



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
19 OCTOBER 2020**

**INTERVIEW BY MR RAVI S/O MADASAMY GIVEN TO
THE ONLINE CITIZEN ASIA ON 19 OCTOBER 2020**

The Attorney-General's Chambers has been made aware of an interview given by Mr Ravi s/o Madasamy ("**Mr Ravi**"), counsel for Mr Gobi a/l Avedian ("**the Applicant**"), that has been uploaded on The Online Citizen Asia's Facebook page in relation to the decision of the Court of Appeal delivered earlier today (*Gobi a/l Avedian v PP* [2020] SGCA 102).

2 In the course of such interview, Mr Ravi alleged that the Public Prosecutor was "overzealous" in the prosecution of the Applicant at first instance. The insinuation is that the initial conviction of the Applicant by the Court of Appeal in *PP v Gobi a/l Avedian* [2019] 1 SLR 113 was wrong at the time it was decided and that the Public Prosecutor had acted improperly.

3 Any such insinuation is categorically false. The Court of Appeal in the decision issued today explicitly pointed out that its initial decision to convict the Applicant was "correct at the time [it was] made" and that none of the arguments considered in the decision delivered today "could have been made in view of the legal position as it was understood then". It is unfortunate that Mr Ravi has sought to mischaracterise the reasons for the decision issued by the Court of Appeal today.

4 Mr Ravi further suggested that "the application process and the statutory mechanism" put in place for the Court of Appeal to review such previous decisions is "oppressive". Contrary to Mr Ravi's baseless assertion, as the Court of Appeal affirmed, such statutory framework "is a reflection of the robustness of our legal framework that the Court may in limited circumstances take into account subsequent changes in the legal position to reassess previously made decisions".

* * *

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CHAMBERS
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

For queries, please contact:

Ms Dawn Ang
Senior Assistant Director
Tel: 6908 9448
Email: dawn_ang@agc.gov.sg

Ms Lai Xue Ying
Manager
Tel: 6908 3067
Email: lai_xue_ying@agc.gov.sg