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13th August 2006

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Dear Y.B. Dato' Seri,

A humble appeal for an inquiry in the exercise of the Rohingya registration at depot Immigration KLIA

With due respect, we wish to make an appeal to the Y.B Dato' Seri for an inquiry into the exercise of the Rohingya registration and issuance of the receipt of IMM13 at the depot Immigration KLIA, which was conducted beginning 1st till 15 August 2006.

For the kind information of Y.B Dato' Seri, on the request of Tuan Md Zin Abdul Hamid (Setiausaha, Bahagian A, Pendaftaran dan Immigration, Kementerian Hal Ehwal Dalam Negeri), after taking an oath of secrecy on 25th July 2006 at his office, I led a 12 member-volunteer committee to the depot Immigration KLIA to voluntarily assist in the exercise, for it would allow us to obtain the long-awaited IMM13 documents, which enable us to seek lawful employment and school our children born of here.

Since 1st till 4th August 2006, we assisted in the interviewing process and filling in forms accordingly. On the August 2, 3, we (Abu tahir Bin Abdul Rashid, Mazlan Bin Johari and me) screened out 25 and 42 non-Rohingyas respectively, who were then brought in by Mohd Rafik Bin Ismail and Bomoh Abu Tahir @ Salim in the name of Sri Hwa Company.

On the August 4, we were suddenly removed from the interview process at the afternoon session. Then the interviews were conducted by Rafik @ Shukur – recently came out of the Sungai Buloh prison – and Mohd Rafik Bin Ismail, a non-Rohingya himself, and we eye-witnessed that they passed several non-Rohingyas through the interviews and being

granted the coveted documents – receipt of IMM13. We were helpless to make protests before the in-charged person.

On the August 7, when we went to the depot to further assist in the exercise, we were not allowed again from participating in the interview process. However that we stayed back at the depot to observe the situation. The situation was such that those who brought in non-Rohingyas to be registered as Rohingyas at the depot were placed in a position to interview them.

On the August 8, we were dismissed from exercise totally. I believed that those bringing in non-Rohingyas to the depot considered my colleagues and me a stumbling block, and it was the very reason my colleagues and I were dismissed from the exercise.

After our dismissal, hundreds of non-Rohingyas, including some Buddhists as well as Hindu from Myanmar and Bengalese from Bangladesh were registered as Rohingya and being granted the document. The in-charged person in collaboration of unscrupulous private agents, including local ones, smartly did the unhealthy practice. My colleagues and I would volunteer our services, if ask for, to screen them (those non-Rohingyas already registered and got the document) out of the data by photos, for I have been volunteering myself in the services of Rohingya community in Malaysia since 1992.

Furthermore, I strongly refute the Ministry official's repeated allegations that I was among those who then brought in non-Rohingys to the depot and that I charged exorbitant fees from my own countrymen. Once again, I categorically deny all these frivolous allegations. I would label all those accusations that are being hurled at me as a pretext to cover up the widespread pay-off practices during the exercise.

Hundreds of other Rohingyas share with me that the entire process of the registration exercise was orchestrated in a way that suited with the vested interest of the in-charged person – several pay-off processes were then prevalent in the whole exercise both inside and outside of the depot Immigration KLIA.

I believe corruption certainly brings misfortune and disaster to the entire society, and as such we have opted to expose the corrupt practices in the exercise. We are *Mustadaafin fil Ard* – the despised through the land.

