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**HIGH COURT DISMISSES APPLICATION FILED BY M/S K K  
CHENG LAW LLC THAT THE AGC AND THE CNB  
DISCRIMINATED AGAINST PERSONS OF MALAY ETHNICITY**

On 2 December 2021, the High Court dismissed an application (“**OS 825**”), which was filed on behalf of 17 plaintiffs, all of whom have been convicted of drug trafficking offences and sentenced to capital punishment, by the law firm M/s K K Cheng Law LLC (“**M/s K K Cheng**”).

2. The plaintiffs sought declarations to the effect that the Attorney-General’s Chambers (“**AGC**”) and the Central Narcotics Bureau (“**CNB**”) had discriminated by investigating and prosecuting them for capital drug offences on account of their Malay ethnicity, in breach of their constitutional rights.

3. The AGC and the CNB do not have policies or practices involving considerations of an offender’s ethnicity or which are targeted toward any particular ethnic community. The plaintiffs’ ethnicities were not a factor in the decision to prefer the charges against them or which led to their arrest and investigation – instead, they were arrested and investigated because there was evidence that they had committed serious drug offences. While the plaintiffs attempted to cite statistical evidence to support their case, these statistics were inaccurate, deliberately selective and flawed. No other evidence was adduced in support of the plaintiffs’ case. Given the above, the AGC vigorously opposed OS 825.

4. After hearing arguments from the AGC and the plaintiffs’ lawyer, Mr Ravi s/o Madasamy (“**Mr Ravi**”), the Court found no evidence that the CNB’s investigatory practices are targeted toward intercepting offenders from the Malay community, or that prosecutors were influenced by the ethnicity of offenders in making prosecutorial or charging decisions. The plaintiffs were convicted and

sentenced by courts of competent jurisdiction after due process was accorded to them.

5. The Court also found that the application was an abuse of court process, and that it was disrespectful to the court process to bring before the court speculative assertions and conjecture cloaked in general interest.

6. The High Court will determine the issue of costs at a later date.

7. The same group of plaintiffs had also, through Mr Ravi, filed a separate unsuccessful application seeking to commit the Minister for Home Affairs and Law, Mr K Shanmugam, for alleged contempt of court. This application concerned comments made by the Minister in Parliament about the AGC's view of OS 825. The High Court struck out this application on 16 November 2021.

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