

I am writing this to express my grave concern on human rights defender and lawyer Siti Kasim, who has been charged with “obstruction” in connection with a raid on a transgender event held in April 2016. She could face up to two years in prison or a maximum fine of RM10,000 (USD 2,331) or both, if convicted.

So I urge you to drop all charges against Siti Kasim immediately and unconditionally.

I also urge you to end the targeting of the transgender community in Malaysia through discriminatory laws, policies and practices.

The last, but not the least, I urge you to repeal all discriminatory laws and policies and bring laws and policies into line with international human rights law and standards.

Your prompt attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,