

MEDIA STATEMENT
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**JUDICIAL REVIEW PROCEEDINGS BY PERSONS CHARGED
IN CONNECTION WITH “LITTLE INDIA RIOT” WITHDRAWN**

1 Two separate judicial review proceedings against the government brought by individuals charged in connection with the “Little India Riot” have been withdrawn by the individuals concerned. The 4 individuals involved were represented by Mr M Ravi of LF Violet Netto.

ARUN KALIAMURTHY & ORS V ATTORNEY-GENERAL (OS 61/2014)

2 OS 61/2014 (“OS 61”) was an application by Arun Kaliamurthy, Rajendran Mohan and Ravi Arun Vengatesh for leave of Court to commence judicial review proceedings to quash certain conditions imposed on them by the Controller of Immigration (“Controller”) pending their criminal trials.

3 In respect of OS 61, both parties had filed their respective affidavits and written submissions. OS 61 was originally fixed to be heard by a High Court Judge on 12 May 2014.

4 On 7 May 2014, Mr M Ravi applied, on behalf of his clients, to withdraw the proceedings, with costs to be paid by the 3 applicants in the amount of \$3,000. The High Court granted Mr M Ravi’s application.

RAJENDRAN RANJAN V ATTORNEY-GENERAL (OS 1233/2013)

5 OS 1233/2013 (“OS 1233”) was an application for leave of Court to commence judicial review proceedings (a) to quash the stern warning administered by the Police; (b) to quash the order of removal made by the Controller; and (c) to reinstate the work permit of Rajendran Ranjan.

6 Rajendran Ranjan, the named applicant, previously worked as a construction worker in Singapore. He was given a stern warning by the Police for an offence under s 151 of the Penal Code (Cap 224) for his involvement in the Little India Riot.

7 Having assessed and determined that the presence of the applicant was undesirable, the Controller cancelled the applicant's visit pass. Pursuant to this, an order of removal was made and the applicant was removed from Singapore on 20 December 2013.

8 In respect of OS 1233, both parties had filed their respective affidavits and were pending further directions from the Court at the pre-trial conference stage.

9 On 14 May 2014, Mr Anil Balchandani (on behalf of Mr M Ravi) applied to withdraw OS 1233. The High Court granted the application to withdraw OS 1233. It was agreed by the parties that Mr Arumugam Sivanathan, the uncle of Rajendran Ranjan who authorised the proceedings on his behalf, is to pay costs of \$1,000.

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