The Right to Truth : Sharing by Families of Victims



In conjunction with International Day for Right to Truth, Teoh Beng Hock Trust for Democracy, Eliminating Deaths and Abuse in Custody Together (EDICT) and Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia (SABM) cordially invite you to join : *Date : 24 March 2021, Wednesday Time : 8:30pm via Zoom*

Family representatives of the victims are :

a. Fadhelah binti othman, the mother of Fadzrin, a victim of death in police custody

b. Teoh Lee Lan, the sister of Teoh Beng Hock, a victim of death in MACC custody

c. Susanna Liew, the wife of victim of enforced disappearance Pastor Raymond Koh

d. Afiq Luqman Mohd Baharudin, the son of Anisah Ali, a custom officer murdered by traffickers.

Admission is free. Registration please click here : https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdumqpj4jE91B0KtFHqI3mPMF-Jx17rmG

The International Day for Right to Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the

Dignity of Victims is observed on this day the 24th of March each year. This commemorative day has been observed each year since 2010.

The United Nations definition of the Right to the Truth states the following:

“The relatives of victims of summary executions, enforced disappearance, missing persons, abducted children, torture, require to know what happened to them.”

“The right to the truth implies knowing the full and complete truth as to the events that transpired, their specific circumstances, and who participated in them, including knowing the circumstances in which the violations took place, as well as the reasons for them.”

In every country, a sound criminal justice system is the essential preconditions for people to be entitled right to truth.

This is because without a professional police force adhering to human rights principles, without independent prosecutors and judges that uphold rule of law and the federal constitution, the criminal justice system cannot ensure truth and justice when people’s rights are being violated.

In the past few decades, Malaysian criminal justice system has failed to shed light on numerous high profile unjust cases. Some repetitive patterns of rights violation have fostered a culture of impunity among perpetrators, especially within the rank of enforcement officers.

There is still no justice for political-motivated murders such as Altantuya and Bill Kayong. No a single enforcement officer is held accountable for the victims of custodial death such as Teoh Beng Hock, Kamarulnizam and R. Gunasegaran. We still don’t know whereabouts of Pastor Raymond Koh, Amri Che Mat, Joshua and Ruth Hilmy.

These are the cases that have had huge publicity but there are many more that are unknown!

On this day we respectfully remember and honour the victims.

Without a doubt, the people that have suffered the most are the families of the victims. They have endured the pain of loss. They have been denied the right to information, the truth, and justice!

The sessions today provide an opportunity for families of victims to share their intimate thoughts and their painful journey in search of the truth.

We hope this will result in better public awareness and understanding of the need to demand for justice for the victims, and to support the families in their quest to obtain the truth for their loved ones.