuala Lumpur & Selangor

25. Persatuan Alumni PBTUSM Selangor & KL

26. Persatuan Alumni Nam Hiang KL

27. Bhg Pemuda Persatuan Alumni Sekolah Serdang

28. Jawatankuasa Bertindak Peneroka Bandar Jalan Papan

29. Persatuan Penduduk Tmn Muhibbah Seri Kembangan

30. Jawatankuasa Penduduk Zon 23 MPSJ

31. Persatuan Alumni Kampung Sekolah Ampang

32. Persatuan Singa Naga Jin Ying Ampang

33. Gerakan Mahasiswa UPM

34. Gerakan Mahasiswa UUM

35. Gerakan Mahasiswa USM

36. University Malaya New Youth Association

37. Youth For Change, Y4C

38. Penggerak Belia Zon 23, MPSJ

39. Bahagian Pemuda Persatuan Hokkien WP & S'gor

40. Youth Section of Malacca Chinese Assembly Hall

41. Youth Section of Negeri Sembilan Chinese Assembly Hall

42. Persekutuan Persatuan-Persatuan Bekas Pelajar-Pelajar Sekolah-Sekolah China Johor

43. Persatuan Alumni Taiwan, Johor Bahru

44. Kelab Penyokong SJKC Damansara Kluang

45. Penang Watch

46. Jawatankuasa Penaja SUARAM Kluang

47. Perak Youth Graduate Association

48. Gabungan Murid-Murid Sekolah-Sekolah Menengah Persendirian Perak

49. Persatuan Murid-Murid Tua Sekolah Menengah Shen Jai

50. Bahagian Pemuda Persataun Keturunan Ng's Perak

51. Persatuan Hopo Kawasan Bidor, Perak

52. Penang Chinese Independent Schools' Education Society

53. Persatuan Alumni Han Chiang Pulau Pinang

54. Chung Hwa School Union

55. Kong Min School Old Pupils Association

56. Persatuan Kawan Karib Pulau Pinang

57. Pertubuhan Bekas Murid Sekolah Pei Yu, Seberang Perai Utara

58. Persatuan Murid-Murid Tua Sekolah Tong Sian

59. Youth Section of KL & Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall

60. Persatuan Bekas Murid-Murid Han Chiang Seberang Perai

61. Persatuan Bekas Murid Sekolah Seng Keo Butterworth

62. Li Hwa School Ex-Pupils Association Butterworth

63. New Era College Alumni Association

64. WAMI

65. Lawyers for Liberty

66. Free Public Forum

67. Red Rose Youth Centre

68. Persatuan Ann Kooi Hulu Selangor

69. Persatuan Murid-murid Tua Sekolah Kuen Cheng KL

70. The Federation of Chinese Associations, Johore State

71. Sarawak Central Region Friendship Association

72. Student Progressive Front NEC, SPFNEC

73. Persatuan Bahasa Tiong Hua USM

74. Persatuan Bahasa Cina UM

75. Persatuan Bahasa Tiong Hua UUM

76. Persatuan Bahasa Tiong Hua UPM

77. Solidariti Mahasiswa Malaysia SMM

78. Gabungan Anak Muda & Pelajar GAMP

79. Sarawak Dayak Iban Association SADIA

80. Borneo Resources Institute Malaysia BRIMAS

81. Sarawak Native Customary Rights Land Network TAHABAS

82. Jaringan Orang Asal Se-Malaysia JOAS

83. Persatuan Wanita Desa Sarawak WADESA

84. Sarawakians Access SACCESS

85. Community Information and Communications Centre CICOM

86. Women's Aid Organisation WAO

87. Community Action Network

88. Tenaganita

89. Community Development Centre CDC

90. Youth Wing of the Council of Churches of Malaysia CCMY

91. Monitoring Sustainability of Globalization MSN

92. 528 Media Action Group

93. Persatuan Penganut Agama Buddha Fo Guang Malaysia

94. SOS Save Ourselves

95. MALVU Malaysian Voters Union

96. Negeri Sembilan Chinese Assembly Hall

97. The Association of Graduates from Universities & Colleges of China, M'sia

98. Federation of Chinese Schools Alumni Association of Malaysia

99. Selangor and Kuala Lumpur Hokkien Association

100. Persatuan Persahabatan Berpanjangan N.Sembilan

101. Eng Choon Association Negeri Sembilan

102. Persatuan Belia Prihatin Malaysia Cawangan N.Sembilan

103. Lai Association Negeri Sembilan

104. N.S. Teo Chew Youth

105. N.S. Kwang Tung Youth

106. N.S. Hainan Youth

107. Chinese Methodist Church Seremban

108. Kelab Sukandan Rekreasi Taman Layang-layang Seremban

109. COMIT Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan

110. Persatuan Kebajikan Cahaya Wawasan S'gor

111. Persatuan Kebajikan Bharatham Negeri Selangor

112. Persatuan Wawasan India Selangor

113. Consumer Association of Klang

114. Persatuan Prihatian Belia Malaysia

115. Pertubuhan Seni Music India Malaysia

116. Young Malaysians Movement (YMM) Negeri Sembilan

117. Perak Han Chiang Ex-Pupils Association

118. Penang Yan Huang 312 Centre

119. Negeri Sembilan Teo Chew Association

120. Persatuan Belia Xiang Hui, Negeri Sembilan

121. The Federation of Chinese Associations Malaysia Youth Section

122. Penang Chinese Assembly Hall

123. Chinese Schools Alumni Association of Kedah

124. Centre for Independent Journalism, CIJ

125. Human Rights Committee of BAR Council Malaysia

126. Malaysia-China Chamber of Commerce