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## MALAYSIA

# Zunar

#### **FACING JAIL FOR TWEETING CARTOONS**

Political cartoonist Zulkiflee Anwar Ulhaque, aka 'Zunar', is facing a long prison sentence for cartoons he tweeted on 10 February 2015. They lampooned the decision to jail opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim on sodomy charges. Zunar is charged under the Sedition Act, a colonial-era law often used to clampdown on freedom of expression in the guise of protecting national security and deterring racial or religious

Zunar has been targeted numerous times for his political cartoons; he holds the record for the highest number of sedition charges in Malaysia. He was briefly detained in 2010 after the publication of his book Cartoon-O-Phobia. Five of his books have been banned for content allegedly 'detrimental to public order'.

www.amnesty.org.uk/zunar



'As the regime sharpens their iron fist, my pen gets sharper' Zunar



### **SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:**

Zulkiflee Anwar Ulhaque (Zunar) c/o Amnesty International Malaysia D-2. 33A 8 Avenue Jalan Sungai Jernih 8/1 Section 8 46050 Petaling Jaya Selangor, Malaysia

Language: English or Malay + Salutation: Dear Zunar

+ Suggested message: Zunar would rather receive cartoons, drawings or doodles than traditional messages. We therefore encourage you to draw an image or cartoon to show support for Zunar, or to express what freedom of expression means to you. If possible, please also take a photo of your creation and upload it, with a mention of your age and country and a message to Zunar if you wish, to Instagram and Twitter with the tags #Zunar and #W4R Tweet images to him @zunarkartunis.

### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include your name and address?

#### **SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:**

Urge the prime minister to drop the charges against Zunar.

Write to: Prime Minister Najib Razak

Main Block, Perdana Putra Building

Federal Government Administrative Centre, 62052

Putrajaya, Malaysia

Fax: 00 603 8888 3444 Email: ppm@pmo.gov.my

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

In your letter: Call on the prime minister immediately to drop the charges against Zunar. Urge him to ensure that Zunar and those working with him are not subjected to any form of restrictions or harassment. Ask for the repeal of the Sedition Act and other laws which restrict the right to freedom of expression, and that Malaysia complies with international human rights law and standards.



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