

**IMPRISONED FORMER MALAYSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER
ANWAR IBRAHIM REQUIRES URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION**

Kuala Lumpur – Since his imprisonment on the 10th of February 2015, Anwar Ibrahim has been placed under the care and responsibility of Dr Jeyaindran Sinnadurai, who is also Malaysia's Deputy Director General of Health (Medical). This marks the second time Anwar is under the care of Dr Jeyaindran – the first being Anwar's imprisonment from the years 1999-2004.

Since early March 2015, Anwar has complained on the pain suffered in his right shoulder. Unfortunately, he was only sent to Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL) three months later, which was on the 2nd of June 2015.

During Anwar's stay in HKL, he was examined by Dr Fazir bin Mohamad, who recommended that intensive physiotherapy be provided to alleviate Anwar's pain in the said area. Physiotherapy only took place a month later, for only a few days, from 7th - 12th July 2015.

Since then, any physiotherapy session rarely takes place – at most occurring only once every few weeks despite Anwar's constant pain. This clearly contradicts the instructions of the specialist who recommended intensive physiotherapy. In the meantime, the pain which started on Anwar's right shoulder has now spread to the left shoulder.

Anwar's family and lawyers have since managed to obtain written reports of the team of doctors who examined and treated Anwar in June and July. These medical reports were then referred to Associate Professor Dr Ng Awuy Min from University Malaya Medical Centre (UMMC), an orthopedic shoulder specialist, who had treated Anwar when he first developed a cold shoulder prior to his detention. Professor Ng has stated that the problem affecting Anwar's right shoulder is "serious" and "may require immediate surgery."

We were further informed that on the 21st of August 2015, the orthopedics specialist Dr Fazir met Anwar in prison and prescribed very strong painkillers (Acoxia) to manage Anwar's pain. No other medical assistance nor recommendation were made.

Dr. Jeyaindran followed up Dr Fazir's prescription by asking Anwar to double the dosage than what was recommended by Dr Fazir. This instruction to double the dosage of painkillers may put Anwar in danger. We find that the treatment and management of Anwar's medical situation are ineffective and have worsened his condition.

We urgently ask that Anwar is immediately brought to the UMMC for a thorough examination by Professor Ng for his right and left shoulder problems; including all tests such as MRI and others so that Dr. Ng can provide his expert opinion as to what effective treatment is needed to alleviate Anwar's pain and prevent further damage including immediate surgery if necessary.

Sungai Buloh Prison officers have informed the family that Anwar was rushed to HKL on the afternoon of 27th August 2015 to meet with eight experts and then promptly brought back to prison, and that the family was supposed to be briefed on Anwar's health issues the week after. We have since been informed through the lawyers that the doctors are currently busy and unable to meet us.

We remain very concerned as to the extent of injury Anwar faces – which might include the C3 and C5 vertebrae of his back – affecting further nerve complications if there is further delay.

He must be immediately brought to UMMC to be examined by Professor Ng and for effective treatment to be provided forthwith.

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