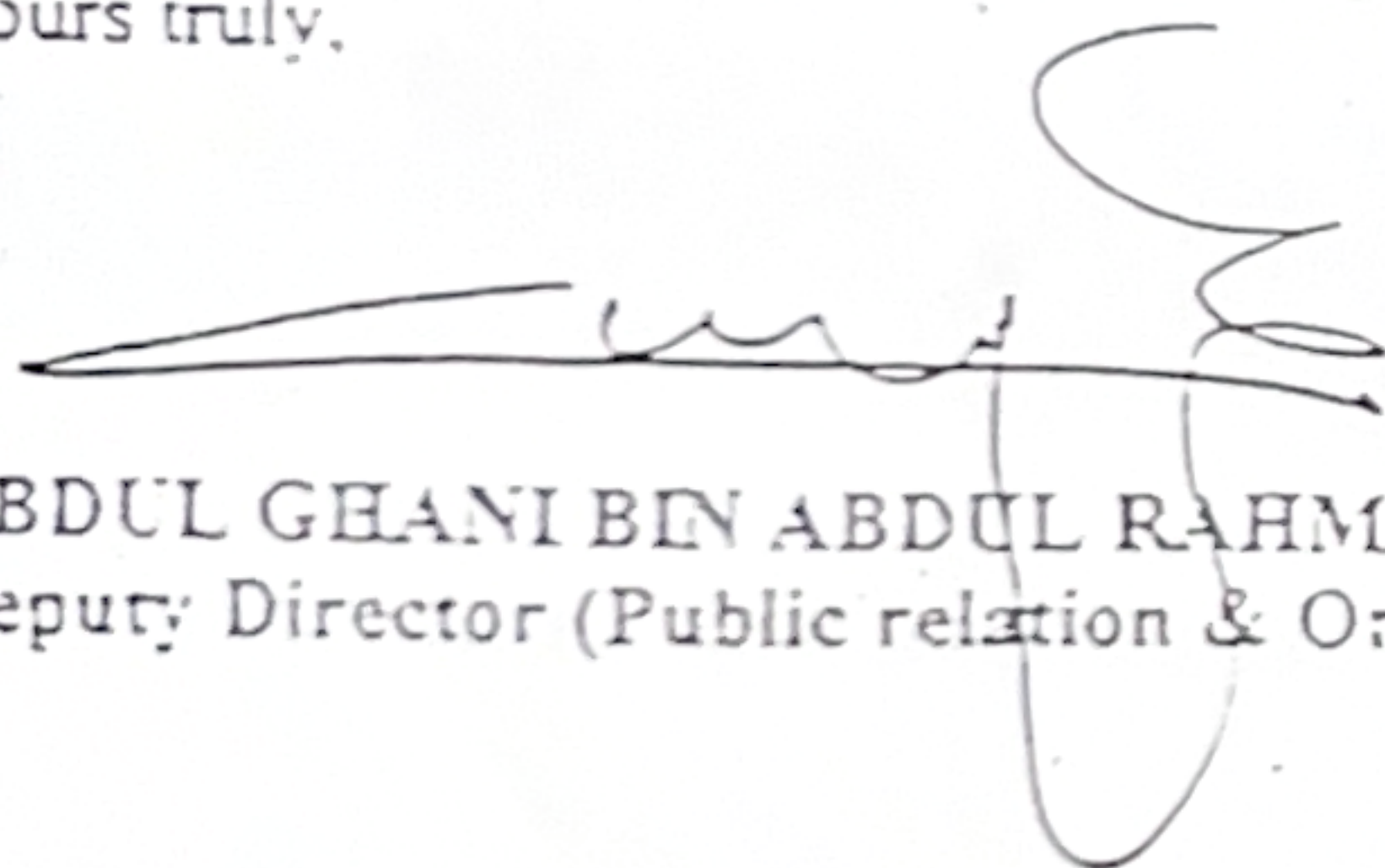
In view of the above, I ardently appeal and appeal to the Y.B. Dato' Seri, Home Minister, for an inquiry in the exercise and punish those who committed crime. I am ready to face the consequences if I am proved to have committed those allegations made by the Home Ministry officials. (Dato' Seri's belief in good governance, and the unblemished services to the society further encourage me to make this appeal).

I sincerely hope that my humble appeal for an open inquiry in the registration exercise is under the kind attention and consideration of Y.B. Dato' Seri.

Enclosed please find some relevant documents for the perusal of the Y.B. Dato' Seri.

Thank you, Wassam.

Yours truly,



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: Chairman, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM).