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THAILAND

Dear Commissioner General,

Human rights defender and lawyer **Sirikan “June” Charoensiri** has been under criminal investigation since February 2016. Previously, she had legally represented pro-democracy activists who were being prosecuted for the peaceful exercise of their human rights. As a result of this, she was charged with having violated Penal Code Articles 142 and 368, and accused of making a false report after she complained about police wrongdoing. Sirikan Charoensiri faces cumulative sentences of up to 15 years imprisonment in relation to these three cases.

Later in 2016, police alleged that the human rights lawyer had been involved in unlawful activities herself because she had been present at the site of the protests, alongside the student activists whom she represented. If formally charged on this count, Sirikan Charoensiri will face trial before a military court alongside the other activists.

I would like to urge you to drop all ongoing criminal investigations concerning Sirikan Charoensiri and other human rights defenders immediately, as they are being prosecuted solely for providing legal representation to clients or otherwise defending human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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