



**CARTOONISTS RIGHTS
NETWORK INTERNATIONAL**



JOINT STATEMENT

Renowned cartoonists call Malaysian authorities
to immediately end Zunar harassment

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Renowned cartoonists and members of Cartooning for Peace,

Patrick Chappatte (Editorial cartoonist for The New York Times and Le Temps, Switzerland),

Jeff Danziger (Editorial cartoonist with The Washington Post Writers Group, USA),

Liza Donnelly (Editorial cartoonist for The New Yorker and CBS News, USA),

Ann Telnaes (Editorial cartoonist for The Washington Post, USA),

Nicolas Vadot (Editorial cartoonist for Le Vif/L'Express and L'Echo, Belgium),

along with **Dr Robert Russell**, executive director of Cartoonists Rights Network International (CRNI),

made the following joint statement, ahead of Human Rights Day:

1/ We, cartoonists, are proud to support our colleague Zunar, a courageous and recognized cartoonist of Malaysia who has received the 2016 Cartooning for Peace Award of the City of Geneva on May 3rd in Switzerland, to mark World Press Freedom Day.

2/ By drawing and commenting on current affairs with talent, impertinence and humor, cartoonists fully and beautifully exercise freedom of expression, and thereby, extend our own freedom. Zunar, like other editorial cartoonists who are threatened, imprisoned or forced to flee into exile because of their drawings, deserves the full support of the international community.

3/ We call upon the Malaysian authorities to immediately end the continued harassment of cartoonist Zunar. Zunar's fundamental rights to freedom of expression and freedom of movement must be respected, according to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights signed by Malaysia.

4/ We join International and Human Rights NGOs and call upon the Malaysian authorities to lift the travel ban on Zunar with immediate effect and to drop the numerous sedition charges against him.

5/ We pay tribute to Zunar and other editorial cartoonists for their courage to work and draw under very difficult circumstances in many regions of the world.

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