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Leading Malaysian Human Rights Defender in Sydney

Invitation to Briefing on Human Rights in Malaysia in 2017

In June 2017, **Sevan Doraisamy**, Executive Director of Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SURAM), will visit Sydney. He has offered to make time available to meet with individuals and organisations interested in learning more about the current human rights situation in Malaysia.

Tuesday 13th June, 5pm-6:30pm

Location: Staff Common Room, UNSW Law Faculty Building, Level 2

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Human Rights in Malaysia:

There is growing concern at the worsening human rights situation in Malaysia, an Australian ally and one of its major trading partners in the region. With elections likely, allegations of major corruption, growing religious intolerance, attacks and intimidation of political opponents and widespread abuse of migrant workers there are growing fears for the future of democracy and human rights in Malaysia – and with it the rule of law and economic stability. Most recently concern has been raised about a number of mysterious and enforced "disappearances".

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2017/05/05/civil-societies-form-caged-to-monitor-forced-disappearances/>

<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2017/05/05/new-action-group-on-missing-persons-vows-not-to-shut-up/>

Sevan Doraisamy has 16 years of experience defending and promoting human rights in Malaysia. Sevan has campaigned on freedom of expression, marginalised communities and the right to liberty. He has been detained by the authorities 4 times for this work. As the Executive Director of SUARAM (see below) he is involved in a number of NGO coalitions and represented them internationally. Prior to SUARAM, Sevan was the founding member of RadiqRadio.com, an internet radio and worked as an independent radio journalist. He also served as the Programme Director for the Centre for Independent Journalism (CIJ), fight for media freedom as well as promoting Freedom of Information (FOI) bill in Malaysia.



Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM) was established in 1989 to monitor and advocate for human rights in Malaysia. It has since established itself as a leading human rights NGO - working to defend the right to a fair trial; freedom from abuse of police powers; freedom of expression and information; freedom of assembly and association; freedom of religion; the right of minorities, refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and trafficked persons and the death penalty.

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