

# The Movement Against Occupation of the Timor Sea (MKOTT)

Press Release, Dili, 18 May 2023

## Welcome Bernard Collaery

Through this press release the Movement Against the Occupation of the Timor Sea would like to welcome our comrade Bernard Collaery who arrived in Timor-Leste today, 18 May 2023. Our Comrade has been invited by the President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Dr. José Ramos Horta, to receive a medal of honor from the state, in the Presidential Palace.

Historically our comrade Bernard Collaery was accused on 11 May 2018. The accusation was delivered by Attorney-General Hon. Christian Porter against both Bernard Collaery and Witness K. Our comrade Bernard was accused because he defended Witness K since 2004, when he has working for the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). After bugging the Timor-Leste government building (Palacio do Governu), Comrade Witness K revealed the operation to the public. Because of that information the attorney-general accused him and at the same time Comrade Bernard Collaery, as a lawyer in defending Witness K. In 2018, both of our comrades Witness K and Bernard Collaery were accused of revealing Australian secrets.

Since the accusation against both of our comrades, in 2018 to 2019 MKOTT took action: conducted demonstrations, wrote letters of protest, and signed motions to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison. In 2022, in Australia's governing coalition changed to labor, resulting in a new Attorney General: Christian Porter was replaced by Mark Dreyfus. On 7 July 2022 the new Attorney-General withdrew the accusation against Bernard Collaery and let him free. Unfortunately, Witness K did not get freedom as Bernard Collaery did because Witness K plead guilty at trial.

Based on this brief background, today, MKOTT and people of Timor-Leste would like to welcome our comrade Bernard Collaery. Through this press release, MKOTT declares to the public that our fight for Bernard Collaery's freedom since 2018 has succeeded and become reality. MKOTT also appreciates our President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste for his initiative to invite Bernard Collaery to receive a state medal of honor.

In coming days, MKOTT will invite all elements and groups that have been supporting this campaign to come and join us and meet our comrade Bernard Collaery, the occasion is to celebrate our victory together in Aihanik-hun complex of HAK, in Farol.

Even though our comrade Bernard is free, MKOTT's struggle is not over, because our comrade Witness K still has not been freed yet. Therefore, MKOTT will continue to fight and demand that Attorney General Mark Dreyfus end the accusation against Witness K. MKOTT also asks the Australian Community to join with MKOTT to demand freedom for Witness K.

This ends our press release, to all Journalist friends to all your collaboration and support for this campaign, we would like to say big thank you.

Viva Comrade Bernard Collaery..!!

Viva Comrade Witness K..!!

Viva MKOTT..!!

Aluta Kontinua..!!

Responsavel MKOTT

1. Tomas Freitas
2. Celestino Gusmão
3. Faustino Soares

# Movimentu Kontra Okupasaun Tasi Timor (MKOTT)

Komunikadu Imprensa, Dili, 18 Maio 2023

## Bem-Vindo Belun Bot Bernard Collaery

Liu husi komunikadu da imprensa ida ne'e Movimentu Kontra Okupasaun Tasi Timor (MKOTT) hakarak fó bem-vindo ba ita nian belun bot Bernard Collaery mak ohin loron 18 fulan Maio 2023 hakat mai Timor-Leste. Ita nian belun bot Bernard Collaery hetan konvite husi Prezidente da República Dr. José Ramos Horta atu hodi simu kondekorasaun iha loron aban 19 de Maio 2023, Iha Palacio da Presidencial.

Istórikamente ita nian belun bot Bernard Collaery hetan akuzasaun iha Loron 11 Maio 2018. Akuzasaun ne'e hatún husi Attorney-General. Christian Porter ne'ebé foti desizaun hodi halo prosekusaun hasoru Witness K ho Bernard Collaery. Ita nian belun Bernard Collaery hetan akuzasaun ho razaun defende ita nian belun Witness K mak uluk servisu hanesan intelijente mak hola parte iha *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation* (ASIO) iha Dili, iha tinan 2004. Haktuir belun Witness K hateten katak governu Australia iha tinan 2004 monta aparelu atu hodi kapta (penyadapan) konversasaun iha palacio do governu. Wainhira belun Witness K ko'alia sai ba públiku, Nia hetan akuzasaun husi Attorney General, tanba ne'e ita nian belun bot Bernard Collaery nudár advogadu halo defeza hodi proteje belun Witness K. Iha momentu halo defeza, ita nian belun na'in rua hotu hetan akuzasaun husi Attorney-General iha tinan 2018.

Wainhira ita nian belun na'in rua hetan akuzasaun, hahú husi tinan 2018 – 2019, MKOTT iha momentu ne'ebá halo asaun liu husi demonstrasaun, hakerek karta protesta, no abaixo asinadu hodi entrega ba eis primeiru ministru Australia nian Scott Morrison. Iha tinan 2022, akontese mudansa governasaun iha Australia, ne'ebé muda husi governu Koligasaun ba governu mak lidera husi partidu traballista. Akontese mós mudansa ba iha Attorney-general husi Christian Porter ba Mark Dreyfus. Iha loron 7 de Julu 2022, Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus dada fali akuzasaun hasoru Bernard Collaery dezde loron ne'ebá ita nian belun boot hetan fali ninian direitu Liberdade. Maibé infelizmente liberdade ne'e la akontese ba belun Witness K tanba ita nian belun ne'e rekoñese katak Nia simu desizaun tribunal nian.

Istória badak iha leten, ohin Movimentu Kontra Okupasaun Tasi Timor Hamutuk ho povu tomak hakarak hato'o bem-vindo ba ita nian belun boot Bernard Collaery. MKOTT liu husi karta komunikadu ida ne'e hakarak hato'o ba públiku katak ita hotu nian luta durante ne'e hodi ezije liberdade ba belun Bernard Collaery ohin agora sai ona realidade. MKOTT mós apresia ba iniciativa husi ita nian Prezidente da República Dr. Jose Ramos Horta mak konvida ona ita nian belun Bernard Collaery hodi mai simu medalla kondekorasaun.

Iha loron hirak tuir mai MKOTT mós sei konvida parte hotu ne'ebé mak uluk fó apoiu ba belun Bernard Collaery atu mai participa soru-mutu ida ho ita nian belun bot Bernard Collaery iha Aihanik-hun, edifísiu Asosiasaun Hak, Farol.

Mezmu kee ita nian belun boot Bernard hetan ona liberdade, MKOTT nian luta seidauk remata, tanba ita nian belun Witness K seidauk hetan liberdade. Tanba ne'e MKOTT sei kontinua ezije ba Attorney General Mark Dreyfus atu hodi dada akuzasaun hasoru belun Witness K. MKOTT mós hakarak apela ba comunidade Australianu hotu atu Hamutuk ho MKOTT husu liberdade ba belun Witness K.

Mak ne'e de'it ami nian karta de imprensa, ba maluk jornalista hotu nian kolaborasaun ami hato'o obrigadu wain.

Viva Belun Bot Bernard Collaery..!!

Viva Witness K..!!

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