PRESS RELEASE

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The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) is very concerned to hear that Dr Jeyakumar Devaraj, a Life Member of the MMA who has been detained under the Emergency Ordinance since July 2nd 2011, has gone on a hunger strike, announced by his wife R. Mohanarani Ç•š Œ ÇU ^š}• l iµ•š] U v Z Á]oo }vš]vµ Z]• •šŒ]l µvš Œ}µPZšš}šŒ] oXX_

We urge the authorities to release Dr Jeyakumar and the 5 others from PSM as the police said they had v š]v ^(}kEy movers} (šZ :µoÇ õ Œ•]Z îXì Œ ooÇ_U Á If they are not released immediately, they should be charged and tried in open court.

While we are concerned about the possible detrimental effects of this hunger strike on : Ç lµu Œ[•tZmore soZas he has been brought to the hospital for heart problems twice since his initial arrest almost a month ago Á uµ•š o•} Œ •‰ š : Ç lµu Œ[• Œ]PZ violent form of protest.

In this regard, the MMA calls upon the authorities to respect international human rights law and not to resort to force( ]vP • u v• }(v]vP Œ : Ç lµu Œ[• ‰Œ} Medical Association (WMA) the body that establishes ethical guidance for doctors around the world t states that force-feeding by any means is considered as unethical and cruel, inhuman