

## **MKOTT hamutuk ho belun boot Witness K no Bernard Collaery**

**12 Set 2018**

Relasiona ho julgamentu primeiru ba Witness K no Bernard Collaery iha 12 setembru 2018, ativista sira iha Timor-Leste halibur asinatura iha “spanduk” atu entrega no ezije ba Governu Australia hapara kriminalizasaun kontra belun boot Timor-Leste nia na’in rua ne’e.

Durante halibur asinatura Portavós MKOTT Faustinho Soares hatete katak, “Ami hamriik hamutuk ho Witness K no Bernard Collaery iha situasaun ida ne’ebé sira na’in rua hasoru agora, ami konsidera katak Australia la respeita prinsipiu Liberdade espresaun ne’ebé kontempla metin iha lala’ok demokrasia nia, ami nia solidariedade ba belun na’in rua ne’e, nudár aktu agradesimentu ba sira, tanba ho sira nia barani mak hasa’e povu TL nia dignidade liu husi fó sai no hapara kamera intelijénsia ne’ebé Intelijénsia Australia nia tau iha Palasiu Governu”

Liu husi asaun halibur asinatura ne’e. Portavós mós apela ba povu Timor-Leste, hotu-hotu bele asina spanduk no ezije ba Australia hodi hapara no liberta maluk na’in rua ne’e husi akuzasaun sira ne’ebé oras ne’e sira iha.

Portavós mós husu ba Parlamentu Nasional Timor-Leste nia atu ho povu Timor-Leste nia naran ko’alia ba Australia hodi hapara akuzasaun criminal kontra Witness K no Bernard Collaery.

MKOTT kontinua tau matan no halo asaun saida de’it ma kami bele hodi hapara akuzasaun criminal kontra belun boot rua ne’e. esbanduk ho asinatura ne’e sei entrega ba embaixada Australia iha segunda feira semana oin.

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## **MKOTT stands with friends Witness K and Bernard Collaery**

**12 Sept 2018**

In relation to the first court hearings for Witness K and Bernard Collaery on 12 September 2018, activists in Timor-Leste collected signatures on a banner to present to the Australian Government, urging them to drop criminal charges against these two good friends of Timor-Leste.

During the signature gathering, MKOTT Spokesperson Faustinho Soares said that, “We stand together with Witness K and Bernard Collaery I the situation that confronts them, and we consider that Australia disrespects the principle of freedom of expression which is fundamental to democracy. We in solidarity with these two friends, to show our gratitude to them, because their courage uplifted the Timor-Leste’s people dignity by exposing the eavesdropping by Australian intelligence in our Government Palace.”

Through this action, the spokesperson also appealed to the Timorese people, for everyone to sign the banner and demand that Australia free the two friends against whom they are currently bringing charges. He also urged the National Parliament of Timor-Leste to act, in the people’s name, to ask Australia to drop the criminal charges against Witness K no Bernard Collaery.

MKOTT will continue to follow this case, and do take whatever actions we can to stop these criminal accusations. The banner with the signatures will delivered to the Australian Embassy next Monday, 17 September.