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To: Prime Minister: YAB Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak
Home Minister: YB Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein Menteri Kementerian Dalam Negeri
IGP: Tan Sri Ismail Omar, Ketua Polis Negara

20th July 2011

Dear Honourable Ministers

Arrest and detention of Dr Jeyakumar Devaraj

The People's Health Movement, a global network bringing together grassroots activists, civil society organisations, academics and health workers from around the world, strongly condemns the arrest and detention of Dr Jeyakumar Devaraj and 5 others under the Emergency Ordinance. We have heard that due to ill health, Dr Kumar has been moved to hospital.

Dr Kumar who has been involved with People's Health Movement since our inception, is well respected for his contributions to public health and social justice. Since completing medical school, Dr Kumar has spent significant time working in some of the most remote rural areas, working tirelessly to bring services to the poor and marginalised and to address the structural and social determinants of health. He has also worked on a number of national initiatives to improve equitable access of health services to the poor.

Given Dr Kumar's standing in the community and his professionalism and commitment in serving and bringing health services to all people of Malaysia, we feel it imperative that the authorities expedite his release, together with the other 5 people who remain in detention. Furthermore, as co health-workers, we are deeply concerned about further adverse effect the arrest and detention will have on Dr Kumar's health.

Yours sincerely

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