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Our Business Hours: Monday – Friday \* 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

Your Ref: Please adviceOur Ref: MANZ/L-GEN-CIV/1143/FWSRM-ZK/2019/MA/ma&nzDate: 23rd December 2019

# YB HAJJAH ZURAIDA BINTI KAMARUDDIN NAIB PRESIDEN PARTI KEADILAN RAKYAT

Lot 98, Lorong Tanjung 9, Kampung Melayu Ampang, 68000 Ampang, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

**By Registered Post** 

YB Hajjah,

Re: Defamatory statements made by you against Farhash Wafa Salvador Rizal Mubarak, in your speech delivered and published at a dinner event in Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel, on 8.12.2019, which was further disseminated through a Youtube channel called "Azmin Ali", and is widely circulated thereafter.

# NOTICE OF DEMAND

- 1. We act for **Farhash Wafa Salvador Rizal Mubarak** ("our Client"). Our client is the "Pengerusi Majlis Pimpinan Negeri Keadilan Perak" and also holds the position as the Political Secretary to the President of PKR.
- 2. We have been instructed to inform you as follows:

# THE DEFAMATORY ARTICLE

3. You have published defamatory, disparaging and unfounded statements concerning our Client, vide your **speech**, which was delivered and published at a dinner event in Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel, on

**8.12.2019, in front of a live audience, numbering not less than 3,000 attendees,** ("The Article"). The Article was recorded in a full video footage, and was widely circulated by you, and/or with your consent and encouragement, through a Youtube channel called "Azmin Ali", and can be accessed by the public from the said Youtube Channel, i.e. [https://youtu.be/7IGFRIRScI8]. Further and/or in the alternative, you have allowed, consented, promoted and/or encouraged the recording and publication of the Article by various media representatives who were present at the said dinner event, and the Article can also be accessed by the public from various sources on the internet.

#### References to our Client

4. In the Article, which is defamatory of our Client, you have referred to our Client by some specific references to the attire worn by our Client at PKR's congress in Melaka recently, and to the official postsheld by our Client in PKR. You said "*apa tak mafia, datang congress pakai baju hitam, pakai songkok hitam*" [the bold emphasis is ours]. It is a known fact that our Client had worn a black attire and a songkok, at the PKR's Congress in Melaka recently. Further, you said "*pengerusi negeri perak*" and "*setiausaha politik Anwar Ibrahim*" as references to our Client's posts. Our Client's posts as the 'Chairman of Perak' and a political secretary to the President of PKR are widely known. Therefore, the identity of the person you have defamed, is easily understood by the viewer/listener of the Article, as a reference to our Client.

### THE DEFAMATION

5. The defamatory words in the Article are particularized in the table below. We have used the video footage in the said Azmin Ali's Youtube channel to mark the time the statements were made in the said footage: -

Time	The statements you made	Defamatory meanings,
		imputations and
		innuendos
4:05	saya tanya Radin, saya tanya Nurul	Our Client is a gangster, a
	Huda, pernahkah kita menggunakan	criminal, generally bad,
	gangster- gangster untuk jaga	having a criminal intent.
4:12	pernah tak kita guna baju hitam?	Black shirt (or clothing)
		signify the ulterior or bad
		intention on our Client's
		part
4:17	pernah tak kita guna muay thai?	Our Client had used
		violence and intimidating
		tactics to achieve his aim.
4:22	siapakah yang jadi petugas-petugas	Our Client was
	tu?	responsible for the brawl
		that erupted during the
		PKR Congress in Melaka
		recently
4:33	sotong! Sotong! Sotong! (cheering	Our Client was a problem,
	from crowd)	pest, not fit to hold office,
		bad and should be
		regarded as the enemy.
21:04	sebab dia sangka kalau azmin kena	Our Client had an ulterior
	pecat, dia boleh jadi menteri	and sinister agenda
21:10	zuraida kena pecat, dia jadi menteri.	Our Client had an ulterior
		and sinister agenda
21:15	kj kena pecat, dia jadi menteri.	Our Client had an ulterior
		and sinister agenda
21:20	sebab tu dia pekik pecat! Pecat!	Our Client had an ulterior
	Pecat!	and sinister agenda

