



Singapore: Respite Order for Roslan bin Bakar and Pausi bin Jefridin

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The Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN) welcomes the President's decision to grant respite to Roslan bin Bakar and Pausi bin Jefridin and calls on the Government of Singapore to commute their sentences considering their vulnerabilities as persons with borderline intellectual functioning and intellectual disability.

ADPAN strongly encourages the Government of Singapore to impose a moratorium on execution and to review the use of the death penalty in Singapore.

International law and norms limit the use of the death penalty only for the most serious crimes involving intentional crimes with lethal consequences. Drug trafficking does not meet this threshold and it is disproportionate for persons convicted of drug offences to be punished with the death penalty. Furthermore, the death penalty has not been proven to be an effective means of deterrence and this should not be the foundation on which the death penalty is applied.

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ADPAN is the regional body for organisations committed to the abolition of the death penalty across Asia-Pacific, with members from approximately 22 countries within the region. As such, ADPAN maintains that the death penalty violates the right to life, that it is the ultimate form of cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment and that the death penalty should be entirely abolished internationally.