

OPERATORS OF TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE COLLECTIVE'S ONLINE PLATFORMS PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING FINANCIAL BENEFIT DUE TO HISTORY OF COMMUNICATING MULTIPLE FALSEHOODS

Two-year restriction against Transformative Justice Collective from receiving financial or other material benefits from operating the website and social media pages

Singapore, **20 December 2024** – The Minister for Digital Development and Information has declared Transformative Justice Collective's (TJC) online platforms, namely its website and social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X, as "Declared Online Locations" (DOL(s)) under Section 32 of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019 (POFMA). The Declaration comes into effect on 21 December 2024 and will be in effect for two years until 20 December 2026 at 12pm (GMT+8).

- 2. From August to December 2024, five POFMA Correction Directions were issued to TJC for multiple falsehoods communicated on TJC's online platforms regarding the Government's treatment of prisoners awaiting capital punishment and related issues (refer to Annex A for the list of Correction Directions issued to TJC). Each of TJC's online platforms has met the following requirements under POFMA to be declared as a DOL:
 - Each of TJC's online platforms has carried at least three different false a. statements of fact that are the subject of active POFMA Correction Directions; and
 - At least three of these false statements of fact had first been communicated b. in Singapore on each of TJC's online platforms within six months before 20 December 2024.
- 3. The Declaration does not mean that TJC's online platforms will need to cease operations. TJC's online platforms may remain in operation. However, during the period the Declaration is in effect, each of TJC's online platforms must carry a notice to alert viewers that it has been declared as a DOL, that it had communicated multiple falsehoods, and that viewers should exercise caution when accessing it for information.
- 4. Operators of a DOL are not allowed to receive financial or other material benefit from operating the DOL. This is to prevent operators of DOLs from profiting from the communication of falsehoods in Singapore. In addition, service providers such as digital advertising agencies, and digital advertising intermediaries must take reasonable steps to ensure that paid content that they include or cause to be included on TJC's online



platforms are not communicated in Singapore on these platforms. Individuals and companies must also not provide financial support to TJC's online platforms if they know or have reason to believe that by doing so, they will promote the communication of falsehoods in Singapore on these platforms.

- 5. The owner or operator of TJC's online platforms, or any person with editorial control over TJC's online platforms, can apply to the Minister for Digital Development and Information to suspend, vary or cancel the Declaration. If the Minister refuses the application, an appeal can be made to the High Court.
- 6. Members of the public are advised to be alert to TJC's history of communicating falsehoods on TJC's online platforms, and to fact-check information published on these online locations. Refer to Annex B for a list of other Declarations currently in effect.

MINISTRY OF DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION

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Annex A

LIST OF POFMA CORRECTION DIRECTIONS ISSUED TO TRANSFORMATIVE **JUSTICE COLLECTIVE FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2024**

| No. | Date issued | Falsehoods communicated on one or more of | | |
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| | | TJC's online platforms | | |
| 1. | 8 Aug 2024 | The execution of a Singaporean death row prisoner on 2 August 2024 was scheduled without regard for due legal process. Prisoners awaiting capital punishment are denied legal counsel in court proceedings, and have to rush to prepare and argue their own cases which are purposely scheduled to be heard at short notice. Scheduled executions are arbitrarily stayed at the last-minute. The State arbitrarily makes laws in relation to the death penalty. | | |
| | | Press Release: | | |
| | | pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media- | | |
| | | releases/pofma pr mha 8Aug2024.pdf | | |
| 2. | 11 Aug 2024 The executions of two Singaporean death row priso and 7 August 2024 were scheduled without regard legal process. The State uses capital punishment to arbitraril whether people live or die. | | | |
| | | Press Release: | | |
| | | pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media- | | |
| | | releases/pofma_pr_mha_11Aug2024.pdf | | |
| 3. | 5 Oct 2024 | 1) The Government schedules and stays executions arbitrarily | | |
| | | and without regard for due legal process. | | |
| | | 2) The State does not bear the legal burden of proving a drug trafficking charge against the accused person. | | |
| | | Press Release: | | |



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| | | TJC's online platforms | | |
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| | | releases/pofma pr mha 5oct2024.pdf | | |
| 4. | 26 Nov 2024 | The three men executed recently were executed without | | |
| | | regard for their intellectual and psychosocial disabilities. | | |
| | | Press Release: | | |
| | | pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media- | | |
| | | releases/pofma_pr_mha_26Nov2024.pdf | | |
| 5. | 14 Dec 2024 | A death row prisoner was scheduled for execution before he | | |
| | | had the opportunity to submit his clemency petition to the | | |
| | | President. | | |
| | | Press Release: | | |
| | | pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media- | | |
| | | releases/pofma pr mha 14Dec2024.pdf | | |



Annex B

LIST OF DECLARATIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

| Declared Online Locations | Effective date of |
|---|---|
| | Declaration |
| Gutzy Asia's (Gutzy) website | Effective from 12 June |
| Gutzy's Facebook page | 2024 to 11 June 2026 |
| Gutzy's X account page | |
| Mr Kenneth Jeyaretnam's (Mr Jeyaretnam) website Mr Jeyaretnam's Facebook page Mr Jeyaretnam's Instagram page Mr Jeyaretnam's LinkedIn page Mr Jeyaretnam's X account page | Effective from 12 December 2023 to 11 December 2025 |
| The Online Citizen Asia's (TOCA) website TOCA's Facebook page TOCA's LinkedIn page TOCA's X account page | Effective from 22 July 2023 to 21 July 2025 |