21:24	dia ingat muka dia boleh jadi menteri	Our Client is unfit to hold
21.27	ke apa?	office or to be involved in
	ke apa :	
		politics
21:47	semalam dan hari ni adalah mereka-	Our Client had an ulterior
	mereka yang mencuba	and sinister agenda
21:55	nak dapatkan apa? Nak dapatkan	Our Client had an ulterior
	jawatan menteri, seronok kalau	and sinister agenda
	diaorang kena pecat, kita dapat	
	jawatan menteri.	
23:20	perlantikan-perlantikan politik yang	Our Client was a spoiler,
	diberikan oleh parti yang menang	and destroyer, and had
	keadilan, dirosakkan oleh pemimpin-	ruined the party
	pemimpin pengerusi negeri.	
24:50	saya,siva yang mana di Selangor tidak	Our Client was a cheat,
	diberikan peranan untuk membantu	fraudster, criminally
	parti, di blok oleh gangsters, di blok	inclined, a gangster and a
	oleh penipu,penyangak	generally bad person
25:00	kalau dia panggil kita cartel, saya nak	Our Client is involved with
	panggil sana tu siapa? Mafia!	the criminal underworld or
		with organized crime
25:16	mafia first class	Our Client is a dangerous
		criminal involved with the
		criminal underworld or
		with organized crime
25:27	apa tak mafia, datang congress pakai	Black shirt (or clothing)
	baju hitam,pakai songkok hitam	signify the ulterior or bad
		intention on our Client's
		part
25:37	pengerusi negeri perak	This statement identifies
20.07		our Client as the subject
		of the defamatory remarks
		or the defaillatory reliarks

25:40	setiausaha politik anwar Ibrahim	This statement identifies
		our Client as the subject
		of the defamatory remarks
25:45	tak ke tu ala mafia?	Our Client is involved with
		the criminal underworld or
		with organized crime and
		harbours an ulterior
		motive
26:33	setelah dikaburkan oleh pengikut-	Our Client is involved with
	pengikut hingusan, mafia, yang tiada	the criminal underworld or
	menda lain yang nak buat, jawatan,	with organized crime and
	jawatan	harbours an ulterior
		motive
27:33	saya tahu ucapan malam ini direkod,	This statement shows that
	saya nak president dengar.	you promoted and
		encouraged the recording
		and publication of the
		Article.

- 6. Such statements are defamatory of our Client, disparaging and unfounded.
- 7. You further repeat and/or amplify the defamatory and wrongful statements by willingly encouraging, permitting and promoting the publication and circulation of The Article to third parties, and The Article was republished and can easily be obtained and be viewed on the internet – notably in Youtube, as explained above.

## EVIDENCE OF MALICE

8. Our Client strongly believes that the aforementioned defamatory statements, made by you, were actuated by malice. The malice is corroborated by the fact that you were already harboring unfounded ill-will

towards our Client, ever since our Client was detained and questioned by the police in an investigation concerning a sex-video allegedly involving a colleague, namely Y.B. Dato' Seri Azmin Bin Ali.

#### **OUR CLIENT SUFFERS DAMAGE**

 As a consequence of the aforementioned, our Client had suffered damages and loss of reputation.

#### DEMAND

- 10. **TAKE NOTICE**, We have been instructed to demand from you as follows:
- (a) that you issue to us (as solicitors for our Client), within 7 days from the date of this notice, a letter containing an <u>unconditional apology</u> in the exact words as follows:-

"I, Hajjah Zuraida Binti Kamaruddin, Vice President of Parti Keadilan Rakyat, hereby unconditionally and unreservedly apologise to Farhash Wafa Salvador Rizal Mubarak ("Farhash"), in respect of the speech I have made at a dinner event in Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel on 8.12.2019.

My said speech had contained unfounded allegations against Farhash, for which, I am truly remorseful.

I hereby promise that I shall not repeat the same or similar accusations against Farhash in the future, and I shall immediately withdraw from circulation or dissemination, any video footage of my said speech (or the written publication of its contents), or any part thereof, from any publication or media channel that I own, control or have influence on.

#### Signed

## Hajjah Zuraida Binti Kamaruddin"

(b) that you, within 7 days from the date of this notice, cause the publication of a written <u>unconditional apology</u>, in The Star newspaper, in the exact words as follows:-

"I, Hajjah Zuraida Binti Kamaruddin, Vice President of Parti Keadilan Rakyat, hereby unconditionally and unreservedly apologise to Farhash Wafa Salvador Rizal Mubarak ("Farhash"), in respect of the speech I have made at a dinner event in Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel on 8.12.2019.

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(c) That you forthwith pay a sum of **RM15,000.00** to us as solicitors for our Client being the costs of issuing this notice to you

- 11. If you failed to comply with the above demand within the time frame stipulated, we have strict instructions to proceed with legal action, for which you shall be further liable for damages, costs, interests, injunction and any ancillary orders the court may give.
- 12. Kindly be informed.

Yours faithfully for **MESSRS MOHD ASHRAF, NIK ZARITH & CO** 

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