



FACING A LIFE SENTENCE

FOR PEACEFUL PROTESTS

RUNG PANUSAYA
Thailand

Panusaya “Rung”, facing life sentence for peaceful protests in Thailand.

Panusaya “Rung” Sithijirawattanakul was once shy, but today she’s a leading voice in Thailand’s youth democracy movement.

Rung – which means “rainbow” in Thai – became politically active while studying sociology and anthropology at university in the capital, Bangkok. She bravely took part in protests for social and political change throughout 2020. By August, she had become a protest leader. Watched by thousands, Rung called for equality, freedom of expression and – what is a highly sensitive topic in Thailand – the reform of the monarchy. This unprecedented act propelled her onto the national stage and the authorities branded her a troublemaker.

Rung continued to lead protests for reform. Accused of provoking unrest, she was arrested in March under a law that outlaws criticism of the monarchy. She was imprisoned for 60 days during which she was diagnosed with Covid-19. The authorities denied her bail six times. In defiance, she went on a 38-day hunger strike and was released on April 30, 2021. Rung faces dozens of charges against her and, if found guilty, life imprisonment. “Once you step into the prison; you

will no longer feel that your humanity is still intact,” she says.

Tell Thailand to drop all charges against Rung.

WRITE TO THAILAND’S AUTHORITIES

and tell them to immediately drop all criminal charges against Rung and others arrested for protesting peacefully.

TO: Prime Minister of Thailand

ADDRESS for letters: The Office of the Permanent Secretary Government House

1 Nakhon Pathom Road

Dusit, Bangkok 10300, Thailand

OR

EMAIL: sarabun@opm.go.th

TWITTER/FACEBOOK: @prayutofficial

SALUTATION: Dear Prime Minister

HELP RUNG KEEP HER SPIRIT STRONG

Mail her your message of solidarity and hope. Draw pictures of rainbows (Rung’s name means “rainbow”) to accompany your message if you wish.

ADDRESS: Amnesty International Thailand
139/21, Soi Lat Phrao 5
Chom Phon, Chatuchak
Bangkok 10900 Thailand

OR

Write messages of solidarity with rainbow pictures, take a photo, and post it to your social media, tagging Rung when you do. Don’t forget to follow her!

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/panusaya.sithijirawattanakul

TWITTER: @PanusayaS

INSTAGRAM: @overttherainbow